

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 18th August

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 19th August – office Closed

Wednesday 20th August

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service

Thursday 21st August – office Closed

Friday 22nd August

6.15pm Junior & Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 23rd August

12.30pm Wedding of Sean and Danielle at St. Mary's
3.00pm Baptism of Drew at Perry & Dawes

Sunday 24th August – 10th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Songs of Praise at St. Mary's
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's
6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-10 or Isaiah 58: 9b-end

2nd Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-end

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

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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.

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.

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Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 17th August 2025

Nineth Sunday after Trinity

Services

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

9.30am Non-communion Service at St. Martin's

11.15am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's

Collect

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power
to save your souls.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Jeremiah 23: 23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord.

I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!"

How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal.

Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

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.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. 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— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 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— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed!

Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens.

You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Rita Ballantyne whose funeral was on Tuesday 12th August 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 *******

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

St. Mary's Pictures and Puddings fundraiser – do you have any framed pictures you would like to donate to the fundraiser? If so, please drop them in to Lesley in the office.