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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 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in the month.  
Prayer for Peace, Saturdays 9.00 am to 10.00 am

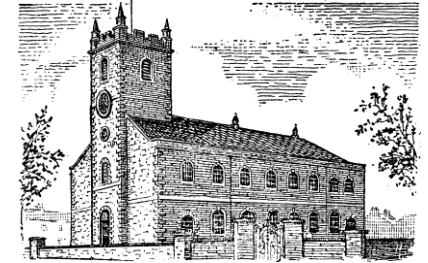
### CALENDAR AND SPECIAL DAYS

SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER TRINITY 16 - HARVEST  
SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER TRINITY 17  
SUNDAY 19<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER TRINITY 18  
SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER LAST SUNDAY OF TRINITY

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  
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## St Mary's Parish Church Wigton



### MONTHLY NEWS BULLETIN

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From the Registers

#### Holy Baptism

31<sup>st</sup> August Valencia Louise Ann Steel  
7<sup>th</sup> September Louie Frankie Foy

*'Born of water and the Spirit'*

#### Holy Matrimony

7<sup>th</sup> September Scott Ethan Allison and Claire Elizabeth McKie  
12<sup>th</sup> September Luke James Stewart and Lauren Rebecca Milburn

*'Till death us do part'*

#### Christian Funerals

1<sup>st</sup> September John Jackson  
3<sup>rd</sup> September Grace Graham  
5<sup>th</sup> September Mary Deacon

*'In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life'*

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Reverend Richard writes....

I have recently finished a 9-month course put on by the national Church of England to get us, vicars, to think about children, young people and families in church. It has been enlightening!

When we talk about the life of the church, it is easy to think about Sunday services, rotas, and buildings. These things matter, but they are not the heartbeat. The true heartbeat of the church is its people - and especially the children, young people, and families who bring life, laughter, and hope into our community.

Jesus made this clear when He welcomed children, even though His disciples thought they were a distraction. He said, *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"*.

(Matthew 19:14). In other words, children are not just the church of the future - they are the church of today.

Children bring honesty, curiosity, and joy that remind us of what it means to have childlike faith. Young people bring energy, creativity, and boldness to ask the questions that adults sometimes avoid. Families, in all their different shapes and sizes, bring stability and strength to the wider body of Christ.

Together, they remind us that faith is not simply an individual pursuit - it is a shared journey. When we invest in children and young people, we are not just 'filling a Sunday School class.' We are planting seeds of faith that can grow into lifelong discipleship.

It is tempting to think that children's work or youth ministry is something that belongs only to the vicar or Sunday school leader. But the truth is, the whole church is called to care. Every smile at the door, every prayer whispered for a teenager going through exams, every offer of help to a parent struggling with a pushchair in the pews - these are acts of ministry.

We are family together, and families thrive when everyone plays a part. If you are not already, do you fancy being a part of our family?

In a busy world, families often feel stretched. Work demands, school pressures, and endless other activities leave little room for rest. The church has a precious opportunity to be different: to be a place where families can breathe, where children feel safe, where young people are listened to, and where parents know they are supported.

If we want to see a living, growing, and vibrant church, then children, young people, and families must be at the centre of our vision. They are not an optional extra; they are essential to the Kingdom of God.

I like to think that St Mary's is the kind of church where children run in with laughter, where young people feel they belong, and where families know they are loved. For in welcoming them, we welcome Christ Himself.

God Bless

Rev Richard

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### **CHURCH RUNNING COSTS**

In 2025 it costs 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.

You can now give to St Mary's by TEXT - Send - **SMCW**  
to 70331 to give £3  
to 70970 to give £5  
to 70191 to give £10

The text will be charged at your standard message rate.

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### **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.

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### **TOTS CHURCH**

The next Tots Church will be at 10.0am on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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.

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### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

The Harvest Festival at St Mary's is next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October Gifts of flowers, produce etc for decorating the church will be welcomed. *Help in decorating the church from 10.00am next Saturday 4th October would be much appreciated.* There will be a collection for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

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### **MOTHERS' UNION**

The next Mothers' Union meeting will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm when there will be a talk on Cancer Research, in memory of Ann Bovill.

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### **WINDOWS APPEAL**

The total raised to date for the Windows Appeal is £182,968; thank you and keep up the good work. Sponsorship of window panes are invited at a cost of £5 per pane, contact the Treasurer for details. Limited-Edition Windows Appeal mugs with a picture of St Mary's are still available at a cost of £5.

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### **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation - We have a confirmation service booked with Bishop Rob for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at St Mary's, Wigton. If anyone is thinking or knows someone who might be thinking they would like to be confirmed then please contact Rev Richard.

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### **CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

Thank you for charity donations to the Leprosy Mission. The sum of £866.75 has been sent from St Mary's with a further £150 sent direct in St Mary's name.