

# The Parish Church of St Martin Bowness-on-Windermere



ST MARTIN'S  
*You're always welcome*

**The Epiphany**  
4<sup>th</sup> January 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 the Epiphany.**

**Collect**

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom  
the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise  
men have been drawn by  
your light  
discern the glory of your  
presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

**10.00 a.m.**

**Holy Communion**

President/Preacher: The Revd Ashley Henderson

Hymn 49

As with gladness men of old

Gloria (966)

Peruvian Gloria

First reading

Isaiah 60.1-6 (p.620 OT)

Second reading

Ephesians 3.1-12 (p.171 NT) read by Jo Pearson

Hymn 656

The race that long in darkness pined

Gospel

Matthew 2.1-12 (p.1 NT) read by Martin Rayner

Sermon

The Revd Ashley Henderson

Intercessions

The Revd Ashley Henderson

Offertory hymn 552

O worship the Lord

Final hymn 641

The first Nowell



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

## *This week*

As the New Year opens who and what is God calling us to be? This prayer comes from the Methodist Covenant Service:

I am no longer my own but yours. Your will, not mine, be done in all things, wherever you may place me, in all that I do and in all that I may endure; when there is work for me and when there is none; when I am troubled and when I am at peace. Your will be done when I am valued and when I am disregarded; when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking; when I have all things, and when I have nothing. I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you, as and where you choose. Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. May it be so for ever. Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven. Amen



9.30 a.m. Church office reopening

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)



Cumbria schools begin Spring Term

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

President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards

### **Next Sunday: Baptism of Christ**

10.00 a.m. Morning Praise

Leader: Liz Haworth

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](mailto:admin@southlakeschurches.org.uk)

**Time for Contemplation** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Theme: The Hearth of the Soul.

The session will be run twice:

1. 2.30 - 3.30pm gathering together at a home in Windermere, venue to be confirmed. Meet from 2pm.
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](mailto:zoefarren@yahoo.co.uk) 015394 43183

**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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