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**PLEASE NOTE: - THURSDAY IS NORMALLY REVEREND RICHARD'S
DAY OFF**

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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 30th May)

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. (Not April)

CALENDAR AND SPECIAL DAYS

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL MAUNDY THURSDAY

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL GOOD FRIDAY

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL EASTER DAY

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

1st March Alana Lacey Thompson

1st March Neveah Douglas

14th March Oliver Lewis Penn

29th March Freya Grace Pattinson

'Born of water and the Spirit'

Christian Funerals

13th March Audrey Watson

30th March Dorothy Middleham

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

Reverend Richard writes....

It amazes me each time I get into conversation with them how much young people know and indeed want to know about Jesus, the Church and God. Their inquisitive minds put many adults to shame!

Chocolate eggs have become the norm at Easter in our society, usually available in the shops from on or around 26th December, but have you ever wondered how they tie in with the Easter story? Well, the honest answer is that no-one really knows, but theories have evolved around them resembling the stone of Jesus' tomb, the fact that eggs can create new life and indeed I have also heard a thought that as they are almost a circle, they remind us of God's love being never ending. Everyone has a favourite variety or flavour as well. I don't! I just love them all!!

No matter what the explanation for Easter eggs is, the fact is, however we do it, whether with eggs or in church, we are celebrating one of the most fantastic events

ever. We are celebrating the fact that our Servant King, Jesus Christ, loves us so much that he went through a cruel and painful death on a wooden Roman cross, then rose again three days later to save the world from its wrongs AND give us the promise of everlasting life with him through a relationship with God in heaven.

So, whatever you are doing this Easter and however you are celebrating, if you can please come and join us at church at some point over the Easter weekend, it would be lovely to see you.

God bless,

Reverend Richard

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK – 31st March

9.45 am Holy Communion (BCP)

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK – 1st April

12.45 pm Holy Communion

MAUNDY THURSDAY – 2nd April

9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

7.30 pm Sung Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY – 3rd April

2.00 pm – 3.00 pm Good Friday Service (with choir)

EASTER SUNDAY – 5th April

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

6.30 pm Service of Easter Readings, Hymns and Anthems

CHURCH GIVING

Thank you to everyone who is in our giving scheme, your participation is very much appreciated. The state of the church finances for general purposes is starting to give concern. Since the covid epidemic the income for St Mary's has gradually declined due to inflation and the passing of some regular givers.

The 2025 accounts again show a deficit and the reserves are being seriously eroded due to the increases in the cost of keeping the church warm, the inflation increases and the parish giving to the diocese.

GIFT DAY

Thank you to those who have returned their Gift Day donations. The total currently stands at just over £2000, if you have not yet returned your donations please do so as soon as possible.

MOTHERS' UNION

The next meeting of the MU is on Tuesday 7th April at 2.00 pm. The speaker will be Detective Constable Claire Keys on 'How to Spot Fraud and Stay Safe'. (This will be an open meeting, all welcome).

TOTS CHURCH

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no TOTS Church on Friday 3rd April. It is hoped to resume in June.

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.

There will be a concert by the Border Brass Band on 25th April at 7.00pm, entry by donation. We heard them last year and they were fantastic.

**WINDOWS APPEAL TARGET £500,000
TOTAL TO DATE – £189,966**

150 CLUB

The first drawing of the 150 Club for 2026 has been drawn. Numbers for the remaining draws are still available; see the Treasurer or Rev Richard for details.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

The Good Friday Walk of Witness (3rd April) will be starting from St Cuthbert's at 10am, through town, and finishing at the Methodist Church for hot drinks and hot cross buns. If you cannot manage the whole walk, Anyone can join at one of the stops en-route - the old bus station and the memorial garden.

COFFEE MORNING

A Community coffee morning will be held on Saturday 18th April 10.00 -11.30am. Proceeds to be shared between Wigton Baden Powell Scouts and St Mary's.

There will be a special service to celebrate St George's Day with the scouts at 3.00pm on Sunday 26th April.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING - Tuesday 22nd April. All parishioners are invited to the annual meeting in the choir vestry to elect Churchwardens, and Parochial Church Council members; to receive the annual accounts and to hear reports from the different organisations etc. of St Mary's.