

Services and Meetings this week

St. Martin's, St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays 10 – 6pm
St. Mary's opens daily 9am – 4pm.

Monday 12th January

10.00am *Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes*

Tuesday 13th January

2.30pm Reflection Group at St. Mary's

Wednesday 14th January

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee and Chat after morning service
7.30pm WuE PCC meeting at St. Mary's

Thursday 15th January

Tyndale



Benefice

Friday 16th January

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

Saturday 17th January

Sunday 18th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
11.15am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: *Isaiah 49: 1-7*

2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 1: 1-9*

Gospel: *John 1: 29-42*

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

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 11th January 2026

Baptism of Christ

Services

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's
10.00am Family Service at St. Mary's
6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

This child is the light to enlighten the nations and the glory of your people travel.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.

⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

2nd Reading: Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-end

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

John Hardy whose funeral service will be on Tuesday 27th January at 1.30pm at St. Mary's

Edna Parker whose funeral service will be on Thursday 12th February at St. Mary's

Bruce Holman whose memorial service will be on Monday 23rd February at 12pm at St. Mary's

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 January, please pray for Wotton United Church and its congregation

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

St. Mary's Reflection Group – Tuesday 13th January at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

Know any children between 6 and 12? Do they like to sing? – Please tell them about "Singing Day" (at St. Mary's). Experience singing with a choir in the traditional service of Choral Evensong. Sunday 25th January from 3pm – 7pm (which includes the Choral Evensong at 6pm)

For more information contact choristersatstmarys@gmail.com

St. Mary's Church Fete – Saturday 11th July 2026 - A massive thank you to Douglas Hinton for his tireless organisation over the last few years. He is stepping down from fete organisation, so we are looking for someone to head up a team of fete organisers – plus the team. Could you be part of it? You would be an organiser, not necessarily having to DO all of it. Please talk to Lesley if you're interested or would like to find out more.

St. Mary's Eco Church – Meeting in Lesley's office on Monday 12th January at 5pm. All welcome.

Thank you so much to everyone who responded to the Christmas 2025 appeal for the Julian Trust Night Shelter. The very generous response raised £734 to help the work of the Julian Trust with some of those who find themselves homeless in Bristol. Many thanks *Dot Moss*

Thank you to all who donated money for the Christmas Flowers – it was very generous and much appreciated. *Irene Perks*

Benefice Office – will be closed on Thursday 15th January.

St. Mary's Driveway repairs will be taking place on Thursday 15th January. Please avoid parking on the drive as you could get blocked in!