

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 12th May

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes
2.00pm Memorial Service for Brenda Francis at St. Mary's

Tuesday 13th May

2.30pm Reflection Group meeting at St. Mary's

Wednesday 14th May

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service
7.00pm Wotton under Edge PCC meeting at St. Mary's

Thursday 15th May

Windows being cleaned at St. Mary's

Friday 16th May

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

Saturday 17th May

North Nibley Spring Fair with St. Martin's & NN primary school

Sunday 18th May – 5th Sunday of Easter

Christian Aid Week ends

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
9.30am Non Communion Service at St. Martin's
11.00am North Nibley APCM
11.15am Holy Communion Service at St. Kenelm's
4.00pm Celebrate! Service at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Acts 11: 1-18

2nd Reading: Revelation 21: 1-6

Gospel: John 13: 31-35

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St Mary's Wotton

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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 11th May 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Services

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

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings

1st Reading: Acts 9: 36-end

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

2nd Reading: Revelation 7: 9-end

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Gospel: John 10: 22-30

²² At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, ^[s] tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, ^[d] and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Brenda Francis whose memorial service is on Monday 12th May at 2pm at St. Mary's Church

Susie Pink whose funeral is on Monday 19th May at 11am at St. Mary's

Terry Brunson whose funeral is on Thursday 22nd May at 1pm

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 May, we keep in our prayers, Wotton Baptist Church

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

Wotton Eco Church team 'Gardening work time' – Saturday 10th May from 10am – 12pm. This 2nd gardening session is to remove weeds and grass from the cracks and crevices protruding from the stone flags that surround the base of the outer church stonework. You would need to bring with you a strong knife or something which would allow you to prise out the weeds etc from the cracks.

If you are able to give some time to assist we would appreciate the help. There is a sign up sheet at the back of St. Mary's or let Alan Bell know. Thank you.

Sunday 11th May at 3pm at St. Martins – Sackbut Frenzy presents Beautiful Eyes – Tickets are £12

Christian Aid Week starts on Sunday 11th May –

At Wotton Baptist Church you will find:

Pop-up Shop open 9am -2pm – Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th (plus 6pm – 8pm), Wednesday 14th.

Plants, books, cakes, clothes, craft and much more. Soup lunch is available on all days.

Christian Aid Service at Wotton Baptist Church on Sunday 11th May at 6pm.

If you can help or would like to donate anything, please contact Mary Downs on 842936.

Thanksgiving Service for Brenda Francis - Following a family only cremation there will be a Thanksgiving Service to celebrate Brenda's life on Monday 12th May at 2pm at St. Mary's, Wotton. All welcome to refreshments served in the church afterwards. No need to wear black, Brenda liked colour. That evening the Tyndale Monument will be lit in memory of Brenda and Jim as it would have been his 94th birthday.

St. Mary's Cleaning - Are you free once every two weeks, for an hour, to clean part of the church?

We meet on a Friday just after nine. You would be cleaning one area out of - the organ loft, around the font & the two centre aisles. Tel: Kate Tutty 844371

CTiW Joint Service at The United Church – 6.30pm on Sunday 1st June – pop it in your diaries