

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 1st September – Office Closed

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 2nd September – Office Closed

Wednesday 3rd September – Office Closed

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service
2.30pm Celebration of Life Service for Jane Kennett at St. Martin's

Thursday 4th September – Office Open as normal

11.00am Funeral Service for Joan Pearce at St. Mary's
4.20pm Wave of Prayer – Mothers Union – St. Mary's

Friday 5th September – Office Open as normal

5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's
6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 6th September

11.00am Interment of Ashes at St. Mary's
3.00pm Memorial Service for Pamela Smith at St. Mary's

Sunday 7th September – 12th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's
10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
No Service at Tresham Church Today

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 15-end

2nd Reading: psalm 1 and Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

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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 31st August 2025
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Services

11.00am Benefice Harvest Festival at Tresham Church

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through 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 – the ones being used at the Benefice Service

1st Reading: *John 6:25-35*

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?"

Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Gospel: *Mark 4: 1-20*

Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables.

And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; in order that 'they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven.'"

And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 10: 12-18 or Jeremiah 2: 4-13

2nd Reading: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-17

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Jane Kennett whose Celebration of Life is on Wednesday 3rd September at St. Martin's

Joan Pearce whose funeral is at St. Mary's on Thursday 4th September at 11am

Pam Smith whose memorial service is on Saturday 6th September at 3pm at St. Mary's

Patricia Tuck whose funeral was on 28th August at Westerleigh

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 *******

Benefice Service next week – 31st August – There is one service at Tresham Church next week commencing at 11am. It is a Harvest Festival service. Please try and car share. There are no other services within the Benefice on this Sunday. There will be further Harvest services in Wotton, North Nibley and Alderley at later dates.

Jane Kennett – there will be a Celebration of Life Service at St. Martin's on Wednesday 3rd August at 2.30pm for Jane Kennett. All are welcome – *Alan and family*

Memorial Service for Pam Smith - Saturday 6th September at 3pm at St. Mary's, followed by refreshments in the church. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

Wednesday 3rd September - There will be an in house meeting of the Mothers' Union in church at 2.15 and on Thursday 4th September our branch will participate in an international wave of prayer between 4.20 and 5 in the Catherine Chapel. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sunday 7th September - The Mothers' Union will be running Town Hall Teas between 2.30 and 5. Offers of help or donations of cakes (containing no nuts) would be gratefully received. Please contact Pauline Latimer (01453 845376). If you are free please come along and support us. There will be a stall selling toiletry products and proceeds will go to the provision of breaks for those who may be experiencing stress or difficulties in their family life.

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!

1 sides person is required at St. Mary's for the 3rd 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 or mounted pictures or paintings you would like to donate to the fundraiser? There will be an auction of pictures on 6th October raising money for the church roof fund. If so, please drop them in to the office before 15th September.

Benefice office opening times – The office is closed on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September – it will reopen as usual on Thursday 4th September (once my little cherubs have gone back to school!)