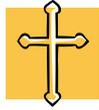


# Tyndale Benefice



Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth  
North Nibley, Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020  
Second Sunday after Trinity

## **Collect:**

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Or*

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Principal Readings:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** *Jeremiah 20: 7-13*

O Lord, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughing-stock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.  
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!'  
For the word of the Lord has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.  
If I say, 'I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name',  
then within me there is something like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.  
For I hear many whispering:  
'Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.  
'Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him.'  
But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,

and they will not prevail.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonour  
will never be forgotten.  
O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord;  
praise the Lord!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** *Romans 6: 1b-11*

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.  
For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel:** *Matthew 10: 24-39*

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!  
'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.  
'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.  
'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

### **Reflection from Revd Morag**

One of the questions I ask myself as we continue to live through these weeks is: what could the world look like in the future? I was reflecting on that question yesterday as I walked round Westontbirt Arboretum, noticing the wide variety of plants and the juxtaposition of differing shapes and sizes and colours. I noticed how they had often been positioned in groups to show each tree, shrub, flower to best advantage.

It reminded me that all people of the world have been created as glorious and vibrant individuals to live together in harmony. For in the beginning 'God saw everything that he had made, and it was very good.' (Genesis 1: 31) And so it will be at the end of time 'Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth ... the home of God will be among mortals'. (Revelation 21: 1, 3) The world ... the Kingdom of God - where God's love and grace and mercy abound.

Those who have been baptised are called to live Kingdom values, being 'alive to God in Christ Jesus' (Romans 6:11). Living Kingdom values may bring us into conflict with others, possibly even with closest family, though the words of Jesus in the gospel are not meant as an excuse for non-Christ-like behaviour on our part. For elsewhere in this gospel Jesus tells us to 'turn the other cheek' (Matt 5: 29)

Jesus also reminds us how much God loves us for 'even the hairs of your head are counted' (Matthew 10: 30) As we look back to the beginning of the created world, we remember that all creation is an outpouring of the love that flows between God - Source, Word and Breath of Life.

Matthew has much to say about the Kingdom, and about the community of the Kingdom who seek to love God and to love neighbour as self. This love is to be shown in use of language, in actions and in standing up for what is right. It is a love that transforms the world, as the love of Jesus transforms the lives of all who follow him.

So I wonder whether the question for these times is really - what does God ask of me in order that the world will be a better place for all people?

### **For your prayers:**

#### **A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus**

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Daily Prayer** continues to be said at 9.00 every morning in individual homes.

We pray for:

- The World and its needs
- The Church and her life
- Those who are ill in body, mind or spirit
- Ourselves

If you wish to join us, you will find a choice of three services on the website - Midweek Prayer (from the Church of England), Morning Prayer, and Reflective Service. <http://wottonparishchurch.org.uk/resources-for-prayers-services-at-home/>

**Year of Mind** – where we remember those that have died during this week in previous years.

### **Wotton**

21<sup>st</sup>: Jane Ward (2005)

Barbara Bevil Saxton (2008)

24<sup>th</sup>: Rachel E.W. Sillett (2016)

25<sup>th</sup>: Primrose "Rose" May Walker (2006)

Geoffrey Hook (2010)

26<sup>th</sup>: Joan Thompson (2010)

### **Nibley** - None in this time period

*In June we remember in our prayers the congregation of Holy Cross Catholic Church, and of Christ the King in Thornbury*

In 'normal' times, the pew sheet has a list of people who are ill. These people are included in prayer at Sunday services, & at Morning Prayer every day. To continue this prayer - please email the Parish Office or leave a message on the Parish mobile if you would like prayer for yourself or a family member. There is a group of people who will pray.

### **Spiritual Crisis? Prayer Ministry?**

Has this time of isolation raised concerns or fears of a spiritual nature & you want to talk about them? Would you like prayer ministry, such as has been offered after Eucharist & at Healing and Wholeness Services? There is a small group of people who are trained & who are able to listen to you and offer help. Please ring the Parish mobile on 07483 146531, with your name and phone number, to request a phone call. This offer is for those who live in the Parishes of Wotton under Edge, North Nibley, Alderley and Tresham.

