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**PLEASE NOTE: - THURSDAY IS NORMALLY REVEREND RICHARD'S
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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 22th March)

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 (come and go as you wish)

CALENDAR AND SPECIAL DAYS

SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
- (CANDLEMAS)

SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY ASH WEDNESDAY

SUNDAY 22TH FEBRUARY FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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FREE

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

25th January

Ida Annie Nichol

25th January

Maddison Elsie Nichol

'Born of water and the Spirit'

Reverend Richard writes....

Showing Christ's Love in a Fractured World

February, because of Valentine's Day, often brings thoughts of love - cards, flowers, kind words shared between loved ones. Yet this year, as with so many recent years, that familiar idea of love sits alongside troubling headlines. War, injustice, division, fear, and uncertainty fill our news feeds and conversations. It can feel overwhelming, even paralysing. In times like these, the call to show Christ's love in the world is not just comforting - it is essential.

Jesus never promised an easy world. What He did promise was His presence, His peace, and His example. Christ's love is not passive or sentimental; it is active, sacrificial, and courageous. It reaches out to the hurting, welcomes the outsider, and speaks hope where despair seems louder. When everything feels shaken, love becomes our witness.

Showing Christ's love does not require power, status, or influence. In fact, it often asks us to lay those things aside. Love is found in listening rather than shouting, in serving rather than striving, and in choosing compassion over judgement. Each small act of kindness, each prayer offered, each moment of grace becomes a light in the darkness.

The church exists for moments like this—not as a place of retreat from the world, but as a community sent into it. Here, we gather not because we have all the answers, but because we know the One who does. Together, we learn to love as

Christ loves, supporting one another as we seek to live out faith in real and practical ways.

If you are tired of the noise, the anger, or the endless struggle for control, you are invited to come as you are to him. Join us at church. Come along, share life with us, and take time to get to know Jesus - the source of a love that heals, restores, and never fails.

It is with small steps a marathon starts, and it is the same with the church, the outpouring and spreading of God's love starts with a single person, and that person could be you!

So may we be people who not only choose love, but live love, and show Christ's love to a world that desperately needs it.

God Bless

Reverend Richard

SERVICES DURING LENT

Ash Wednesday - 18th February

There will be two services of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday. Said at 12.45pm & Sung at 7.30pm. Rev Paul Arnesen will preach at 7.30pm There will also be the imposition of ashes at both services - this is optional!

Sunday 6.30pm Evensong during Lent 2026

This year each evensong service during Lent will be fully sung with our choir and have a visiting preacher. Please do your best to come along to these services not just to support the choir and the preachers, but maybe even as your Lenten discipline for this year?! Evensong is a beautiful service and it would be wonderful to have more people with us each week! You are welcome to bring along a friend too!

Preachers - Sunday 22nd February - Rev Canon Peter Clement
(Former Diocese of Carlisle Director of Ordinands)

Sunday 1st March - The Very Rev Michael Everitt
(Dean of Carlisle)

Sunday 8th March - Deanery Evensong with Deanery Choir
The Venerable Stewart Fyfe
(Archdeacon of West Cumberland)

Details for the remaining Sundays in lent in the March Bulletin!

CHURCH GIVING

Thank you to everyone who is in our giving scheme, your participation is very much appreciated. If you would like a set of envelopes for 2026, please speak to the Treasurer or any church officer.

WINDOWS APPEAL

Sponsorships 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.

WINDOWS APPEAL TARGET £500,000

TOTAL TO DATE – £189,766

150 CLUB

Membership of the 150 Club which helps with the fundraising for our Windows project is due for renewal for 2026. Numbers are £10 each per year and there will be four draws a year (subject to the number sold) with prizes for each draw of £60, £40, £20 and £10.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the MU is on Tuesday 3rd February at 2.00 pm. This will be the AGM and there will be a bring and buy stall for branch funds.

TOTS CHURCH

TOTS Church will be on Friday 6th February 10-11am. An hour of play and worship songs for little ones, with coffee and cake for their adults.

COFFEE MORNING

A Community coffee morning will be held on Saturday 21st February 10.00 - 11.30am. Proceeds to be shared between Knoxwood Animal Charity (Wigton Shop) and St Mary's.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Children's Society boxes should be returned to church this month. Additional donations may be given to Jean Key or any church official.

FOODBANK

During the month of February St Mary's will be supporting the Foodbank. There will be a box behind the Baptistry for donations.

DEWODE

The usual DEWODE boxes for Lent can be found on the table at the back of church for you to collect.
