



# Tyndale Benefice

Benefice Profile

# Our location

- Our Tyndale Benefice sits almost centrally within the Gloucester, Bristol and Swindon triangle, with consequent good accessibility in all directions by road and rail.
- These good travel links mean that work and leisure opportunities are available in a variety of geographical directions.
- Being on the edge of the Cotswolds is a major plus point for those who appreciate nature and the outdoor life.

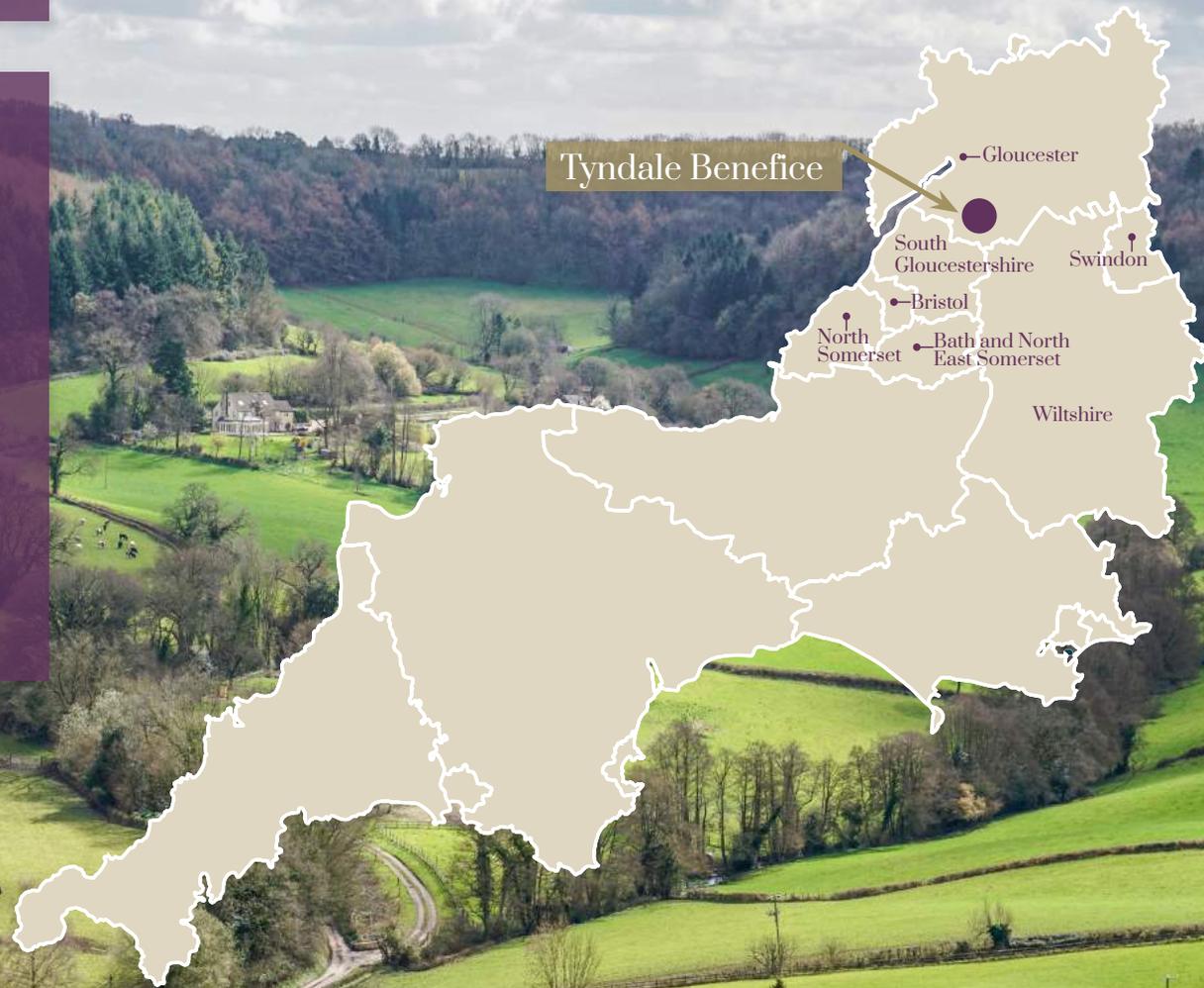
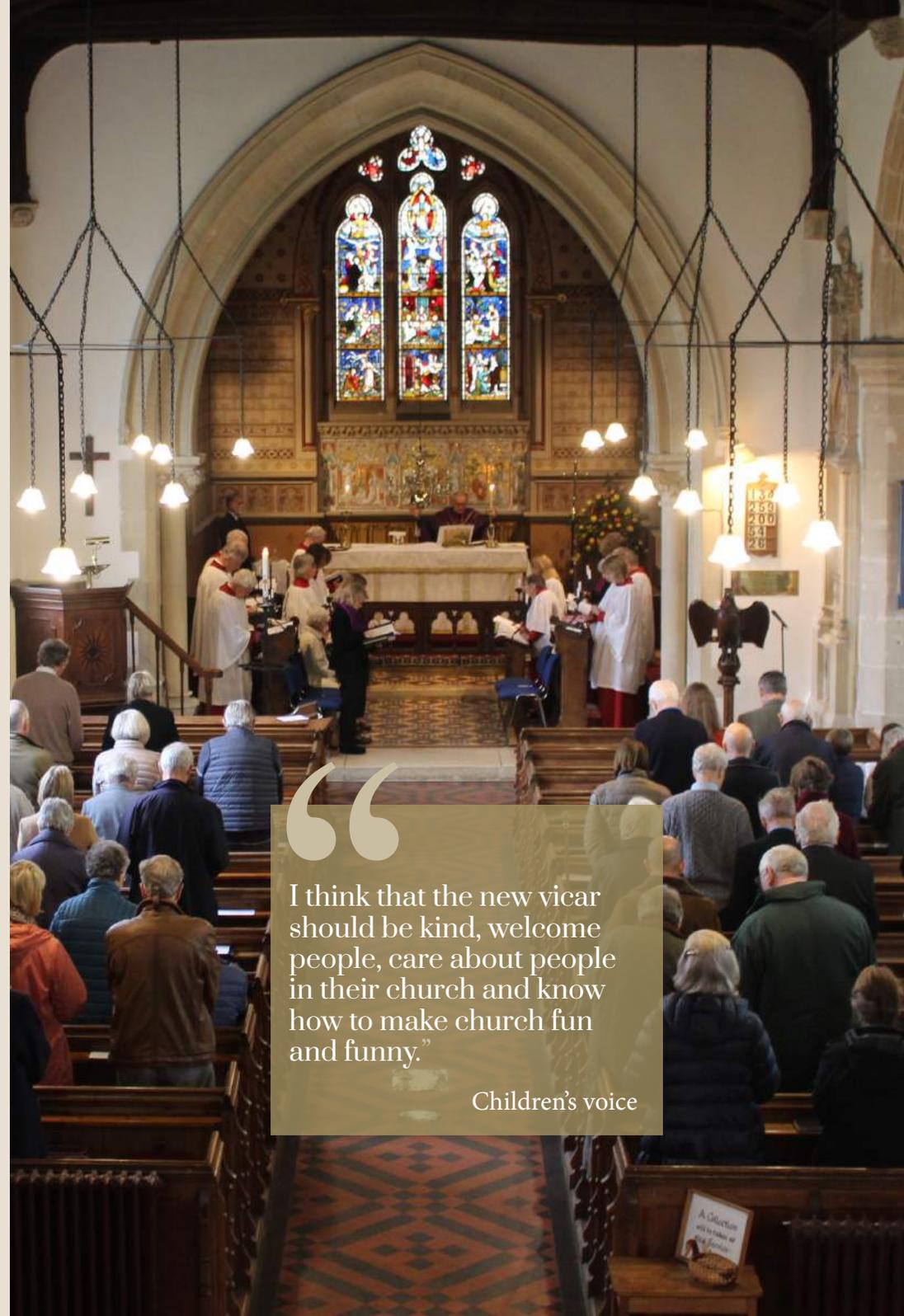


