

## Services and Meetings this week

St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays 10 – 6pm  
St. Mary's opens daily 9am – 6pm. St. Martin's opens daily: 8.30am-6pm

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes  
2.30pm Wedding rehearsal at St. Mary's  
5.00pm Eco Church & Fete Meeting at St. Mary's

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

4.30pm Wedding rehearsal at St. Martin's

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's  
10.15am Coffee and Chat at St. Mary's  
11.30am Organ Practice at St. Mary's  
7.00pm Oriana Rehearsal at St. Mary's

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

12.00pm Marriage Service of Chelsea & Jarod at St. Mary's

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

11.30am Interment of Ashes at St. Mary's  
2.00pm Oriana Rehearsal at St. Mary's  
7.30pm Oriana Spring Concert at St. Mary's

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter**

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's  
North Nibley APCM after morning Service  
9.30am Non Communion Service at St. Mary's  
1.00pm Marriage Service of Ricky & Kelly at St. Martin's  
6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

### Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2: 42-end

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 2: 19-end

Gospel: John 10: 1-10

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St Mary's Wotton

### **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. Following her surgery, she is now signed off 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!

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm** – all welcome to attend the chorister service at St. Mary's – showcasing our wonderful choristers.

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Third Sunday of Easter

### Services

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's  
11.15am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's  
3.00pm Chorister Service at St. Mary's

### Collect

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### Post Communion Prayer

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**All: Alleluia.**

## **Principal Readings - Lectionary**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41**

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 1: 17-23**

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

### **Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35**

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked & discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up & walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast.

One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

### **For your prayers:**

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

Anthony Dunseath who died on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Bob Pearce whose funeral was on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at St. Mary's

Anne Rees-Simkins whose funeral was on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March at

Westerleigh Crematorium

**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 April, St. Mary's is prayed for by the local community.*

### **\*\*\*\*\* NOTICES \*\*\*\*\***

#### **Quirkish Delights! – Concert at St. Mary's Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm**

– Tickets available from Cotswold Book Room or on the door

Timeless, full-length show of quintessential cabaret - one man, a bow tie, a piano and some of the finest comedy songs in the English language from Noël Coward to Cole Porter, Flanders and Swann to Tom Lehrer..

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Just one of the testimonials from literally hundreds of venues that have hosted performances of Michael Lunts' shows over the past decade; theatres and arts centres, stately homes and music societies, cruise liners and even embassy residences.

**Oriana Spring Concert at St. Mary's** – don't forget that the Oriana singers will be at St. Mary's on 25<sup>th</sup> April for their Spring concert. Starts at 7.30pm. Tickets from 3choirs.org or on the door

#### **St. Mary's Children's Society Box Opening Coffee Morning on**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April** - A very big "Thank You" to everyone who supported the recent Coffee Morning for the Children's Society. I am extremely grateful to Kate T, Mary B and Sheila for spending the morning emptying the boxes and counting, bagging and recording the contents, they did a splendid job. To date over £600 has come in from the boxes. Thank you also to Sharon for serving the refreshments. The donations for coffee plus the sale table raised £140 Thankyou everyone for your continued support & generosity.  
*Dot Moss*

#### **A prayer for Iran by the Rt Revd Guli Francis-Dehqani - who herself was a refugee from Iran when she fled to the UK with her family in 1979.**

Ever - loving God,

who hears us in our anguish and distress,  
and longs for us to be free.

We pray for the people of Iran and the wider Middle East,  
at this time of fear and uncertainty.

Be near to those who are anxious;  
bring comfort to all who are suffering.

Guide those with the power to make decisions,  
and lead them in the ways of wisdom, compassion and moderation:  
that people of goodwill would seek harmony and reconciliation.  
Join us with our Christian brothers and sisters in all places,  
in praying for peace with justice,  
through him who is the prince of peace,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.