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 27th October

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes 11.00am Interment of Ashes at St. Mary's

Tuesday 28th October - Office Closed

Wednesday 29th October

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's 10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service 11.00am Interment of Ashes at St. Mary's

7.30pm Alderley & Tresham PCC Meeting

Thursday 30th October

Friday 31st October - Office Closed

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

Saturday 1st November

Sunday 2nd November – All Saints

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's

10.00am Holy Communion service at St. Mary's 11.00am Holy Communion at Tresham Church

3.00pm Commemoration of the Faithful Departed at St. Mary's (All Souls)

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 11-end

Gospel: Luke 6: 20-31

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www.northnibleychurch.uk

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.

Tyndale



Benefice

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

> Sunday 26th October 2025 Last Sunday after Trinity

Services

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's 9.30am Non Communion service at St. Mary's with Open Doors Speaker 6.00pm Choral Evensong with Dean of Glos Cathedral, at St. Mary's

Collect

Blessed Lord.

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them,

to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them

that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,

we may embrace and for ever hold fast

the hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

or

Merciful God,

teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word

and obeying your will

we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-end

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you.

O hope of Israel, its saviour in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you.

Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.'

But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Wotton Reading - Matthew 5: 10-12

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Oliver & Despina who got married on Wednesday 8^{th} October at St. Mary's

Edith & Ada who got baptised at Tresham Church on Sunday 12th October

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 October, St. Mary's is prayed for by the community.

***** NOTICES *****

Benefice All Souls Service – Sunday 2nd November at 3pm at St. Mary's Church. If you would like a name read out at the service, either put it on the lists that are at the back of the churches, or let Kate know – office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk / 01453 842175 Can you help with cake? Could you provide a cake or something for the tea after the service?

Can you help on the day? – volunteers required to help service tea and cake after the service.

Please let Kate in the office or Lesley know

Children's Society House Box Holders - My apologies that there hasn't been a House Box Opening Coffee Morning during 2025. I will be sending some house box money to the Children's Society before the end of the year. If you would like your box to be emptied during the next few weeks, please let me know and I will arrange to collect it. Alternatively, you can leave your box with Kate in the Parish Office. All being well there will be a coffee morning early in 2026. With thanks for your continued support.

Dot Moss Tel: 844886

Clive Harmer is running the Stroud Half Marathon on Sunday 26th October – in aid of Stroud District Foodbank www.justgiving.com/page/clive-hamer-1

Wednesday 5th November - The Mothers' Union will meet in church at 2.15 when Mrs. Joan Bartholomew will give a talk about her wartime experiences. Everyone is welcome to join us

Benefice Office – will be closed on Tuesday and Friday of next week as it's half term! I will be in on Monday and Thursday only.

Saturday 1st November 19.30pm at St. Mary's Church, Tetbury. St Cecilia Singers/Jonathan Hope - the chamber choir of Gloucester Cathedral – a celebration of Rutter at 80 and Chilcott at 70. More details: www.saintceciliasingers.org

Also at St. Mary's, Tetbury, Saturday 15th November from 10.30am until 1pm – a **come and sing workshop** with the acclaimed singers St. Martin's Voices directed by Andrew Earis. Open to all keen singers.