

### **Services and Meetings this week**

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

#### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry & Dawes

#### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

2.30pm Reflection Group at St. Mary's

#### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's  
10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service  
7.30pm Wotton PCC meeting in St. Mary's

#### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

#### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Setting up of Fete at St. Mary's  
5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's  
6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

#### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

#### **10.30am St. Mary's Church Fete**

#### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's  
10.00am Family Service at St. Mary's  
6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

#### **Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Amos 7: 7-end or Deuteronomy 30: 9-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 1: 1-14

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

#### **Clergy:**

Rev Lesley Hewish 07827 418188 / vicar@tyndalebenefice.co.uk

Rev Peter Marsh 01453 547521 / pccmarsh@gmail.com  
Please do not call after 6pm

Rev Canon Jane Kenchington 07779 991 760 / janekenchington@gmail.com  
(Part-time)

Revd Peter Fewings 07795 206590 / ptfewings@gmail.com

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

Kate Cropper Tuesdays, Thursdays 10am – 12pm  
office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk 01453 842175

#### **Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth Churchwardens:**

Mrs Kate Tutty stmaryschurchwardenwotton@gmail.com / 01453 844371  
Safeguarding – Gillian Carpenter, Shelley Ratcliffe, Rachel Tooley, Lesley Hewish – 07827 418188 wottonsafeguarding@tyndalebenefice.co.uk


#### **Director of Music:**

Mr Jed Hughes 07761 748044 / directorofmusicstmarys@gmail.com

#### **North Nibley Churchwarden:**

Mr John Hay 07973 327881 admin@northnibleychurch.uk  
Safeguarding officer – Rev Lesley Hewish 07827 418188 / vicar@tyndalebenefice.co.uk

#### **Alderley (including Tresham) Churchwardens:**

Mrs Kay Pettifer 07850 345978  
Mrs Susan Whitfield 01666 890 338 & Safeguarding officer  
www.wottonparishchurch.org.uk  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 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
Fourth Sunday after Trinity

### **Services**

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's  
10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
11.15am Holy communion at Tresham Church

### **Collect**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

or

Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God,  
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,  
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may acknowledge  
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.  
You have the words of eternal life.  
**All: Alleluia.**

## **Principal Readings**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Kings 5: 1-14**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

So Naaman went in & told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, & I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, & ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

So Naaman came with his horses & chariots, & halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, & your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 6: 7-16**

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

### **Gospel: Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no

purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

### **For your prayers:**

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

Peter Timbrell who was interred on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July in North Nibley.

Robert Willey whose funeral was on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at St. Martin's

**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 July, we keep in our prayers, The United Church*

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

**St. Mary's Cleaning** - Are you free once every two weeks, for an hour, to clean part of the church?

We meet on a Friday just after nine. You would be cleaning one area out of - the organ loft, around the font & the two centre aisles. Tel: Kate Tutty 844371

**St. Mary's Fete** – see the list in St. Mary's. Children's toys, preloved clothes, bottles, toiletries, cakes for refreshments. Happy to have them in the office.

Please think of raffle prizes when you need to clear out all those things which are lovely but need to be re-gifted!

**Jigsaw Puzzles** – If you have ANY COMPLETE puzzles (adult or junior) please let Sharon Dove have them as they sell really well at the fete.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – St. Mary's Reflection Group. Meet in St. Marys Catherine Chapel at 2.30pm for reflection, readings and music.

**Exert from Benefice Service Sermon** - Caring for our environment by responding to God's message to us through scripture.

*Although the Bible was written in a time before our modern environmental challenges, its teachings remain deeply relevant.*

**First: we must never forget that the earth is God's creation,**

**Second: we each have a responsibility of human stewardship,**

**Thirdly: we need to be more reverent to God and ask him what we could be doing that we aren't. how can we do better.**

**Fourthly: We need to personally stop exploitation. And that begins with us.**

*These four challenges will provide us with a moral and spiritual framework for engaging with environmental issues today.*

*And by drawing on biblical principles, we should be able to approach the challenge of environmental care with*

- 1. wisdom,**
- 2. humility,**
- 3. a deep sense of responsibility and duty.**

*In conclusion, our actions towards the environment should reflect the respect & care that is emphasized to us in the Scriptures.*

*By doing so, we honour our Creator God and ensure that the earth can continue to sustain and bless all its inhabitants.*