

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> September**

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes  
5.00pm Eco Church Meeting at St. Mary's

#### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

2.30pm Reflection Group in Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's

#### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

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

#### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

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

#### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September – 13<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: Exodus 32: 7-14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Gospel: Luke 15: 1-10

#### **Clergy:**

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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 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

### **Services**

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

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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 constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world says the Lord. Whoever follows me  
will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

**All: Alleluia.**

## **Principal Readings**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** *Deuteronomy 30: 15-end*

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

<sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

<sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** *Psalms 1*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup>but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup>for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

OR

### *Philemon 1-21*

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me.

I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this

benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

### **Gospel:** *Luke 14: 25-33*

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish."

<sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

<sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

### **For your prayers:**

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

Jane Kennett whose Celebration of Life was on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Joan Pearce whose funeral was on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

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

Patricia Tuck whose funeral was on 28<sup>th</sup> 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 September, we keep The Quakers in our prayer*

**\*\*\*\*\* NOTICES \*\*\*\*\***

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

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** - The Mothers' Union will be hosting Town Hall Teas between 2.30 and 5. Please come along and support us.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> October raising money for the church roof fund. If so, please drop them in to the office before 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**Tickets** are now available from the office for this event. £25 per ticket. Complimentary welcome drink, an entrée and 7 puddings! Please tell your friends – why not get a table together (tables of 8)? Contact the office for more information.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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