

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 19th January

10.00am *Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes*

Tuesday 20th January

10.00am Pastoral care meeting in Lesley's Office

Wednesday 21st January

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee and Chat after morning service
5.15pm Junior Choir Practice

Thursday 22nd January

Friday 23rd January

6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 24th January

Sunday 25th January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's
3.00pm Singing Day at St. Mary's
6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: *Isaiah 9: 1-4*

2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 1: 10-18*

Gospel: *Matthew 4: 12-23*

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

St. Mary's Eco Church – Caring for God's Creation – Have you looked at the Eco board by the font, recently? The Winter poster is now on view which provides details of a further 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. The poster also has a number of ideas and suggestions for us to consider in helping to be more environmentally friendly. ’

Why not try 'Big Garden Bird Watch' this year. This is the world's largest garden bird watch. Hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

Choose an hour between 23rd & 25th January. All the information can be found on rspb.org.uk

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 18th January 2026
Second Sunday of Epiphany

Services

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

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Speak Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of
eternal life.
All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: Isaiah 49: 1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Psalm 40: 1-12

For the Director of music. Of David. A psalm.

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted. Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

For evils have encompassed me without number; my iniquities have overtaken me, until I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel: John 1: 29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).

He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

Keith Browning whose funeral service will be on Friday 30th Jan at 11.30am 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

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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 – 6pm (optional to stay for 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 Christingles - £1,570 raised in 2025 – a fabulous amount of money that will do some real good at The Children's Society. Thank you to everyone who donated.