

The Parish Church of St Martin Bowness-on-Windermere



ST MARTIN'S
You're always welcome

First Sunday of Christmas
28th December 2025

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 the First Sunday of Christmas.

Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at
Nazareth the life of an earthly
home:
help your Church to live as one
family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our
home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10.00 a.m.

Morning Praise

Leader: Tony Farren

Greeting

Hymn 486

Of the Father's love begotten

Prayers of Penitence

Praise Hymn 370

Joy to the world

First reading

Hebrews 2.10-end (p.194 NT) read by Christine Pickering

Reflection

Second reading

Matthew 2.13-end (p.2 NT) read by Miriam Rayner

Reflection

Hymn 729

What child is this

Lord's Prayer,

Intercessions, & Collect

Martin Rayner

Hymn 534

O praise ye the Lord



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

This week

We pray for all who flee as refugees, within their own countries or across borders. We pray that they may find places of safety, security and well-being. We pray for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), helping displaced people reach safety and rebuild their lives. From emergency relief for civilians on the front lines of conflict, to delivering healthcare, education and livelihoods for families trapped in limbo when they can't return home. And for the British Red Cross working tirelessly in the UK and abroad to provide vital support like shelter, food, water and medicine to people in desperate need.

The church office is currently closed until 9.30 a.m.,
Monday 5th January



There will be no service today

Next Sunday: The Epiphany
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
President/Preacher: The Revd Ashley Henderson

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

NOTICE BOARD

Joint PCC Day: Saturday 31st January, 10am-2pm. All PCC members should have received an invitation via their PCC Secretary to attend our joint PCC day. We'll be gathering to reflect, share ideas, & strengthen how we work together as one team, with a particular focus on patterns of worship & communication. This is an open meeting, so if you're not on the PCC but would like to be part of the conversation, you are very welcome to come along. Lunch will be provided, and there will be plenty of time for discussion, prayer, and collaboration. All welcome - we'd love to see you there. Please RSVP to Sarah Svatin admin@southlakeschurches.org.uk

New Year's Eve, 9.15pm-11.45pm, St Mary's Church, Windermere. Cumbria Festival Chorus & Orchestra present Mendelssohn's Elijah, conducted by Ian Jones, with soloists Emily Robinson, Kate Noble, Andrew Woodmass-Calvert & John Pratt. All welcome! Admission free, retiring collection for Windermere & District Foodbank..

Christingle Candle Money Boxes - please return your filled candle to church as soon as possible. Thank you.

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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