

Services and Meetings this week

St. Martin's, St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays 10 – 6pm
St. Mary's opens daily 9am – 4pm.

Monday 6th January

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 7th January – Office Open

Wednesday 8th January 2025

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service
2.15pm Mothers Union AGM at St. Mary's

Thursday 9th January

Friday 10th January

11.00am Funeral Service for Philip Teagle at St. Mary's
1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's

Saturday 11th January

Sunday 12th January – Baptism of Christ & 1st Sunday of Epiphany

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

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-7

2nd Reading: Acts 8: 14-17

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

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Did you know – that St. Martin's produces an audio service which is

available every week? The clergy (and others) take it in turns and you can listen to it from here: <https://northnibleychurch.uk/recorded-services/> All the services are on here, so you listen at your leisure. It is for everyone, so do spread the word.

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 5th January 2025
Epiphany

Services

9.30am Family Service for Epiphany at St. Martin's

10.00am Holy Communion Service for Epiphany at St. Mary's

Collect

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and
believed in throughout the world.

All: Alleluia

Principal Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?' For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where

the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Jean Fryer who died on 12th December.

Mrs North whose funeral was on Wednesday 30th December at Gloucester Crematorium

Geoff Hill whose funeral is on Thursday 9th January at 2pm at Westerleigh Crematorium. With a reception afterwards in the crematorium function room. If you can't make it, there is a Video link: <https://watch.obitus.com>

Username: vobe6685

Password: 595868

Phillip Teagle whose funeral service is on Friday 10th January at 11am at St. Mary's

Marvis Watkins whose funeral service is on Wednesday 15th January at 11am at St. Mary's

Olive Pedley (Sue Plant's mum) whose memorial service will be on Saturday 25th January at midday.

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 January we prayer for The United Church

******* NOTICES *******

Alpha Course at St. Mary's – From Wednesday 8th January 2025 there will be a weekly meeting for an Alpha Course. It will be held at the United Church each week. If you would like to sign up, please see the sign up sheet at the back of St. Mary's or let Kate in the office know. For more information about what Alpha is or about the course, either talk to Clive H or Kate will put you in contact.

Catering Help - If anybody is able to help with the catering, please let Rachel Hamer or Sharon Dove know – there is also a sign up sheet for helpers at the back of St. Mary's

Know any children between 7 and 12? Do they like to sing?
– Please tell them about "Experience being a Chorister" (at St. Mary's). Introduction & rehearsal on Friday 17th Jan at 5pm – 6pm; 24th Jan from 5.15pm – 6pm. You will then be able to sing in the Choral evensong on Sunday 26th January.

Mothers Union January Meeting – Wednesday 8th January at 2.15pm at St. Mary's. This is the AGM – all are welcome.

St. Mary's Reflection Group – Tuesday 14th January at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

St. Mary's Celebrate! Service – Sunday 19th January from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Vulnerability, debt and poverty.

Wotton Baptist Church New Minister Service

You are all warmly invited to the induction service of our new minister Rev. Andy Eyre on Sat 11th January at 2pm at Wotton Baptist Church.

There will be a short formal welcome & a brief talk, but we anticipate this will be a family-friendly time of singing together & celebrating Andy & his family joining our church family & becoming part of the wider community in Wotton.

Please let me know if you intend to stay for the afternoon tea afterwards, and if you have any practical questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Anna Jones, Wotton Baptist Church.
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