

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 11th August

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes
Rita Ballantyne arrives in St. Mary's church

Tuesday 12th August – office Closed

12.00pm Funeral Service for Rita Ballantyne at St. Mary's

Wednesday 13th August

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

Thursday 14th August – office Closed

Friday 15th August

1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's
6.15pm Junior & Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's
7.30pm Service of Hope–VJ80 Commemoration at St. Mary's

Saturday 16th August

10am – 3pm Being Well Day at St. Mary's

Sunday 17th August – 9th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's
11.15am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7 or Jeremiah 23: 23-29

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

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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.

Still required - 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 – or it could be a
Wednesday from 10.45am. You would be cleaning one area out
of - the organ loft, around the font & the two centre aisles. From
September, also need someone to clean the church toilets once a
month. Tel: Kate Tutty 844371

Benefice office opening times –The office is closed until

Tuesday 26th August. If you need to get hold of anyone, try your
local church warden or Lesley. All details are on the back of the
sheet.

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 10th August 2025
Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Services

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

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from
deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes
from the mouth of God.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings

1st Reading: *Genesis 15: 1-6*

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 toward 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.

2nd Reading: *Hebrews 11: 1-3, 23-end*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

²³ By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered abuse suffered for the Christ to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger; for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover & the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel. ²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Gospel: *Luke 12:32-40*

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

John 20: 19-21 (For Wotton)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Rita Ballantyne whose funeral is on Tuesday 12th August at midday, at St. Mary's

Pam Smith whose memorial service is on Saturday 6th September at 3pm at St. Mary'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 August, we keep in our prayers, Synwell Chapel

***** NOTICES *****

Organ Recital at St. Mary's – Saturday 9th August at 1.10pm – Henry Fairs international organist will be play the magnificent organ at St. Mary's – as part of the Elmore Festival which is taking place from 6th – 9th August. Tickets available from [2025 Festival Programme](#) / [www.elmorefestival.com](#)

Funeral Service for Rita Ballantyne – Tuesday 12th August at midday, at St. Mary's. Followed by refreshments in the church.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Condolence Book for Rita – there will be a condolence book at St. Mary's after Wednesday and Sunday morning services for the next couple of weeks. The family would very much like memories of Rita – so do feel free to write in it.

St. Mary's Churchyard trail – on during the summer holidays. Calling all Grandparents, Parents or Carers of children up to the age of 10 approximately. Come and pick up a pack in the church porch (one for each child). The pack is designed for children to take a closer look around our outside space and see for themselves the natural treasures created by God. There is always something new to find!

St. Mary's Being Well Day – Saturday 16th August 10am – 3pm. **Volunteers are needed** to help run the day. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church. Please tell your friends to come along too. There will be Pilates, massage, nutrition advice and much more. Let either Kate know or Lesley.

Songs of Praise – St. Mary's 24th August at 9.30am. Do you have a special hymn – what would you choose? Let Lesley know (there is also a sign up sheet in the church)

Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's during the summer holidays will be done with the senior choir at 6.15pm.

2 sides people are required at St. Mary's for the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. Services start at 9.30am so it would be good for you to be there by 9am. If anyone is interested or would like to find out more, contact Irene on 844135