

The Parish Church of St Martin

Bowness-on-Windermere



ST MARTIN'S
You're always welcome

**Presentation of Christ at the Temple
(Candlemas)**
1st February 2026

A loop system is in operation for hearing aid users with a 'T' switch.
Large print copies of this sheet and the hymn book are available. Please ask if you would like one.

Living Lord, as we offer to you our common life,
refresh our vision that we may know your will
and seek to follow in all your ways.

May we follow daily as your disciples,
care deeply for one another in community,
speak boldly your gospel word of love,

and tread gently as faithful stewards of your goodness.

We ask this in the power of your holy name,

Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of our lives, today and for ever. Amen

A warm welcome to you all, especially to anyone visiting this morning.

Collect and Post Communion for Candlemas.

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of
Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts
beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

10.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards

Hymn (t. 359)

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!

Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to thee we open wide;
let us thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in us reveal.

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won;
eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to thy name!

Georg Weissel (1642); Tr: Catherine Winkworth (1855)

Gloria (966)

Peruvian Gloria

First reading

Malachi 3.1-5 (p.796 OT)

Second reading

Hebrews 2.14-end (p.195 NT) read by Diana Dodd

Hymn 157

Faithful vigil ended

Gospel

Luke 2.22-40 (p.49 NT) read by Jo Pearson

Sermon

The Revd James Richards

Intercessions

The Revd James Richards

Offertory hymn 381

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Sanctus (971)

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holly is the Lord God Almighty!
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holly is the Lord God Almighty!
Who was and is, and is to come;
holly, holly, holly is the Lord.*

*Blessèd, blessèd, blest is he who comes,
blest is he who comes in the Lord's name.
Blessèd, blessèd, blest is he who comes,
blest is he who comes in the Lord's name.
Hosanna in the heights of heav'n.
Blessèd, blessèd, blessèd is the Lord.*

Final hymn 399

Like a candle flame

After the final hymn we gather round the font for the end of the service - see separate sheet



Coffee & refreshments will be served, after the service, at the back of church.

11.30 a.m. Brief PCC meeting

12.30 p.m. Lunch Bunch lunch

This week

We pray that like Simeon and Anna we may be alert for God's work in the world, and have eyes open to recognise the presence of Jesus in ourselves and in those whom we meet.



2.30 p.m. St Martin's Contemplation Group, in person

8.00 p.m. St Martin's Contemplation Group, on Zoom (please see next page for further details)



10.30 a.m. Holy Communion with laying on of hands and prayer for healing

President/Preacher: The Revd Dr David Whitehead



9.45 a.m. Space to Think marriage preparation day at St Mary's

Next Sunday: Second Sunday before Lent

10.00 a.m. Morning Praise

Leader: Tony Farren

Dates for the month can be found in Parish News or on the website on the 'What's on' page.

NOTICE BOARD

Time for Contemplation: Monday 2nd February. Theme: Come and See.

The session will be run twice:

1. 2.30 - 3.30pm gathering together at the home of Ali Jarvis: 70 Windermere Park, Windermere, LA23 2ND. (Meet from 2pm for a 2.30pm start).
2. 8-9pm on ZOOM.

Please let Zoe know if you plan to attend the afternoon session, or if you need the ZOOM link. zoefarren@yahoo.co.uk 015394 43183

Church Log Book - please use the folder, located in the St John's Room, on the Rector's bookshelf, to note down any faults, repairs, or jobs requiring attention (i.e. light bulbs needing to be replaced; leaking pipes etc).

Recycle your used stamps Please leave envelopes with stamps attached, or stamps with a half-inch border of envelope around them, on Sarah's desk in the St John's Room. These will be passed on to St Mary's Hospice in Ulverston. Thank you.

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