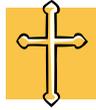


# Tyndale Benefice



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

Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

## **Services:**

10.15am Service of Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

## **Collect:**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is  
afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

or

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Principal Readings:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** *Jeremiah 15: 15-21*

O Lord, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.  
In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer insult.  
Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;  
for I am called by your name,  
O Lord, God of hosts.  
I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.  
Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you

to save you and deliver you,  
says the Lord.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** *Romans 12: 9-end*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what  
is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo  
one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be  
ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be  
patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to  
the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.  
Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse  
them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those  
who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be  
haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be  
wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil,  
but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it  
is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably  
with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave  
room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance  
is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your  
enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give  
them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap  
burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by  
evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Gospel:** *Matthew 16: 21-end*

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples  
that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great  
suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and  
scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be  
raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke  
him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never  
happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get  
behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for  
you are setting your mind not on divine things but on  
human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my  
followers, let them deny themselves and take up their  
cross and follow me. For those who want to save their  
life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake  
will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the  
whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give  
in return for their life?

‘For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

### **Reflection from Sue**

In today’s Gospel Jesus warns the disciples of the challenges they will face while Paul gives specific advice for living a Christian life. It sounds like very hard work.

In order to make any progress, we first have to stop thinking me, but try to grasp how God sees things. Peter’s failure to do this is why Jesus is so sharp with him. Peter has voiced a natural human reaction, the sort of thing we might say to buck up a friend. It was no help to Jesus who knew what had to happen to accomplish God’s plan.

Paul speaks of situations we know we find challenging. It is easy to love our friends, but not so easy to treat everyone so fairly. We can say harsh things about those with whom we disagree. We know the bit about welcoming strangers. But we are asked to welcome not just the few strangers who might venture into St Mary’s, but also people we might actually find odd and unlikeable. Then we are required to treat all these people with the empathy they deserve. It is humbling to get on someone else’s wavelength. At times it can be unsettling. But to walk a mile in their shoes is the only way to be able to share in their sorrows and their happiness. And above all we are to live in peace with everyone. This means more than just not starting arguments. It means not answering back when we are convinced we are right.

Following Jesus is a challenge made harder by our social hang ups. We don’t want to appear smug to other people. It is very tempting to agree with a friend who wants you to spare yourself when you know what you really should do.

Paul gives us some good news. He encourages us to keep on praying, not every now and then or when things are tough, but to make praying a habit. He advises patience. Often when we answer in haste we make our worst mistakes. And above all Paul tells us to persevere even when it seems too difficult.

***To Come Home to Yourself*** is John O’Donohue’s blessing for us all:

***May all that is unforgiven in you be released.***

***May your fears yield their deepest tranquillities.***

***May all that is unlive in you blossom into a future***

***Graced with love.***

Love and God bless, Sue

### **For your prayers:**

***For those who have died and their families:***

Doreen Milling who died on 24<sup>th</sup> July

Adrian John Warren Rowles who died on 19<sup>th</sup> Aug

Jocelyn “Muriel” Dormer whose funeral was on 25<sup>th</sup> Aug at St. Mary’s

Elizabeth Ann Wace whose funeral was on 26<sup>th</sup> August at St. Kenelm’s.

### **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**

30<sup>th</sup>: Dorothy Florence Parker (2008)

31<sup>st</sup>: Dave Barnes (2005)  
Molly Eileen Cooper (2008)  
Jennifer Anderton (2012)  
Betty Mary Axford (2012)  
Stuart Braidford (2014)

### **September**

2<sup>nd</sup>: Austin John Clark (2015)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Steven Willcox (2013)  
4<sup>th</sup>: Norah Goscombe (2013)  
5<sup>th</sup>: James Willcock (2005)  
Walter George (‘Dick’) Hewitt (2011)

### **Nibley**

1<sup>st</sup>: Brian Fred Sharpe (2009)  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Eileen Gardner (1993)  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Sarah Maud Wooldridge (1990)

*In August we remember in our prayers the congregation of the Synwell Chapel.*

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\*\*\*\*\*

#### Latest Reopening Update

**St. Mary's** - In line with current C of E regulations, there will be a 10.15am service at St. Mary's today. It will take the form of Morning Prayer, with music but no singing. All are welcome. Face masks will be mandatory, a track and trace form will need to be filled in and social distancing adhered to.

St. Mary's will continue to be open for private prayer each **Wednesday** between **10 and 5pm**. The church will not be supervised during these times of private prayer. Face coverings to be worn.

**St. Martin's** - Whilst the church remains generally closed, there will be a Service of the Word at 9.30am on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September, and fortnightly thereafter.

**The weekly recorded services will continue.** Revd Peter Marsh, from his woodwork shed - available on the church website [www.northnibleychurch.uk](http://www.northnibleychurch.uk)

This week: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Service  
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.

St. Kenelm's will not be open for prayer on Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Aug  
The Chapel of Ease will be holding a Harvest Festival Service at 11am on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September in the churchyard

#### Services next week – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September

9.30am – St. Martin's Service of the Word  
10.15am – St. Mary's Morning Prayer  
11.00am – Chapel of Ease Harvest Festival service

**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 twelfth podcast is from Bishop Rachel talking with 3 people about how we navigate through a landscape of

trauma to an era of hope. You can play the podcast by going to:

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2020/podcast-episode-12-navigating-these-times/>

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!

**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)

#### Services from the BBC

- Daily service on Radio 4 at 9.45am LW or DAB
- Live on Sunday streamed at 8.10am each Sun.
- Songs of Praise airs on BBC1, Sunday -11.15pm
- Choral Evensong on Radio 3 on Wednesdays at 3.30pm and Sundays at 3pm

#### Service from the Church of England

- Sundays from 9am - <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

#### *A prayer for the Vacancy*

##### **Lord God,**

Thank you for the appointment of the Reverend Rachel Cook as our Vicar (designate). We pray for her and her family as she brings her ministry as Chaplain at RAF Waddington to a close and prepares to move to this Benefice.

We pray for the peoples in the parishes of the Tyndale Benefice as we prepare for Rachel's arrival. Help us to grow in love and care for all as we face changes in society and work patterns due to COVID19.

We continue to pray for our clergy, reader and church wardens in their work for the parishes in these unusual times. Show us all how to grow in faith and in our relationship with you through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We ask this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen

#### **Clergy:**

Revd Peter Marsh – 01453 547 521 (not after 6.00pm)  
Revd Morag Langley – 01453 845 147

#### **Licensed Reader:**

Sue Plant - 01453 845 157

#### **Wotton Churchwardens:**

Jackie Excell – 07863 121613  
Douglas Hinton – 07415 541359  
(Assistant) Lynda Durrant – 01453 521873

#### **North Nibley Churchwarden:**

Wynne Holcombe - 01453 542 091

#### **Alderley Churchwarden:**

Kay Pettifer - 01453 843838

#### **Tresham Churchwarden:**

Susan Whitfield –01666 890 338

#### **Benefice/Parish Office:**

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