

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 13th July

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

10.30am Lesley's Social at her house in Nibley

Tuesday 14th July

9.30am British School Leavers Service at Wotton Baptist Church

2.30pm Reflection Group at St. Mary's

Wednesday 15th July

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

10.15am Coffee and Chat at St. Mary's

3.00pm Funeral Service for Pauline Collins at Westerleigh

5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Thursday 16th July

Friday 17th July

9.15am North Nibley Leavers Service at St. Martin's

10.30am Blue Coat School leavers service at St. Mary's

1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's

6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 18th July

Sunday 19th July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's

11.00am Baptism of Dolly-Mae at St. Martin's

11.15am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44: 6-8

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 12-25

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

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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.

Lesley's Socials

Lesley is starting a soft return to work. She now has the work mobile!

In July she will be having a number of social events that you are all invited to:

Monday 13th July at 10.30am – Lesley's house in North Nibley

Thursday 30th July at 7pm – Lesley's office in Wotton for wine & nibbles

Please let Lesley or the office know if you are going, so we can ensure there is enough cake!

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 12th July 2026

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Services

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's

10.00am Family Service at St. Mary's

11.30am Baptism of Roman at St. Mary's

6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect

Merciful God,

you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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

Creator God,

you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,

you have led us to the living water:

refresh and sustain us

as we go forward on our journey,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to
save your soul

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 1-11

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.

Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed.

As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.

But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Whoever has ears, let them hear."

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means:

When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.

But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Barbara Hall whose funeral was on Saturday 4th July at St. Martin's

Andy and Moo who got married on Saturday 4th July at St. Kenelm's

Bobbi who was baptised at St. Mary's on 5th July

Roman who was baptised at St. Mary's on 12th July

Dolly-Mae who is being baptised at St. Martin's on 19th July

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 July, please pray for the priests and congregation at the United Church

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St. Mary's Church Fete – Saturday 11th July from 10.30am until 2.30pm. Volunteers are still required for some stalls – if you can spare an hour or 2, that would be amazing. Kate C is taking all donations in the office. If you have any freezer space, that is greatly appreciated too. Loans of cool boxes to keep the Pimms cool are also required. Let Kate C or T know.

Desperately needed – bottles for the bottle stall – at the moment we only have 2 bottles donated – please see if you have anything alcoholic or not (but in date)!

Sunday 26th July at 11am – St. Mary's Church – Benefice and community service for Lesley. Come along to our farewell service for Lesley. There will be a buffet lunch following the service at around 12pm – do come along to both or either – Sarah Beale is catering, so we ask for a suggested donation of £10 for over 15 and overs and £5 for 4 – 14 year olds. Contact Kate in the office for more details. Please book your spot before 15th July.

Choral Evensong Sunday 26th July at 6pm – Lesley will be leading this musical evening. There will be sherry and nibbles following the service.

Wotton Baptist Church Holiday Club – Mon 20th July – Fri 24th July, mainly mornings – Karen Dover is in need of helpers. If you can volunteer for however long, please get in touch with her – karend@wottonbaptist.org.uk

Wotton School Bibles – it's that time of year when the Year 6 children of Wotton leave primary school. Churches Together in Wotton give each of them a Bible at their leaving services. If you would like to donate to this wonderful gift, please fill in the envelope at the back of the church or talk to Mary B about donating straight into the bank account.

Ageing Gracefully – a joint course between the Tyndale Benefice and The Keepers, to be held at The United Church. A 6 week course for Christians who wish to explore some of the theological issues raised by an aging society. Starts on 5th October. More details to come out in September.

Message from Robin Evans - Robin and family would like to thank you all for your kind cards and good wishes during my recent stay in hospital and above all for your prayers, which sustained and uplifted us during this difficult time. I hope to see you all again soon.