

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 17th March

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 18th March

2.00pm Pastoral Care meeting at St. Mary's

Wednesday 19th March

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service
6.45pm Alpha Course¹¹ at The United Church

Thursday 20th March

iSingPop in St. Mary's all day
2.00pm iSingPop with Blue Coat School Concert at St. Mary's
6.00pm iSingPop with Blue Coat School Concert at St. Mary's

Friday 21st March

12.00pm Lent Lunch at St. Mary's for Read with Me
2.40pm Spring Celebration for North Nibley School at St. Martin's
5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's
6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 22nd March

Sunday 23rd March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

9.30am Communion service at St. Martin's
9.30am Non Communion service at St. Mary's
6.00pm Choral Evensong Service at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-9

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians: 10: 1-13

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

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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 16th March 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent

Services

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
9.30am Service of the word at St. Martin's
11.15am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's
3.30pm Celebrate! Service at St. Mary's

Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
The Lord is great God, O that today you would listen to his
voice. Harden not your hearts.
All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Principal Readings

1st Reading: *Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

2nd Reading: *Philippians 3: 17-4: 1*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel: *Luke 13: 31-end*

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Bettie Sloane whose funeral was on 10th March

Iain Devine whose memorial service is on Saturday 22nd March at 2pm at St. Martin's Church.

Norman Dursley whose funeral is on 3rd April at 11am at Westerleigh Woodland Chapel.

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 *******

St. Mary's – donations for Easter Flowers – there will be a jar at the back of the church for any monetary donations for the Easter Flowers – thank you.

Lent Lunches 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.

Celebrate! Service this coming Sunday – 3.30pm until 4.30pm at St. Mary's. Crafts, singing, refreshments and the explanation of what Jesus said: "Follow me, for I will make you fishers of men."

Sunday 30th March – Benefice Communion Service at 11am at St. Kenelm's

Sunday 6th April at 6pm at Gateway Elim Church, Station Road, Yate BS37 4PH. "Lets Praise Him" – an evening of music, singing, great hymns and songs all to God's glory. To book your FREE tickets, please contact enquiry@gatewayelim.church

St. Mary's Eco Church - The Eco Church team have arranged a 'Gardening work Time' to undertake some clearing of grass from the church driveway edges and weeding of some of the perimeter walls around the church. The planned date is March 22nd - 10am until approx 12noon. If you are able to give some time to assist we would appreciate the help. You would need to bring a spade or gardening hoe. Refreshments will be available. If you can help, please sign the work sheet on the table at the church entrance. Thank you. *Alan Bell*

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

2025 World Day of Prayer was held at Wotton Baptist Church on Friday 7th March. There were about 50 people in attendance. Afterwards a soup lunch was available with all proceeds going to the World Day of Prayer. With gift aid, over £500 was raised.

Notice is hereby given that a New Church Electoral Roll for St. Mary's will be compiled to take effect on 26th April.

Forms will be available at the back of the church
Roger Wyse, Electoral Roll Officer