

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 29th September

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes
6.00pm North Nibley PCC Meeting

Tuesday 30th September

Wednesday 1st October

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service
2.30pm Mothers Union Meeting – Talk by Fiona Wharin on Land girls

Thursday 2nd October

2.00pm Memorial Service for Paula Campbell at St. Martin's

Friday 3rd October

St. Mary's open all day for viewing of paintings
5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's
6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 4th October

10-4pm Viewing of Paintings at St. Mary's
6.00pm St. Mary's Fundraiser

Sunday 5th October – 16th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's
10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
11.15am Holy Communion Service at Tresham Church

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Lamentations 1: 1-6 or Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

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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.

HELP! St. Mary's Church needs an assistant

Churchwarden (or 2). - Usual tasks: to support our current Churchwarden & to learn the ropes (This does not mean you will have to become Churchwarden – but you can if you would like to!) Jobs are varied & can be appropriate to your skill set. If you would like to talk to a previous churchwarden, please let us know. If you are able to offer some help, please contact Kate Tutty, Churchwarden on stmaryschurchwarden@gmail.com

1 sides person is required at St. Mary's for the 3rd Sundays of the month. Services start at 9.30am so it would be good for you to be there by 9am. If anyone is interested or would like to find out more, contact Irene on 844135

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 28th September 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Services

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's

9.30am Non communion Service at St. Mary's

6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts!

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Wotton Readings:

1st Reading: Hosea 6: 1-6

"Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth."

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, & my judgment goes forth as the light.

For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Gospel Reading: Luke 16: 19-end

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In

Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames."

But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, & you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, & no one can cross from there to us."

He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment."

Abraham replied, "They have Moses & the prophets; they should listen to them."

He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent."

He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses & the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Paula Campbell whose memorial service is on Thursday 2nd October at 2pm at St. Martin's Church

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 September, we keep The Quakers in our prayer

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

Congratulations to Francis & Susan Rea on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Even more special as they were married at St. Mary's in Wotton.

It is also 100 years of worship at St. Mary's for the Rea family (over a few generations!) – what a milestone!

The Twickenham String Trio – Saturday 27th Sept at 3pm at St. Mary's – back by popular demand this amazing trio are in Wotton to play Handel, Schubert, Kodaly & Beethoven. Tickets from The Cotswold Book Room or on the door.

Saturday 4th October - St. Mary's Fundraiser Tickets are now available from the office for this event. £25 per ticket. Complimentary welcome drink, an entrée and 7 puddings! Please tell your friends – why not get a table together (tables of 8)? Contact the office for more information.

Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th October – can you spare a little time on either of these days to help with the art exhibition at St. Mary's? Please let the office or Kate T know. Also required are some cakes for the refreshments.

Foundation Safeguarding Course – Last one of the year – being held at St. Mary's on Saturday 11th October 9 – 11am. If you do anything in any of the churches, you need to take this safeguarding course (if you haven't done so already). If you would prefer to do it on line, please let Kate in the office know and she'll point you in the right direction.

Wednesday 1st October - The Mothers' Union will meet in the church at 2.15pm when Fiona Warin will be giving a talk on Land Girls. All welcome. **note from Kate C – I have heard Fiona talk a couple of times and it is really interesting and entertaining – well worth it!*

Do you have any jewellery you no longer need/want?? – Kate T will gladly take it off your hands – even if it is broken. Kate will be running a jewellery stall at the November Read with Me Fair. Either give it to Kate T directly, or drop it in to the office.