

The Parish Church of St Martin Bowness-on-Windermere



ST MARTIN'S
You're always welcome

Mothering Sunday / Fourth Sunday of Lent
30th March 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 the friends and family of
Nathaniel Taylor & anyone visiting this morning.*

Collect and Post Communion for Mothering Sunday / the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people
the new life of baptism;
as Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us
through the trials of this world
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign,
one God for ever and ever.

10.00 a.m.

Holy Communion & Baptism of Nathaniel Taylor
President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards

Hymn 428

Love divine, all loves excelling

Gospel

John 3.1-8 (p. 80 NT) read by Diana Dodd

Sermon

The Revd James Richards

Hymn 305

I danced in the morning (Lord of the dance)

Intercessions

Offertory Hymn 395

Lift up your hearts

Final Hymn 252

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer



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

This week

This is the last week of term for our schools in Cumbria. We give thanks for teachers and all staff in the work they do to enable children to learn and to thrive, and we pray that they will be able to enjoy a restful and refreshing break. We pray for St. Martin and St. Mary CE Primary School as they say farewell to headteacher Matt Towe, and as Louise Swindlehurst begins to take up her responsibilities as acting head in the summer term.

God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world. Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel and Palestine and in Ukraine. We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin. Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace. In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



- 9.30 a.m. James attending Deanery Network Youth Church Management Group meeting
- 1.30 p.m. St Martin & St Mary CE Primary School KS2 Easter service at St Martin's
- 2.00 p.m. Benefice Home Group meets at St Mary's Church. A chance to share together on the readings from the Living Hope Lent booklets. All welcome



- 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion with Laying On of Hands & Prayer for Healing
President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards



Sarah will be working from home today, to undertake safeguarding training. Therefore the church office will be closed.



Cumbria schools end of term

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards

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

NOTICE BOARD

Welcoming will soon restart (Monday 7th April). New welcomers are always needed & full training & support is provided. Please speak to Ann Wanska if you would like to know more about this rewarding & essential role. We would love to have you on the team!

Children's Society Thank you very much to all the box-holders, who raised £412.05 (February 2024-February 2025). Please let me know if any other church member wishes to have a Children's Society collecting box in their home. Thank you for all your support.

New Electoral Roll Every six years the Electoral Roll of St Martin's undergoes a full revision. If you are an existing member & wish to remain on the Electoral Roll, you will need to complete a new application form. This also applies to anyone, not already on the Electoral Roll, who would like to become a member. Please see Pat Baldwin, the Electoral Roll Officer, after the service, to obtain a copy of the Application Form. Copies can also be obtained from the Church Office. The completed forms must be returned no later than the 18th April 2025.

Pro Nobis Singers concert: Sacred Choral Music from Six Centuries. Music by Palestrina, Purcell, Lotti, J. S. Bach, Brahms, Rheinberger, Łukaszewski & more. Sunday, 6th April, 2025, at 2.30pm in Holy Trinity & St George Catholic Church, New Road, Kendal. A choral pilgrimage, starting in the 16th century & finishing in the 21st. Tickets £15 (under 16s free) www.pronobis-singers.com .

Levens Choir concerts 'Maurice Durufle Requiem & Quatre Motets'. St George's Church, Kendal on Saturday 12th April, 7.30pm & Ripley St Thomas CE Chapel, Lancaster on Sunday 13th April, 3pm. Tickets £17 (children & students free) available on the door or via www.levenschoir.net .

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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