

You are warmly invited to

THE SERVICE OF WELCOME AND INSTALLATION FOR THE

REV'D BECKY GIBBS

AND OF WELCOME FOR REV'D LUCY FOSTER

at 7.30pm Thursday 13 November 2025
at St Mark's Church Natland

Followed by refreshments in the Village Hall

RSVP to David Walker on 01539 732524

Or by email to stmarkschurchnatland@gmail.com

or just tell Roy
or David if you
are thinking of
coming.



A very warm welcome to St Mark's Church Sunday 2nd November 2025

Welcome to worship today. During the service you will be invited to sit, kneel or stand at various points - these reflect what we most often do at St Mark's - but please do what is most comfortable for you.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the 10am services and all are very welcome to stay.

Electricity Sponsorship The electricity this week is sponsored with the words 'Happy memories of Mum & Dad'. Thank you to all of our donors.

Help required to provide nibbles for after the service of Welcome & Installation. Also, for setting up the hall, for serving and for clearing away afterwards. See lists at the back of church near the font

November Coffee Morning – we will be holding our usual monthly coffee morning on Thursday 20th November. Please sign up to help on the list at the back of church if you are able. Even if you can't come along on the day, donations of home-made cakes, biscuits etc are always welcome.

Christmas Coffee Morning – Is not too far away either! This year it will be on Saturday 13th December. If you have any fresh ideas which you would be willing to take forward then please speak with Collin or any member of the Funcom team. We would be grateful for any suitable raffle and tombola prizes; bottles and confectionery are usually good to donate. All donations can be left in the red crate which will appear at the back of church. More information and requests will follow nearer the time. Thank you

Kendal and District Debt Centre - vacancy for manager

Are you passionate about supporting the vulnerable in our society whose lives are blighted by the burden of debt? Do you wish to have opportunities to share the Christian faith?

For further information see job description on www.kendaldebtcentre.org.

Closing date 21st November 2025. Interviews will be held on 1st December 2025"

Today – All Saints Sunday

10am Holy Communion

The Week Ahead

Monday	9.30am	Autumn Clean of church
Tuesday	10.30am	Walk & Talk (meet by the post box on The Green)
	7pm	Men's meeting Holy Trinity church
Wednesday	2pm	Funeral of Gerald Chadwick
Thursday	10am	Holy Communion
	2pm – 4pm	Luxury Afternoon Tea New Hutton Institute in aid of New Hutton church
	2pm	Mother's Union meet in the Vestry
Friday	2pm	St Mark's CofE School Remembrance Service

Next Sunday – Remembrance Sunday

10am Holy Communion & Act of Remembrance
4pm Families @4

Next Sunday's Readings: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-end. Luke 20:27-38

Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Hebrews 12.18-24

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5.1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

For our prayers

- ◇ all whose lives are devastated by war, conflict, disaster, oppression or disease
- ◇ Charles our King and all who hold influence and power in our world
- ◇ Rt Revd Rob Saner-Haigh the Bishop of Carlisle
- ◇ The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, Archbishop of Canterbury designate
- ◇ all of us as we encounter change - and for wisdom and strength for those who will face additional responsibilities in the coming months.
- ◇ those who are sick, struggling or recovering, including: Irene Armistead, Bernice Cooper, Doreen Hall, Pat McLoughlin, Kate Moore, Janet Penlington, May Smaje, Edna Watkinson, Michael Wild, Moira Wild and Rod
- ◇ all who mourn at this time especially the family and friends of Jenny Gale, Olive Gordon and Gerald Chadwick.

Notices

Autumn Clean – Monday 3rd November 9.30am to help give the church a spruce up. As they say 'many hands make light work'

Funeral date – The funeral of Gerald Chadwick will take place in St Mark's church on Wednesday 5th November at 2pm.

MU Families Group will meet on Thursday, 6th November at 2pm in the church vestry when John Chandler will speak to us about 'Remembrance'

Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal Could you help by donating a new, unwrapped present for a child aged from birth – 18 years old? You can bring your gift along to St Mark's church there is a box by the font.

Luxury Afternoon Tea New Hutton Institute Thursday 6th November 2-4pm £10 in aid of New Hutton church. Everyone welcome

Dates for your diary –.

Open Deanery meeting Tuesday 11th November 7.30pm St Thomas' church Kendal with Bishop Rob. Come and listen to how he wants the diocese to go forward in the future.