### 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 24th February

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

### Tuesday 25th February

## Wednesday 26th February

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's 10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service 6.45pm Alpha Course<sub>8</sub> at The United Church

7.00pm Alderley & Tresham PCC meeting

# Thursday 27th February

## Friday 28th February

1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's

5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

#### Saturday 1st March

10.00am Marriage Course at Chipping Sodbury

1.00pm Cotswold Concert Series at St. Mary's – Jed on organ

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Sunday before Lent

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

11.15am Holy Communion at Tresham Church

11.45am Baptism at St. Mary's

### Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Exodus 34: 29-end 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

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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 (& others) take it in turns & you can listen to it here: https://northnibleychurch.uk/recorded-services/ All the services are on here, so you listen at your leisure. It's for everyone, so do spread the word.

## St. Mary's Readings

1 Chronicles 16: 29

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Matthew 16: 18

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

# **Tyndale**



# Benefice

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

> Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

## <u>Services</u>

9.30am Café Church at St. Mary's 9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's 6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

## Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,

by your gift

the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia

This child is the light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

All: Alleluia

### **Principal Readings**

1st Reading: Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

### **Another Account of the Creation**

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground—then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman,

for out of Man this one was taken.'

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy,

the Lord God the Almighty,

who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

'You are worthy, our Lord and God,

to receive glory and honour and power,

for you created all things,

and by your will they existed and were created.'

## **Gospel:** *Luke 8: 22-25*

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

## For your prayers:

## For the family and friends of:

Gill Shepherd whose funeral was on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February John Grimes whose funeral was on Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> February. Bettie Sloane whose funeral is on 10<sup>th</sup> March at 11am at Westerleigh Crematorium.

**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 February we pray for Synwell Chapel

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

Lunchtime Concert at St. Mary's on Saturday 1st March starting at 1pm – our very own Director of Music, Jed, will be giving an organ recital. Tickets from cotswoldconcertseries.org or on the door.



**St. Mary's Pancake Party** – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February (Shrove Tuesday) 5pm. Come and enjoy the fun! If you can help in any way, please contact either Kate T (844371) or Kate C (842175)

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Ash Wednesday. The ashing service will take place at 9.30am at St. Mary's. All are welcome. This is so it doesn't clash with the Alpha Course in the evening.

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Mothers Union-Wednesday 5}^{th} \ \textbf{March-2.15pm} - \text{Revd} \\ \textbf{Lesley will be giving a talk on Lent All welcome} \end{array}$ 

World Day of Prayer in Wotton – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 10am at Wotton Baptist Church. If you would like to have a part, please let Val Smith know. (<u>valsmith17@talktalk.net</u>). Lent Lunch will follow immediately after around 12pm. All Welcome.

**Lent Lunches then continue in St. Mary's** – 14<sup>th</sup> March – The Samaritans; 21<sup>st</sup> March – Read with Me; 28<sup>th</sup> March – MAF; 4<sup>th</sup> April – Open Doors; 11<sup>th</sup> April At Wotton Baptist Church – Christian Aid.

**Lent Groups will be taking place** – details on the flyer – please contact the leader of the group directly to book in.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** – Wotton Concert Series performing a tribute to Handel. Tickets from <u>Booking Information</u> - Wotton Concert Series