

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 24th March

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 25th March

Wednesday 26th March

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

Thursday 27th March

Friday 28th March

12.00pm Lent Lunch at St. Mary's for MAF
1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's
5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's
6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 29th March

Sunday 30th March – Mothering Sunday / 4th Sunday of Lent

Clocks go forward 1 hour

11.00am Benefice Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's
4.00pm Mothering Sunday Round the Font at St. Martin's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Exodus 2: 1-10 or Samuel 1: 20-end

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 or Colossians 3: 12-17

Gospel: Luke 2: 33-35 or John 19: 25b-27

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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.

Church Electoral Roll

St. Mary's - A NEW Church Electoral Roll is being prepared by Monday 7th April, and will take effect from 26th April. This is in readiness for the APCM on Sunday 11th May after the morning service.

You are invited to have your name entered on the new roll by completing a new application form – **necessary whether your name is on the present roll or not.**

Attendance and voting at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 11th May and holding elected parochial office are conditional on being recorded on the new Roll.

Application forms are available at the back of church. Please return in the box provided or direct to me.

Roger Wyse, Electoral Roll Officer

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 23rd March 2025
3rd Sunday of Lent

Services

9.30am Communion service at St. Martin's
9.30am Non Communion service at St. Mary's
6.00pm Choral Evensong Service at St. Mary's

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life 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

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
The Lord is great God, O that today you would listen to his
voice. Harden not your hearts.
All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Principal Readings

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians: 10: 1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Bettie Sloane whose funeral was on 10th March
Iain Devine whose memorial service is on Saturday 22nd March at 2pm at St. Martin's Church.
Norman Dursley whose funeral is on 3rd April at 11am at Westerleigh Woodland Chapel.

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 March we pray for The Quakers

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

St. Mary's – donations for Easter Flowers – there will be a jar at the back of the church for any monetary donations for the Easter Flowers – thank you.

Lent Lunches in St. Mary's – 21st March – Read with Me; 28th March – MAF; 4th April – Open Doors; 11th April At Wotton Baptist Church – Christian Aid.

Sunday 30th March – Benefice Communion Service for Mothering Sunday at 11.00am at St. Kenelm's with Rev Cannon Dr Sandra Millar

Sunday 6th April at 6pm at Gateway Elim Church, Station Road, Yate BS37 4PH. "Lets Praise Him" – an evening of music, singing, great hymns and songs all to God's glory. To book your FREE tickets, please contact enquiry@gatewayelim.church

St. Mary's Eco Church - The Eco Church team have arranged a 'Gardening work Time' to undertake some clearing of grass from the church driveway edges and weeding of some of the perimeter walls around the church. The planned date is March 22nd - 10am until approx 12noon. If you are able to give some time to assist we would appreciate the help. You would need to bring a spade or gardening hoe. Refreshments will be available. If you can help, please sign the work sheet on the table at the church entrance. Thank you. *Alan Bell*

Easter Saturday – Easter Egg hunt at St. Mary's. If you are able to help, please let the office or Kate T know.

Maundy Thursday at St. Mary's – There will be a simple meal from 6pm. A sign up sheet for attendance will be at the back of St. Mary's. If you are able to help, please indicate this on the sheet.

St. Mary's Palm Cross making Coffee morning – Saturday 5th April 10am – 11.30am. Come and have a natter, drink coffee and make some palm crosses!

Cotswold Concerts – Saturday 5th April at 1pm. The Trio Kagura from Manchester will be playing at St. Mary's. Tickets available on the door.

Don't forget! - Clocks go forward one hour at the start of Sunday 30th March.