

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 6th July

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 7th July

Wednesday 8th July

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

10.15am Coffee and Chat at St. Mary's

11.30am St. Mary's Bells being serviced

5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

7.00pm Wotton PCC meeting at St. Mary's

Thursday 9th July

10.30am Coffee morning at Lesley's house

Friday 10th July

St. Mary's Church Fete set up all day

6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 11th July

10.30am St. Mary's Church Fete

Sunday 12th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's

10.00am Family Service at St. Mary's

11.30am Baptism of Dolly-Mae at St. Mary's

6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 10-13

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 1-11

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

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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:

Friday 3rd July at 4pm – Lesley's office in Wotton

Thursday 9th July at 10.30am – Lesley's house in North Nibley

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 5th July 2026

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Services

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

11.15am Holy Communion at Tresham Church

11.30am Baptism of Bobbi at St. Mary's

3.00pm Junior Choir Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,
that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from
the mouth of God.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: *Zechariah 9: 9-12*

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

2nd Reading: *Romans 7: 15-25a*

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel: *Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end*

"To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

" 'We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Clive Wythard whose memorial service was on Friday 19th June at St. Martin's

Barbara Hall whose funeral is on Saturday 4th July at 12pm at St. Martin's

Andy and Moo who are getting married on Saturday 4th July at 2pm at St. Kenelm's

Sheldon and Lisa who got married on 27th Jun at St. Mary's

Bobbi who is being baptised at St. Mary's after the service on Sunday

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 *******

Sunday 5th July 3pm – St. Mary's Junior Choir will be having an evensong – all are welcome to come along and see what amazing choristers there are in St. Mary's.

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.

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.

St. Mary's Eco Church have a new poster on the board by the font. Do have a look at it. There are lots of suggestions and plans for the summer months.

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.