

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 3rd March

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 4th March – Shrove Tuesday

12–2pm Pancakes @North Nibley Chapel

5.00pm Pancake Party at St. Mary's

Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service

6.45pm Alpha Course, at The United Church

Thursday 6th March

Friday 7th March – Office Closed

10.00am World Day of Prayer Service at Wotton Baptist Church

12.00pm Lent Lunch at Wotton Baptist Church

5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 8th March

7.30pm Wotton Concert Series at St. Mary's

Sunday 9th March – 1st Sunday of Lent

9.30am Family Service at St. Mary's

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's

6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

2nd Reading: Romans 10: 8b-13

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

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St Mary's Wotton

www.northnibleychurch.uk

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.

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 2nd March 2025
Sunday before Lent

Services

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 of Esme at St. Mary's

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask 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: *Exodus 34: 29-end*

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

2nd Reading: *2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2*

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Treasure in Clay Jars

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Gospel: *Luke 9: 28-36*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Gill Shepherd whose funeral was on Wednesday 19th February
John Grimes whose funeral was on Thurs 20th February.
Bettie Sloane whose funeral is on 10th 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 March we pray for The Quakers

******* 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 4th March (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)

Pancakes & Ploughmans at North Nibley Chapel – 12 – 2pm on Tuesday 4th March. All proceeds to Christian Aid. Booking essential – Ring Jill on 07778 036699

Wednesday 5th 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.

Mothers Union – Wednesday 5th March – 2.15pm - Revd Lesley will be giving a talk on Lent All welcome

World Day of Prayer in Wotton – Friday 7th March at 10am at Wotton Baptist Church. Lent Lunch will follow immediately after around 12pm. All Welcome.

Lent Lunches then continue in St. Mary's – 14th March – The Samaritans; 21st March – Read with Me; 28th March – MAF; 4th April – Open Doors; 11th 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 8th March at 7.30pm – Wotton Concert Series performing a tribute to Handel. Tickets from [Booking Information - Wotton Concert Series](#)

Saturday 6th April at 6pm at Getaway Elim Church, Station Road, Yate BS37 4PH. "Lets Praise Him" – an evening of music, singing, great hymns and songs all to God's glory.

Could you be a BEFRIENDER? - Could you help make someone's day? The Keepers are looking for friendly, compassionate volunteers to join their **Befriending Project**, which is now an ongoing part of what they offer from The Keepers. "There are people in our area who are housebound and unable to access activities at The Keepers or elsewhere. As a befriender, you can help someone feel more connected by visiting them once a week for an hour, sharing companionship over a cup of tea." They offer full training. If you are interested in doing this, please contact The Keepers directly on - thekeeperscommunityhub@gmail.com

Rushmire Hill – Reminder that it is a FULL road closure. This means that at all times (including weekends) there is no access for cars, bikes, lorries or pedestrians. There is CCTV in place and if barriers are moved or cars go through, vehicle reg numbers will be taken. I've had a letter into the office which has gone to a number of community locations.