

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



ST MARTIN'S  
*You're always welcome*

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
11<sup>th</sup> May 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 family & friends of  
Matilda Cutolo-Maddocks & anyone visiting this morning.*

**Collect and Post Communion for the Fourth Sunday of Easter.**

**Collect**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people  
may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us  
to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**10.00 a.m.**

**Holy Communion & Baptism of Matilda Cutolo-Maddocks**  
President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards

Hymn 475

Now the green blade riseth

Gospel

John 10.22-30 (p.89 NT) read by Diana Dodd

Sermon

The Revd James Richards

Hymn

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me lie in pastures green,  
he leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul.

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil;  
and my cup - it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights.

3. And though I walk the darkest path -  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know.

Intercessions

The Revd James Richards

Offertory Hymn 88

Brother, sister let me serve you

Final Hymn 305

I danced in the morning (Lord of the dance)



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

## *This week*

We pray for the new Pope, Leo XIV, and we pray also for Bishop Rob Saner-Haigh, Bishop of Penrith and nominated to be the next Bishop of Carlisle. We pray that they will know God's blessing in the ministries to which they have been called and the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit.

And on this Vocations Sunday we pray that we and all God's people may be faithful to the vocations to which we have been called, in work, in family and friendship, and in the life of the Church.

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.



9.45 a.m. James meeting with Olivia



10.30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)  
President/Preacher: The Revd James Richards



10.00 a.m. James leading collective worship at St Martin & St Mary CE Primary School  
10.00 a.m. Christian Aid Coffee Morning at the church

### **Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion

President/Preacher: The Revd Olivia Haines

11.45 a.m. Annual Parochial Church Meeting - all welcome

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

*Richards Richards Richards Richards*  
**NOTICE BOARD**

**Christian Aid week 11th to 17th May** We would like to ask for volunteers to distribute collection envelopes round our community. People can return their envelopes anytime to the church. We also welcome people from our community to a coffee morning at the church, on Thursday 15th May.

**Welcoming has restarted** 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!

**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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