



**A very warm welcome to
St Mark's Church
Sunday 26th April 2026**



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Today –

4th Sunday of Easter

10am Holy Communion

The Week Ahead

Tuesday

10am-12noon Drop-in Crosscrake Church

Wednesday

9-11am Mini Marks

Thursday

10am Holy Communion

3pm Hymns & readings Kendal Care Home

Next Sunday –

5th Sunday of Easter

10am Holy Communion

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 7:55 to end & John 14:1-14

*You can use this code to donate to St Mark's Church.
All donations are very gratefully received. Thank you.*



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

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

First reading Acts 2:42 to end

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Gospel reading John 10:1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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
- ◇ those who are sick, struggling or recovering, including: Margaret Myers, Irene Armistead, Bernice Cooper, Doreen Hall, Ian McLoughlin, Pat McLoughlin, Kate Moore, Christine Moore, May Smaje, Edna Watkinson, Janice Hornsby and Moira Wild
- ◇ those who have died recently, whose anniversary falls at this time, including the family and friends of Norma Hewertson, and all who mourn.
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◇ Notices



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR – VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY NEEDED!

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or speak to Jenny Kelly.

Sad news; The funeral and burial of Norma Hewertson will take place here at St Marks on Tuesday 5th May at 11am . Norma was the organist at St Marks for many years. We hold her family and friends in prayer.

Bishop of Penrith's Consecration – Thursday 30th April

Join the livestream from York Minster to witness the consecration of Michael Leyden and other new Bishops marking the beginning of a significant new chapter in church leadership across the North. Go to York Minster's youtube page to watch;

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm0Hm8YfHkPjN2EwZEb64mg>

From Carlisle Diocese Prayer Diary April 2026

Loving and faithful God, we pray today for Revd Canon Michael Leyden at his consecration as Suffragan Bishop of Penrith at York Minster. We pray for Michael and his family as they begin a new season of life and ministry here in Cumbria. May he know your blessing, grace and guidance. Amen.

Palliative Care Support Trust Malawi Coffee Morning

Although the final total is not yet known at the time of going to press, the amount raised is in the region of **£1000**. This is just incredible. Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Coffee morning and to all those who worked hard to make it a success. Thank you all. Gill Pilling

For more information visit www.palliativecaremalawi.org

Parking on Helm Lane – uphill of the church sidegate

The lane narrows after the church sidegate so just a reminder to avoid parking uphill of the church sidegate as it makes it difficult for tractors or larger vehicles to get past.