

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 9th February

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 10th February

10.00am Pastoral Care meeting in the office
2.30pm Reflective Group at St. Mary's

Wednesday 11th 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 Deanery Synod Meeting

Thursday 12th February

11.00am Funeral Service for Edna Parker at St. Mary's

Friday 13th February

1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's
6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 14th February

Sunday 15th February – Sunday before Lent

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

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Exodus 24: 12-end

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-end

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

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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.

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 8th February 2026
Second Sunday before Lent

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

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

or

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through 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: *Genesis 1: 1-13*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

2nd Reading: *Romans 8: 18-25*

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel: *Matthew 4: 1-11*

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

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

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 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.'"

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

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

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

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

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Christine Cannon who died on 31st January.

John Hardy whose funeral service was on Tuesday 27th January at St. Mary's

Keith Browning whose funeral service was on Friday 30th Jan at St. Mary's

Edna Parker whose funeral service will be on Thursday 12th February at 11am at St. Mary's – see below

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 February, please pray for Synwell Chapel and its congregation

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

Funeral of Edna Parker – Edna's family thought it would be lovely if people would like to bring flowers for the service. Posies, pots, bright and beautiful colours. They can all be brought to St. Mary's before the 12th Feb and left around the font. Please collect after the funeral service. If you have any colourful scarves, please also bring them into church, as we will tie them to the end of the pews for the service.

Lent Books – coming to St. Mary's on 1st Feb – sign up sheets at the back of the church – plus descriptions.

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. With songs and tunes from the English, Irish, Welsh and Scottish tradition as well as their own compositions, they've been described as "startlingly talented" (Oxford Times), with five albums of "exquisite music" (BBC) and "truly wonderful" (Wycombe Festival) performances. 2026 sees the launch of their latest album 'I Am The Mountain' which has received glowing reviews in the music press ("The real deal", The Living Tradition; "Uplifting, sensitively crafted songs and tunes" FATEA magazine). Their music also featured in the BBC television drama 'Beyond Paradise'. To see and hear more, go to www.moonrakers.net

St. Mary's Funeral Vergers - From time to time we could do with extra help preparing the church for a funeral, welcoming family and friends to the service and clearing away afterwards. If you think you could help, please contact Kate Cropper in the office.

St. Mary's Pancake Party, February 17th, 4 -5.30pm -

Help needed with tossing pancakes, organising pancake races, pancake games and crafts. Please contact Kate Tutty 01453844371

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.

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