

Notices

Welcome to Tom Cox and family. Tom is a Reader in training and is on placement with us at St Mary's.

RNLI Carol Service TODAY at 2.00pm.
Tickets £3, pay on the door.

Advent Course at the Vicarage on Wednesdays - this December 7th and December 14th at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Walney Christmas Post 2016 Walney Churches Scout Group will again be running the Walney Christmas post. Post boxes will be placed in the usual places, and we will deliver the Christmas cards to Walney Island and Barrow Island (only). The cost of postage will be 25p per card. Please ensure that the names and addresses are clearly printed (in capitals) on the Christmas cards, to make sure that we are able to deliver them for you. Please place all your cards and monies in a sealed bag or envelope, and into the post boxes, by Thursday 15th December (12 noon), at the latest.

Christmas Services invitations are available at the back of church, please take some and deliver to your street.

Christmas Hearts This year we will be personalising Christmas Hearts for a tree of remembrance in church. If you would like a personalised heart, please write the name on an envelope with a donation to church funds and hand to Brenda Hill, Julie Batchelor, Maureen Dale or Clive Roddie.

WELCOME TO ST MARY'S

8.00am Parish Eucharist
a quiet contemplative service

10.00am Holy Communion Service
for all ages and includes Sunday School

Please join us for refreshments after the service in the Parish Centre;

Children are welcome at St Mary's. Toys and activities are available at the back of church, and a children's group meets during the service most weeks;

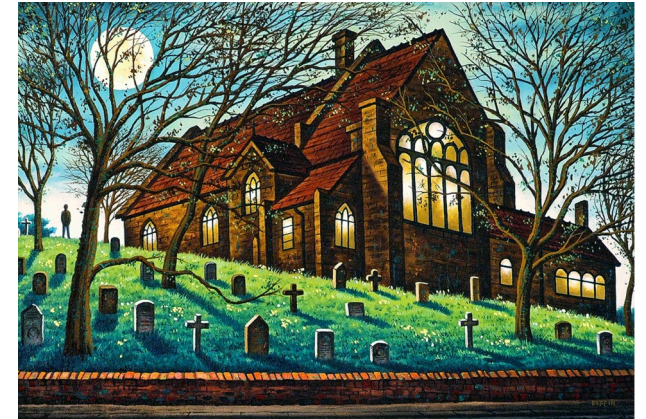
Messy Church takes place in the Church Centre from 3-5pm
On the third Sunday of the month -
crafts, games, activities, songs,
story, celebration, food &
family fun!

If you would value prayer for yourself or someone you love, please go to the prayer space (by the piano) at the end of the service;

If you know someone who is poorly or in hospital, and would value a visit, please let Rev'd Andy know.

CHURCH WEBSITE:
www.walneyparishchurch.co.uk

Church Postcode: LA14 3AD



Notice Sheet 4 December 2016 Advent 2

Collect (Special Prayer) for today:

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God

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THIS WEEK

Monday 5th December

9.30am	Toddler Praise	Centre
4.50pm	Beavers	Knox Street
6.00pm	Beavers	Knox Street
7.15pm	Senior Section	Knox Street
	(phone 474369)	

Vicar's Day Off

Tuesday 6th December

No Parish Evening today

Wednesday 7th December

12.00noon	Contact Club	Centre
6.00pm	Brownies	Centre
7.30pm	Advent Course	Vicarage

Thursday 8th December

6.00pm	Beavers	Knox Street
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Friday 9th December

5.30pm	Rainbows	Centre
5.30pm	Cubs	Knox Street
7.00pm	Guides	Centre

Saturday 10th December

Sunday 11th December

8.00am	Parish Communion	Church
10.00am	Family Communion	Church

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Millie Blanshard, Ann Beattie, Dot Craig, Audrey Dalton, Phyllis Fell, Marie Fletcher, John Gaskill, Lisa Gregg, Eileen Hetherington, Arthur & Sallie Hollis, Sandra Inchcliffe, Jim Lourie, Judith Prentice, Dawn Williams, Kath Wise.

All families mourning the loss of a loved one.

BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10

11 A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
2 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
3 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
6 The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
7 The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
9 They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him,
and his dwelling shall be glorious.



Matthew 3:1-12

3 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea,
proclaiming, 2 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."' 4 Now John wore clothing of camel's hair
with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him,
and all the region along the Jordan, 6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan,
confessing their sins. 7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism,
he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance. 9 Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor";
for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees;
every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 'I baptize you with water for repentance,
but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me;
I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing-fork is in his hand,
and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary;
but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'