

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> November**

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

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

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

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

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

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Advent Sunday**

11.00am Benefice Communion Service at St. Martin's  
6.00pm Advent Carol Service at St. Mary's

#### *Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)*

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaish 2: 1-5*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 13: 11-end*

*Gospel: Matthew 24: 36-44*

#### **Clergy:**

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#### **Director of Music:**

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[www.northnibleychurch.uk](http://www.northnibleychurch.uk)

**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/recordered-services/> All the services are on here, so you listen at your leisure. It's for everyone, so do spread the word.

**From the Eco Church Team** - Please do have a look at the Eco Church display board at the back of the church. The display shows a poster which provides details of the five categories involved in the Eco Church award scheme. It also gives information on the type of projects/activities involved in reaching the silver and gold awards. We are progressing towards our silver award. This poster is our Autumn display. Similar posters will be displayed for Winter, Spring and Summer. The poster also has a number of ideas and suggestions for us to consider in helping us to be more environmentally friendly

**Available now from the Ark Coffee Shop** - Advent calendars (including Real Meaningful Advent ones with Christmas Story) & candles.

Packets of Christmas cards (Leprosy Mission, Transform Trade, Tearfund, Compassion).

Also, some individual Christmas cards, including Hannah Dunnett & Elizabeth Woodland.

**Contact Val Smith – 07729885457** re current stock.

## **Tyndale**



## **Benefice**

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Christ the King

## **Services**

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

11.00am Messiah rehearsal – start in parish office

## **Collect**

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

or

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may  
by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in  
heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

**All: Alleluia.**

## Principal Readings - Lectionary

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy & scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, & have driven them away, & you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, & I will bring them back to their fold, & they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, & they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, & he shall reign as king & deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 1: 11-20**

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, & may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness & transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven & on earth were created, things visible & invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him & for him. He himself is before all things, & in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, & through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

### **Gospel: Luke 23: 33-43**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews.

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

### **For Wotton Revelation 11: 15-18**

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever."

Then the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, singing, "We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty, who are and who were, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.

The nations raged, but your wrath has come, and the time for judging the dead, for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints and all who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying those who destroy the earth."

### **John 18: 33-37**

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

### **For your prayers:**

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

Lucca, who was baptised at St. Martin's last Sunday.

Isla who is being baptised at St. Mary's on Sunday

Ray Smith whose funeral was on 18<sup>th</sup> November at St. Martin's  
Russell Always whose funeral is at Westerleigh on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm

Pete Roberts (Pete the Print) who died on 18<sup>th</sup> November – service details to follow

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

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

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

**St. Mary's Advent Carol Service** at 6pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 - [Three Choirs Festival | Three Choirs Festival](#)

**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, Synwell etc

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** - The Mothers' Union will meet in church at 2.15 when Dave Cheesley will give an illustrated talk entitled Christmas Toy Memories. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a wrapped raffle prize. Thank you.