

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 23rd February

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

12.00pm Thanksgiving Service for Bruce Holman at St. Mary's

Tuesday 24th February

Wednesday 25th February

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

10.15am Coffee and Chat after morning service

5.15pm Junior Choir Practice

7.00pm Lent Talk – Catherine Braun – Blue Coat School Hall

8.00pm Alderley & Tresham PCC Meeting

Thursday 26th February

Friday 27th February

12.00pm Lent Lunch at St. Mary's in aid of St. Mungo's Homeless Shelter

1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's

6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 28th February

10.00am Marriage Preparation Day at Chipping Sodbury

Sunday 1st March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

11.15am Holy Communion at Tresham Church

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4a

2nd Reading: Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3: 1-17

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St Mary's Wotton

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

As you are aware, Lesley dislocated her shoulder whilst on retreat in Scotland. Although she is back amongst us, she will be working limited hours until further notice.

If you need an urgent response to anything, please let me know in the office and I can prioritise things.

Lesley would love some visitors – but please contact her before turning up!!

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 22nd February 2026
First Sunday of Lent

Services

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's

9.30am Family Service at St. Mary's

6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: *Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7*

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?"

²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' "

⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

2nd Reading: *Romans 5: 12-19*

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Gospel: *Matthew 4: 1-11*

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² He fasted forty days & forty nights, & afterwards he was famished. ³ The tempter came & said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

⁴ But he answered, "It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,

⁶ saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you,' and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain & showed him all the kingdoms of the world & their splendour; ⁹ & he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down & worship me."

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, & serve only him.' "

¹¹ Then the devil left him, & suddenly angels came & waited on him.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Jean Rosemary Dawson who died recently.

Joyce Woodward Hughes who died on Saturday 14th February
Bruce Holman whose memorial service will be on Monday 23rd

February at 12pm at St. Mary's

Christine Cannon whose funeral is on Thursday 5th March at 11.30am at St. Mary's

Susan Salmon whose funeral is on Wednesday 11th March at midday at St. Mary's

Peggy Cross who died recently (From Hillesley & Wotton)

Edna Parker whose funeral service was on Thursday 12th February

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 February, please pray for Synwell Chapel and its congregation

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

Wotton Lent Talk, Wed 25th Feb at 7pm at Blue Coat School hall – Green Councillor Catherine Braun talking on climate, nature and the bigger picture. A non political conversation facilitated by Churches Together in Wotton.

Lent Lunches at St. Mary's (unless otherwise stated) from 12- 2pm

20th Feb – Dagoretti Corner Street Programme

27th Feb – St. Mungo's Homeless Charity

6th Mar – Following World Day of Prayer service

13th Mar – MAF

20th Mar at Wotton Baptist Church – Christian Aid

27th Mar – Read with me

Wednesday 4th March - The Mothers' Union will meet in church at 2.15 when there will be a presentation about the Cotswold Vale Talking Newspaper. All welcome.

North Nibley's World Day of Prayer Service will be held at Nibley Chapel, Barrs Lane at 3.45pm on Friday 6th March. The service this year has been compiled by people from Nigeria. If anyone has any fabric or artefacts from the country for display, please bring along with you. All welcome!

St. Mary's World Day of Prayer – Friday 6th March at 11am at St. Mary's – this will be followed by a Soup Lunch – all proceeds to World Day of Prayer.

Concert at St. Mary's on Saturday 7th March starting at 3pm. Tea and cake available. **Moonrakers** (Celtic harp, cello, stringed instruments, whistles, female/male vocals), pride themselves on having brought traditional and contemporary folk music to new audiences in village halls, churches, arts centres and festivals across the UK. To see and hear more, go to www.moonrakers.net

Wotton Concert Series – featuring our own Jed Hughes – at St. Mary's Saturday 28th March, at 7.30pm. Tickets from www.wottonconcertseries.co.uk

St. Mary's Experience Easter Event – afternoon of 18th – 20th March. Volunteers are needed to help this event run. We are looking to get around 500 local primary school children to "Experience Easter" and are in need of the following: Story tellers; potential small acting parts; welcomers; guides; refreshments. All the churches in Wotton are being asked for assistance as this is a CTiW event. Please let Kate C or Lesley know when you might be available (days or part days!) and which role you might like. Sign up sheets at the back of St. Mary's

Children's Society Coffee morning at St. Mary's – Saturday 11th April – 10am – 12pm – pop it in your diaries!