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 13th January

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

5.00pm Wotton Eco Church meeting in LH office

7.00pm Churches Together in Wotton meeting – United Church

Tuesday 14th January

2.30pm Reflection Group at St. Mary's

Wednesday 15th January

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's 10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service 11.00am Funeral Service for Mavis Watkins at St. Mary's

6.45pm Alpha Course (2) at The United Church

Thursday 16th January

7.30pm Wotton PCC meeting at St. Mary's

Friday 17th January

2.30pm Funeral Service for Jean Fryer at St. Mary's

Saturday 18th January

Organ day at St. Mary's

Sunday 19th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

11.15am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's

3.30pm Celebrate! Service at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-7 2nd Reading: Acts 8: 14-17 Gospel: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

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St Mary's Wotton

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.

Tyndale



Benefice

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

> Sunday 12th January 2025 Baptism of Christ

Services

9.30am Family Service at St. Mary's 9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Martin's 6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through 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

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

All: Alleluia

Principal Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-7

But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,

and honoured, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, 'Give them up',

and to the south, 'Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.'

2nd Reading: *Acts* 8: 14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: *Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22*

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

The Baptism of Jesus

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Phillip Teagle whose funeral service is on Friday 10th January at 11am at St. Mary's

Mavis Watkins whose funeral service is on Wednesday 15th January at 11am at St. Mary's

Jean Fryer whose funeral is on Friday 17th January at 2.30pm at St. Mary's.

Shirley Ogbourne whose funeral is at Westerleigh Crematorium Woodlands Chapel on Tuesday 21st January at 4 pm Olive Pedley (Sue Plant's mum) whose memorial service will be on Saturday 25th 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 January we prayer for The United Church

***** NOTICES *****

Alpha Course at St. Mary's – From Wednesday 8th 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.

Catering Help - If anybody is able to help with the catering, please let Rachel Hamer or Sharon Dove know – there is also a sign up sheet for helpers at the back of St. Mary's

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 17th Jan at 5pm – 6pm; 24th Jan from 5.15pm – 6pm. You will then be able to sing in the Choral evensong on Sunday 26th January.

St. Mary's Reflection Group – Tuesday 14th January at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

St. Mary's Celebrate! Service – Sunday 19th January from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Vulnerability, debt and poverty.



We need your help - Do you have time to clean an area of St Mary's Church every two weeks on a Friday morning for an hour? Please contact Kate Tutty on 844371 if you are able to help.

Wotton Baptist Church New Minister Service

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

There will be a short formal welcome & a brief talk, but we anticipate this will be a family-friendly time of singing together & celebrating Andy & his family joining our church family & 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