

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> March**

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes  
11.00am Funeral Service for Bettie Sloane at Westerleigh  
Crematorium

### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

2.30pm Reflection Group at St. Mary's

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Ash Wednesday**

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's  
10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service  
6.45pm Alpha Course<sup>10</sup> at The United Church

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

6.00pm Wedding rehearsal at St. Mary's  
7.30pm Wotton PCC Meeting at St. Mary's

### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

12.00pm Lent Lunch at St. Mary's for The Samaritans  
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 15<sup>th</sup> March**

1.00pm Marriage service of Marianne & Fin at St. Mary's

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

9.30am Non Communion service at St. Martin's  
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
3.30pm Celebrate! Service at St. Mary's

### Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Gospel: Luke 13: 31-end

### **Clergy:**

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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.

**Rushmire Hill** – Reminder that it is a FULL road closure. This means that at all times (including weekends) there is no access for cars, bikes, lorries or pedestrians. There is CCTV in place and if barriers are moved or cars go through, vehicle reg numbers will be taken. I've had a letter into the office which has gone to a number of community locations.

# Tyndale



## Benefice

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

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Services

9.30am Family Service at St. Mary's

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's

6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

### Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
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

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living  
bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
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**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** *Deuteronomy 26: 1-11*

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** *Romans 10: 8b-13*

But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

### **Gospel:** *Luke 4: 1-13*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you",

and

"On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

## **For your prayers:**

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

Gill Shepherd whose funeral was on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
John Grimes whose funeral was on Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> February.  
Bettie Sloane whose funeral is on 10<sup>th</sup> March at 11am at Westerleigh Crematorium.

**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 \*\*\*\*\***

**World Day of Prayer in Wotton – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March** at 10am at Wotton Baptist Church. 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.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm** – Wotton Concert Series performing a tribute to Handel. Tickets from [Booking Information - Wotton Concert Series](#)

### **Holocaust Memorial Day – Remembering Srebrenica.**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March** at 7pm (refreshments from 6.30pm) at St. Mary's Church, Kingswood. Sheila Osmanovic will share her story. A survivor of the siege of Sarajevo, Shelia will explain the background to the conflict in Bosnia & the events that led to the genocide at Srebrenica, 30 years ago.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm** – Reflection Group at St. Mary's

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm** at Geteway Elim Church, Station Road, Yate BS37 4PH. "Lets Praise Him" – an evening of music, singing, great hymns and songs all to God's glory.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> - 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*

**Could you be a BEFRIENDER?** - Could you help make someone's day? The Keepers are looking for friendly, compassionate volunteers to join their **Befriending Project**, which is now an ongoing part of what they offer from The Keepers. "There are people in our area who are housebound and unable to access activities at The Keepers or elsewhere. As a befriender, you can help someone feel more connected by visiting them once a week for an hour, sharing companionship over a cup of tea." They offer full training. If you are interested in doing this, please contact The Keepers directly on - [thekeeperscommunityhub@gmail.com](mailto:thekeeperscommunityhub@gmail.com)

**Thank you** - To everyone who made batter or pancakes, to those who flipped, tossed, decorated, the pancake crown & wobbly pancake craft makers, to the enthusiastic game hosts, & welcomers and everyone who helped in any way. Lastly to families and friends who came ate a few pancakes and enjoyed themselves -thank you. See you all next year for another flipping good time!  
*Kate T*