\*\*\*\*\*Notices\*\*\*\*\*

**Bishops Rachel and Robert have written to us -**

*“Church buildings will be able to open for supervised individual prayer from Monday 15 June. It’s important to say that this guidance is permissive not prescriptive, and depending on local circumstances clergy and lay leaders may decide they are not able to safely open church buildings for individual prayer on this date. Our priority must be to act responsibly so as to safeguard ourselves and other people from infection.”*

**St Mary’s** - We currently have our contractors in church working on the next phase of our re-ordering project. They are working under strict Government and C of E safety guidelines. After consulting Archdeacon Hilary, we have determined that **we will still not be able to open the church next week.** We will review this as building work finishes and where we find ourselves in the national situation.

Morag, Jackie and Douglas

**St. Martin’s** - We are sad that the church building will remain closed until further notice. **We are unable to provide the requirements to be able to reopen, even for private prayer.** The churchyard, however, is open and provides a place for quiet reflection and prayer – with benches. Please do make use of it.

**St. Kenelm’s & The Chapel of Ease, Tresham** - In line with the current Church of England guidance on reopening churches, Alderley and Tresham PCC has agreed that **Tresham** will be open on **Mondays from 10am to 5pm** and **St. Kenelm’s** on **Fridays from 10am to 5pm.** The churches will not be supervised during these times.

**Wotton Area Mutual Aid** – would like to reassure people that the services offered by WAMA have not changed, even if some of the restrictions on movement have. They are available to pick up shopping & prescriptions, provide soup on a Wednesday & Thursday and food parcels, should you need one, but also a friendly phonecall. Ring 07545 042794 if you need anything at all.

**Lets’ talk about Dementia – Live talks throughout June.** The talks are designed to help people who are caring for someone with dementia during this challenging time. Whether that is caring for a loved one or as a paid/professional carer. [Mary Merheim](#), from [Dementia Doulas Ltd](#), will be sharing practical advice on the importance of the wellbeing of carers. This talk is also coinciding with National Carers Week. Please register here - <https://letstalkaboutdementia2020.eventbrite.com> 50% of all ticket revenue from these series of talks will be shared with UK Dementia Charities.

**Know someone without online access or prefers not to use the internet? Daily Hope Phone Lines** – The Church of England have a FREE OF CHARGE phone

line available 24 hours a day offering comforting hymns, reflections and prayers. **Ring 0800 804 8044**

**Diocese of Gloucester Podcasts** – an ongoing fortnightly audio series finding out about different projects, organisations and inspirational stories. The sixth podcast is from Bishop Rachel and Suzy Diamond-White of HMP Eastwood Park talking about women in prison (it was recorded a month ago). You can play the podcast by going to:

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2020/sermons-podcasts-and-gospel-readings-communications-june-14/> On here are also sermons for the upcoming Sunday, and a short video for children and families based on the upcoming Gospel reading – all worth a look and listen!

**St. Martin’s - every Sunday Revd Peter Marsh, from his woodwork shed** – Each week during church closure, a recorded 'St Martin's Morning Service' or 'Ramblings', produced by the congregation & David Moss, is available on the St. Martin's website – [www.northnibleychurch.uk](http://www.northnibleychurch.uk) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity “Ramblings” this week.

**Services from the BBC**

- BBC Radio 4’s daily service is live at 9.45am on BBC Radio 4 LW (long wave) or on the DAB side channel.
- Live on Sunday is streamed at 8.10am each Sunday.
- Sunday Worship is shown on BBC1 at 10.45am every Sunday. They are from empty cathedrals (so far Bangor, St. David’s, Hereford). Hymns are taken from a previous recording of Songs of Praise.
- Songs of Praise is aired on BBC1 on Sunday at 1.15pm

**Prayer and digital resources available** – if you would like any sent to you email [wotvicsec@btconnect.com](mailto:wotvicsec@btconnect.com) or visit the website [wottonparishchurch.org.uk](http://wottonparishchurch.org.uk)

*Reverend Morag is unavailable from 22<sup>nd</sup> June until 28<sup>th</sup> June.*

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