

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 20th July

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

11.45am Visiting Bell Ringers at St. Mary's

Tuesday 21st July

Wednesday 22nd July

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

10.15am Coffee and Chat at St. Mary's

11.30pm Chapter meeting at St. Mary's

5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Thursday 23rd July

Friday 24th July

6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 25th July

1.00pm Wedding Blessing at Perry & Dawes – Kirstie & Andrew

1.00pm Free concert with Jed Hughes and family at St. Mary's

Sunday 26th July – 8th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's

11.00am Farewell Benefice Service for Rev Lesley at St. Mary's

12.00pm Farewell Lunch at St. Mary's

6.00pm Choral Evensong – a “festival of music for Lesley” at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5-12

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 26-end

Gospel: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

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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.

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:

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 19th July 2026
Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Services

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

Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures forever. The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: *Isaiah 44: 6-8*

⁶ “This is what the LORD says— Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.

⁷Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come— yes, let them foretell what will come.

⁸Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

2nd Reading: *Romans 8: 12-25*

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—

¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"

¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

²¹that 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.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;

²³and 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.

²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope.

²⁵For who hopes for what is seen?

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

²⁴ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;

²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?"

²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?"

²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.

³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;

³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,

³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,

⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

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

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

Saturday 25th July at 1pm - 30 minutes of free music with Jed Hughes and his brother and friend. Come into the cool of the church and listen to some amazing music.

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 end of Friday 17th July

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

Concerts at St. Mary's – Saturday 8th August 7pm – The Twickenham Trio playing a Beethoven Sandwich! Wine Bar. Tickets available from the Cotswold Book Room or on the door.

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.

St. Mary's Church Fete - Thank you to everyone who supported, baked, volunteered, entertained us by singing and playing the piano, grew plants, and collected toiletries, toys, books, teddies, and clothes. To those who attended, painted children's faces, organised the parachuting teddies and sold raffle tickets, thank you

The total amount raised will be made known soon. Half the money will go to the church fabric fund, and a quarter each to the Bournstream Trust and Médecins Sans Frontières.

Despite the hot weather, it was wonderful to see the community coming together for a lovely day of fellowship.

The final total will be out shortly.

Benefice Office & Summer Holidays – The Benefice office will be open normal hours w/c 20th July – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 10am until 12pm.

The office is closed w/c 27th July & 3rd August.

I will update office hours for w/c 10th August in the next pew sheet.

If you have anything you need from me before my holiday, please can I have it by end of play on Tuesday.