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## **SERVICES AT ST MARY'S**

## **SUNDAYS**

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION (Book of Common Prayer, 1662)

9.30 am THE PARISH EUCHARIST and SUNDAY SCHOOL

(NEXT SUNG MATTINS will be 30<sup>th</sup> November)

4.00 pm VISION EXTRA (Next date to be confirmed)

6.30 pm EVENING PRAYER (Book of Common Prayer, 1662)

#### WEEKDAYS

Holy Communion is celebrated every Tuesday at 9.45 am (Book of Common Prayer) and Wednesday at 12.45 pm.

Tots Church 1st Friday in the month.

Prayer for Peace, Saturdays 9.00 am to 10.00 am

## CALENDAR AND SPECIAL DAYS

SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TRINITY 12 PATRONAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TRINITY 13 HOLY CROSS DAY

SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER TRINITY 14 ST MATTHEW

SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TRINITY 15

Holy Communion is regularly administered in the Cumberland Infirmary. The Chaplain may be contacted via the hospital on 01228 523444

Material for the bulletin and weekly pew sheet should be sent to d.lomas46@btinternet.com tel: 016973 43862

# St Mary's Parish Church Wigton



## **MONTHLY**

## NEWS BULLETIN

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From the Registers

**Holy Baptism** 

17<sup>th</sup> August Molly Louise Deaken

24<sup>th</sup> August Ronnie Hawes 24<sup>th</sup> August Vinnie Hawes

'Born of water and the Spirit'

Reverend Richard writes....

ABBA sang about it, Jesus often talked about it, and we all need it at some point in our lives..... money! A topic that people don't really like to talk about even in church circles.

At this time of year there are lots of new starts going on. Starting school, moving school or classes, starting at college or university, or heading out into the big wide world with a new or first job.

I often wonder how often we sort our lives to have a new start with God; it should be every day because as human beings we often get things wrong and often move away from God and what he wants for us, and need to come back to him and say sorry.

So, what is a new start? Well, I would say it is a new beginning or something different, a challenge or a setting of a goal or target.

We, even I, often forget that without God and all he has created we are nothing, as all things come from him so all things belong to him, even us.....and our money!

The church like everywhere else has to pay its bills and needs money for that, and St Mary's has to give to the national church to be able to have a vicar in post. The good news is though that every penny given to St Mary's is used to allow us to have a vicar and to keep the church building going and look after it.

So could your new start this September be in support of the local church, either by coming along to a service or two, increasing what you already give, by starting to give regularly or even by giving of your time and talents to the church?

We all face challenges with money, time and other things but no matter what is going on in our lives the constant we have is God.

Remember God gave everything, his only Son, for you so that you can receive the promise of eternal life, and know that he loves you no matter who you are or what you have done in life.

So, what would you like to give back to God?

Rev Richard

## **CHURCH RUNNING COSTS**

In 2025 it will cost approximately £1500 a week to keep St Mary's Church open and running. We are thankful to everyone who gives to the church, but currently giving is not covering our costs, we are around £180 a week short. Please keep supporting us as much as you can, and if you don't currently financially support St Mary's maybe you could think about it? If you can give some financial support, please contact the treasurer or any other church official.

Thank you to all those who supported the Coffee Morning either by assisting or by attending. Your support is much appreciated.

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

The Prayer for Peace takes place on Saturdays 9.00 - 10.00am. It is a time for a quiet prayer for peace in St Mary's. Please feel free to come and go during that time.

## **MOTHERS' UNION**

The next Mothers' Union meeting will be the opening meeting on Tuesday 2nd September at 2.00pm.

#### WINDOWS APPEAL

The total raised to date for the Windows Appeal is £181,253; thank you and keep up the good work. Limited-Edition Windows Appeal mugs with a picture of St Mary's on are still available at a cost of £5.

## TOTS CHURCH

The next Tots Church will be at 10.0am on Friday 5th September for Mums, Dads, Carers and little ones. Please come along for a fun time of worship and play followed by coffee and cakes. This is for everyone whether a churchgoer or not.

## **CHILDREN**

The young people continue to meet each Sunday for their activities at the same time as the 9.30 am service. A warm welcome is extended to all children.

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Thank you for charity donations to the Gaza Relief Appeal and the Mission to Seafarers.

The sum of £160.00 has been sent to Christian Aid for the Gaza Appeal and the sum of £145.00 has been sent to The Mission for Seafarers.

## LEPROSY MISSION

During August donations were invited in support of the important work of the LEPROSY MISSION. Further donations can still be made should you wish to do so.

#### **HOME GROUP**

Programmes for the home group can be found on the table at the back of church. If you are interested, please take one.

## SCHOOL UNIFORMS

St Mary's Church is now acting as a collection point for preloved school uniforms. The drop-off box is located in the church porch. If you have uniforms that are no longer needed, please pop them in the box and they will be passed to Free-for-All for distribution.