

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> February – Office Closed**

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

### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Office Closed**

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Office Closed**

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's  
10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service  
3.15pm Gill Shepherd Funeral Service at Westerleigh Crem  
6.45pm Alpha Course<sub>7</sub> at The United Church

### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Office Closed**

3.15pm Funeral service for John Grimes at Westerleigh Crem

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Office Closed**

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

### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

9.30am Café Church 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)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 4

Gospel: Luke 8: 22-25

### **Clergy:**

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### **Alderley (including Tresham) Churchwardens:**

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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.

### **Pancake Party**

**Everyone Welcome**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm – 6.30pm  
St. Mary's Church, WuE

Pancakes to eat  
Refreshments  
Pancakes to flip!

Treasure Hunt  
Crafts  
Games



Pay as you Feel – Donations to:

Foodbank

Can you spare some time to help? We need bundles of pantries, people to cook & serve on the day they happen in the early evening and treasure hunt contact Alan on 07827 418188 or [office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk](mailto:office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk)

### **St. Mary's Pancake Party – Tuesday**

4<sup>th</sup> February (Shrove Tuesday) 5pm.

Come and enjoy the fun!

If you can help in any way, please contact either Kate T (844371) or Kate C (842175)

### **Choral Evensong – Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb at**

6pm. St. Mary's junior choir continue to join the main choir for this service – please do support them.

# Tyndale



## Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent

### Services

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's  
9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's  
11.00am Baptism of Eve & Max at St. Martin's  
11.15am Holy Communion Service at St. Kenelm's  
3.30pm Celebrate! Service at St. Mary's

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who alone can bring order  
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:  
give your people grace  
so to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, among the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
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

Eternal God,  
whose Son went among the crowds  
and brought healing with his touch:  
help us to show his love,  
in your Church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as they are transformed  
into the image of Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,  
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

This child is the light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

**All: Alleluia**

## **Principal Readings**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** *Jeremiah 17: 5-10*

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.  
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind  
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** *1 Corinthians 15: 12-20*

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

**Gospel:** *Luke 6: 17-26*

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

## **For your prayers:**

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

Gill Shepherd whose funeral is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm at Westerleigh Crematorium

John Grimes whose funeral is on Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm at Westerleigh Crematorium.

Bettie Sloane whose funeral is on 10<sup>th</sup> March at 11am at Westerleigh Crematorium.

Malcolm Grimes whose funeral was on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

**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 February we pray for Synwell Chapel*

## **\*\*\*\*\* NOTICES \*\*\*\*\***

**Safeguarding Training at St. Mary’s** – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February from 9am – 11am. This is the foundation level. If you haven’t been able to attend any of the previous courses, or can’t do it at home, please do come along. Let Kate in the office know.

**Rita Ballantyne** - As some of you know, Rita was taken ill just before Christmas & very sadly has deteriorated rapidly over the last 6 weeks. She has had a series of what seem to be mini strokes plus vertigo which have gradually rendered her completely dependent on others in every way. It has been such a shock to her & she is really having difficulty (understandably) adjusting to the sudden change & loss of independence. We find it hard to believe that earlier in December she was celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday & dancing at two wedding celebrations. She has been living with us in our home in North Nibley since 20 December but we reached a stage where she needed 24 hour care every day & we had to decide (very reluctantly) that we would have to move her to a Care Home. She has moved into Upton Mill Care Home in Tetbury.

Her new address is: Upton Mill Care Home, Mercer Way, Off Quercus Road, Tetbury, Glos., GL8 8FH (Reception phone no: 01666 336 600)

Thank you for the cards you have sent her & I know some of you have expressed a wish to visit her. She would love to see you once she has settled in, but may I suggest you phone me first in case she isn’t having a good day?

Please continue to remember her in your prayers - she is finding the transition very difficult & she needs all the prayers she can get! Thank you. *Jane Kenchington 07779 991 760*

**Mothers Union – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 2.15pm** - Revd Lesley will be giving a talk on Lent All welcome

**Lunchtime Concert at St. Mary’s on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March** starting at 1pm – our very own Director of Music, Jed, will be giving an organ recital. Tickets from [cotswoldconcertseries.org](http://cotswoldconcertseries.org) or on the door.

**World Day of Prayer in Wotton – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March** at 10am at Wotton Baptist Church. If you would like to have a part, please let Val Smith know. ([valsmith17@talktalk.net](mailto:valsmith17@talktalk.net)). Lent Lunch will follow immediately after around 12pm. All Welcome.

**Lent Lunches then continue in St. Mary’s** – 14<sup>th</sup> March – The Samaritans; 21<sup>st</sup> March – Read with Me; 28<sup>th</sup> March – MAF; 4<sup>th</sup> April – Open Doors; 11<sup>th</sup> April At Wotton Baptist Church – Christian Aid.

**Lent Groups will be taking place** – details on the flyer – please contact the leader of the group directly to book in.

**Benefice Office Closure** – the office will be closed from midday on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February until w/c 24<sup>th</sup> February