Image: View from Breakheart Hill towards North Nibley, The Cotswolds

# Why join us?

- It's a great opportunity to help us share the love of Christ and build the benefice churches and communities for the next generations with enthusiastic support
- To enjoy working with four welcoming and diverse church groups who love their communities and are on their own faith journeys and yet also want to work together as a benefice
- Our PCC's and St Mary's LMT members love living here and are faithful in worship and creative with church activities
- Our two enthusiastic and committed Associate Priests, Morag and Peter, will share the load
- Be a key part of our churches' work with our local schools
- Live near an attractive market town with plenty of activities for kids and adults alike – arts, sports, clubs and walking the Cotswold Way
- Set up home in a beautiful modern house in Coombe and an attractive 15 minute footpath walk into Wotton-under-Edge and St Mary's Church. You don't live over the shop!



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I think that the new vicar should be kind, welcome people, care about people in their church and know how to make church fun and funny.”

Children's voice



## During the vacancy we have shared...

- **Beneficent wide activities** – Songs of Praise, invitations to each others' events
- **More interaction** with the diocese and increased awareness of the support from this source, empowering 'vacancy ministry'
- **More awareness of the diocesan culture** (discipleship, shared, healthy and engaged) and values for licensed ministry (confident disciples and witnesses, collaborative and permission giving)

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When our next vicar arrives, we would like to see a lively, warm natured, child-friendly person who is actively working in the community to bring 'new life' to our church family.”

