Services and Meetings this week

St. Martin's, St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays $10-6 \mathrm{pm}$ St. Mary's opens daily $9 \mathrm{am}-6 \mathrm{pm}$.

Monday 17th November

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 18th November

Wednesday 19th November

9.00am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's 9.45am Coffee and chat after the communion service Bishop Rachel visiting St. Mary's

Thursday 20th November

6.30pm Wotton Cubs visit to St. Mary's

Friday 21st November

1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's

5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 22nd November

5.00pm Jazz Concert at St. Mary's

Sunday 23rd November - Christ the King

9.30am Non Communion service at St. Mary's 9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Martin's

11.15am Baptism of Isla at St. Mary's

11.30am Messiah rehearsal - start in parish office

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6 2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 11-20 Gospel: Luke 23: 33-43

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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 16th November 2025 2nd Sunday before Advent

Services

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's11.00am Baptism of Lucca at St. Martin's11.15am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's

Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: Malachi 4: 1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel: *Luke 21: 5-19*

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?"

And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."

Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Lucca, who is being baptised at St. Martin's on Sunday

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.

If you miss the names of the people being prayed for on a Sunday, please contact the office for a copy.

In November, please pray for Wotton Baptist Church..

***** NOTICES *****

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.

Wednesday 19th November – St. Mary's Morning communion service will be at 9am due to the Bishop's visit. Coffee will be served afterwards.

An evening with the Bishop, Titled: Public Faith, as part of the Bishop's visit on 19 November. St. Marys Church, Thornbury. 7pm A chance to ask the bishop about all kinds of things, such as prisons, same-sex marriage, Palestine-Israel, assisted dying, political divisions...

An evening of Jazz with David & Nicole – Saturday 22nd November at 5pm. Star Dusk. Tickets from Cotswold Book Room or on the door.

Sunday 30th November – Benefice Communion Service at St. Martin's in North Nibley – 11am – All Welcome.

St. Mary's Advent Carol Service at 6pm on Sunday 30th November.

Saturday 6th December – during Christmas under The Edge (CUTE), The Living Crib will be performed. If you would like a part in it – please let the office know and your name will be forwarded to Karen Dover at Wotton Baptist Church.

Saturday 6th December – St. Mary's Church will host The Messiah. Starting at 7pm. The Amadeus Orchestra is joining up with St. Mary's choirs to provide a wonderful concert. Tickets are available from 3 Choirs - <u>Three Choirs Festival | Three </u>

Help delivering Wotton Christmas Cards – could you help deliver the town Christmas card, which is provided by Churches Together in Wotton? Please let Kate know in the office, if you can and which area you could do e.g. Bearlands, Parklands, Synwell etc