

## Services and Meetings this week

St. Martin's, St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays 10 – 6pm  
St. Mary's opens daily 9am – 4pm.

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Office Closed**

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

9.00am Christingle Mingle - Making Christingles at St. Mary's

### **Christmas Eve – Office Closed**

10.00am Donkey Procession from St. Martin's Church to Chapel

4.00pm Christingle at St. Mary's

5.30pm Christingle at St. Mary's

6.00pm Christingle at St. Martin's

9.30pm Bethlehem Midnight Mass at St. Mary's

### **Christmas Day – Office Closed**

9.30am Family Christmas Service at St. Martin's

9.30am Family Christmas Service at St. Mary's

11.00am Family Christmas Service at St. Kenelm's

### **Boxing Day – Office Closed**

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December – Office Closed**

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

From 10am – 4pm Rev Lesley's Christmas Party in her office

Drop in when you can

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

11.00am Benefice Communion Service at St. Mary's

### Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20,26

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-end

### **Clergy:**

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### **Vicar's Secretary & Benefice Administrator:**

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### **Did you know – that St. Martin's produces an audio service which is**

**available every week?** The clergy (and others) take it in turns and you can listen to it from here: <https://northnibleychurch.uk/recorded-services/> All the services are on here, so you listen at your leisure. It is for everyone, so do spread the word.

### **Wotton Baptist Church New Minister Service**

You are all warmly invited to the induction service of our new minister Rev. Andy Eyre on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm at Wotton Baptist Church.

There will be a short formal welcome and a brief talk, but we anticipate this will be a family-friendly time of singing together and celebrating Andy and his family joining our church family and becoming part of the wider community in Wotton.

Please let me know if you intend to stay for the afternoon tea afterwards, and if you have any practical questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Anna Jones, Wotton Baptist Church. 01453 844726

# Tyndale



## Benefice

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

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Services

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's

9.30am Family Service at St. Mary's

11.15am Carol Service at Tresham Church

6.00pm 9 Lessons & Carols at St. Mary's

### Collect

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

or

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all  
flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**All: Alleluia**

## **Principal Readings**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Micah 5: 2-5a**

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.  
Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.  
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land  
and tread upon our soil,  
we will raise against them seven shepherds  
and eight installed as rulers.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
but a body you have prepared for me;  
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings  
you have taken no pleasure.  
Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"  
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'  
When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken  
pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-  
offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he  
added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first  
in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we  
have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus  
Christ once for all.

### **Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town  
in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah  
and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the  
Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you  
among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why  
has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to  
me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child  
in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that  
there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the  
Lord.'

## **For your prayers:**

### ***For the family and friends of:***

Jean Fryer who died on 12<sup>th</sup> December.  
Mrs North whose funeral is on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December at  
Gloucester Crematorium  
Geoff Hill whose funeral is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm at  
Westerleigh Crematorium. With a reception afterwards in the  
crematorium function room. If you can't make it, there is a  
Video link: <https://watch.obitus.com>  
Username: vobe6685  
Password: 595868  
Phillip Teagle whose funeral service is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January at  
11am at St. Mary's  
Marvus Watkins whose funeral service is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
January at 11am at St. Mary's  
Olive Pedley (Sue Plant's mum) whose memorial service will  
be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January at midday.

**Prayer Chain/Ministry** - There is a group of people who will  
pray for you. To request prayer contact Joan Deveney (01453  
844370) or Pat Forster (01453 842557). The Prayer Chain

operates for a fortnight, unless otherwise requested.

There is also a notebook outside the Catherine Chapel for  
written prayer requests too.

*In December we pray for Holy Cross Church*

## **\*\*\*\*\* NOTICES \*\*\*\*\***

**St. Mary's Living Crib** – this is now on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>  
December at 4pm at St. Mary's – postponed from Christmas  
Under the Edge event. Please do come and support. If you  
would like a part – come along at 3pm.

**A huge thank you** – to all the people who helped with the  
school services this week. They did a fantastic job, as  
welcomers, giving out programmes, hot chocolate makers,  
sweepers and tidying afterwards. These services cannot happen  
without you.

**St. Mary's New Year's Eve Concert** – lets start the celebration  
of New Year on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm. Ticket price  
includes an interval drink.

Justine and friends invite you to a light hearted musical start to  
your evening. Tickets from the Cotswold Bookroom or on the  
door.

**Alpha Course at St. Mary's** – From Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January  
2025 there will be a weekly meeting for an Alpha Course. It will  
be held at the United Church each week. If you would like to  
sign up, please see the sign up sheet at the back of St. Mary's or  
let Kate in the office know. For more information about what  
Alpha is or about the course, either talk to Clive H or Kate will  
put you in contact.

**Christingle Mingle on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 9am** –  
can you help? Come and enjoy the company of others, whilst  
making the 500 Christingles! Refreshments will be provided.

**St. Mary's Xmas Card Tree** - To save on the price of cards &  
postage, why not write a Christmas greeting on a card & hang it  
on the tree by the font for all your church friends to read? Also,  
write a sentence or two saying what this church community  
means to you & the many blessings God has given you.

**St. Mary's Christmas Flowers** – if you are able to donate a bit  
of money towards them, that would be wonderful. Jar at the  
back of the church. A big thank you to all those who have  
donated so far.

**Mince Pies at St. Mary's** – if you are able to provide some  
mince pies for the 9 lessons & carols on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
(which starts at 6pm), and/or the Christingle Mingle on Monday  
23<sup>rd</sup>, please let Sharon D or Kate T or C know

**Benefice Service 29<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Help needed with refreshments  
next Sunday at the 11 am Benefice Service. Please contact Kate  
Tutty on 844371 before 28th if you are available. Thank you

**Benefice Office** – will be taking a break for a couple of weeks.  
The office will be closed w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December, reopening  
week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Thank you to everyone  
across the Benefice for all the support you give me in doing this  
job. It is always a joy and a pleasure.

**Know any children between 7 and 12? Do they like to sing?**  
– Please tell them about "Experience being a Chorister" (at St.  
Mary's). Introduction & rehearsal on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan at 5pm –  
6pm; 24<sup>th</sup> Jan from 5.15pm – 6pm. You will then be able to sing  
in the Choral evensong on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January.

**Lesley's Christmas Party – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December from  
10am onwards** - I am throwing a Christmas Party in my Prish  
Office at Wotton. I would like to celebrate this special season  
and thank you for all you contribute to our church communities.  
There will be festive refreshments so please come and join me.  
Drop in when you can