Parishioners' voice

# We would like you to...

- Demonstrate good communication skills across all ages and stages
- Strike a balance between the worshipping needs of current congregations and creating opportunities for fresh expressions of worship
- Further develop the benefice and parish teams in collaborative ministry
- Show commitment, energy and visibility within the communities



# We will

- Support you as individuals, varied groups in the churches, and as PCCs and an LMT in St Mary's
- Look at how to reach out to and recreate church for the next generations
- Sustain our efforts to raise funds to meet our financial obligations
- Care and support your wellbeing



## Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

**St Mary's is a large parish church which sits at the heart of a friendly, collaborative and creative community. It therefore hosts services for the town including an annual Arts Festival fortnight, Remembrance Sunday; and also the Wotton Concert Series.**

- Currently has 5 services each week including communion, family service, Healing and Wholeness, evensong; with a monthly Messy Church. One service is in the beautiful chapel at Perry and Dawes almshouse
- Has continued to grow and flourish during the vacancy with several lay people leading worship, taking home communions, involved in pastoral care, and finding opportunities for creative activities
- Has seen new opportunities for reaching out with hospitality using the new servery: reordering of the sanctuary to allow a nave communion table is underway
- Has very close links with Blue Coat CEVA Primary School which has an after-school Christian club. Children lead worship in both school and church. 'Open the Book' teams visit Blue Coat and the British School weekly, and both schools are invited to 'Experience' events in church - the most recent was Experience Advent Angels
- Is a leading member of CTiW, a group of 6 churches that have a high profile in the town, including running a coffee shop 'The Ark' on the High Street
- Ozleworth is a small rural community with occasional services at the charming little church of St Nicholas of Myra, a redundant church in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust

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They should be respectful  
to God and encourage  
children to follow God and  
not be shy.” Children's voice



### Useful links

[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14083](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14083)

[www.wottonconcertseries.co.uk](http://www.wottonconcertseries.co.uk)

[www.wottonartsfestival.org.uk](http://www.wottonartsfestival.org.uk)

[www.visitchurches.org.uk/visit/church-listing/st-nicholas-ozleworth.html](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk/visit/church-listing/st-nicholas-ozleworth.html)

[www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Wotton-417646124955675/](https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Wotton-417646124955675/)

[www.klbschool.org.uk](http://www.klbschool.org.uk)

[www.bluecoatprimary.com](http://www.bluecoatprimary.com)

[www.thebritishschool.co.uk](http://www.thebritishschool.co.uk)



## North Nibley

**Is a collection of hamlets a couple of miles north of Wotton under Edge, gathered together as a welcoming, thriving village community.**

- Has a well established church, St Martin's, with a regular weekly congregation. Working with the recently reopened Congregational Chapel, Churches Together enables joint activities, particularly at Christmas, during Lent, at Easter and Remembrance. It provides the 5,000 visitors to the annual Nibley Music Festival with the services of a Welfare Tent. Messy Church is a joint bi-monthly worship experience for young families.
- Is fortunate to have locally-born Peter Marsh, Associate Priest, who currently takes most of our services, guides Churches Together and leads our pastoral care.
- Has a Voluntary Aided C of E Primary School which is a major focal point of the village. The Head Teacher strongly supports church links and is keen that the new vicar will be an active presence. St Martin's has very good relations with the school; Church Members are involved in leading the weekly "Open the Book" and interactive "Experiences" in church at Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and Harvest.
- Church, school and those on the fringes of the church look forward to the new vicar being part of our village life.



### Useful links

[www.northnibley.org.uk](http://www.northnibley.org.uk)

[www.northnibleychurch.uk](http://www.northnibleychurch.uk)

[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14075](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14075)

[www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk)



I think the new vicar should be kind and helpful to everyone and should smile loads. I think that they should teach the word of God to people."

Children's voice



## Alderley and Tresham

**Are two rural hamlets a mile or so apart, surrounded by our farms and linked by the escarpment lane with fabulous views.**

- Have no public building in either case except the church, each of which is valued and cared for by local residents, whether they attend services or not. Being on the Cotswold Way, they receive many visitors who regularly comment on the peace and tranquillity that they offer.
- Have a monthly communion service each, on alternating fortnights. We share a PCC and our resident organist; each church has a tradition of pop-up choirs and ensembles, especially at Christmas.
- St Kenelm's, Alderley, is completing a major redecoration programme and the restoration of our unusual public clock. We also value our bats, which confine themselves to roosting in the bell-tower.
- Tresham's simple little hilltop church is a non-dedicated chapel of ease. With diocesan encouragement we are starting a journey towards internal re-ordering to widen its use to our community.



### Useful links

[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14191](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14191)

[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14192](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14192)

[www.tresham.org.uk](http://www.tresham.org.uk)

[www.tresham.org.uk/about-tresham/tresham-church](http://www.tresham.org.uk/about-tresham/tresham-church)



I think the new vicar should be kind, caring, generous, understanding, friendly and respectful.”

Children's voice

# Your new home

**Your new home is a spacious detached family house situated in the quiet hamlet of Coombe on the outskirts of Wotton-under-Edge.**

The views from the rear garden look along the valley towards the town and St Mary's. There are numerous footpaths to explore the beautiful countryside on the doorstep or to easily reach the schools, shops and community facilities of the town.



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