

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 24th August – Office Closed

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 25th August – Office Open

Wednesday 26th August – Office Closed

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee and Chat at St. Mary's
5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Thursday 27th August – Office Open

Friday 28th August – Office Closed

6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 29th August

Sunday 30th August – 13th Sunday after Trinity

11.00am Benefice Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Jeremiah 15: 15-21 and Exodus 3: 1-15

2nd Reading: Romans 12: 9-end

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-end

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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.

Benefice Office & Summer Holidays – The Benefice office is open ONLY on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Drop me an email if you need me outside of those hours.

To everyone – this is IMPORTANT, this is where YOU get a say.

Now that we are in vacancy, we need to think about what qualities we want in our next incumbent. What are your hopes and aspirations for your church? How do you want your church community to develop over the next few years? Please email or speak to your churchwarden. Or send them through to me in the Office and I will pass them on.

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 23rd August 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Services

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's
9.30am Non Communion Service at St. Mary's
6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: Isaiah 51: 1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

2nd Reading: Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Sheila Sainsbury whose memorial service was on Thursday 13th August at St. Mary's

Graham Cook whose memorial service is on Thursday 9th September 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 August, please pray for the priests and congregation at the Synwell Chapel

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

Wednesday 2nd September, The Mothers' Union - will meet in church at 2.15 but there has been a change to the published programme. The speaker will now be Arabella Stewart who will talk about Project Pencil Case and Period Poverty in Ethiopia. Everyone welcome but please bring some money as there will be Ethiopian crafts for sale and the speaker would welcome donations for the charity. Thank you.

Free Tyndale Exhibition – at Nibley Chapel. It is a very interesting account of William Tyndale's story for the 500th anniversary of his translation of the New Testament. Open on Weds mornings, Saturdays (10 – 1pm & 2 – 4pm) and Sundays (10am – 4pm) for the rest of August and the first week of September. It was put together by a Des & Beverley Gardiner from near Exeter. There is a bench in the chapel garden, where you can see the monument.

St. Mary's Eco Church information – There is an opening for a new Eco Church member, as Anne Parry is stepping down - Anne was an original team member and has been involved since the beginning of our involvement with the Eco Church programme in 2017. The team would like to thank Anne for her total commitment to the scheme and the immense work she has contributed over the last nine years.

Do we have any church member who would be interested in joining us. *Alan Bell Eco Church Leader*

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. Flyers are in all the churches.

Alpha 2026 - In the Autumn we will be holding another Alpha course. The 10-week course starts on Tuesday 22nd September @ 6.45pm, at The United Church Hall, in Bradley Street.

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Over 10 weeks we'll look at questions such as "Who is Jesus?", "Why did Jesus' die?", "How can I have faith?", "How does God guide us?" and "Who is the Holy Spirit?"

Each evening will consist of 3 parts: a meal together, watching a pre-recorded talk and a discussion in small groups, where you can share your thoughts and ask questions.

Alpha is for everyone - those who have questions about Christianity – about what it means to be a follower of Jesus and those who are Christians but want to remind themselves of what they believe, refresh their understanding and renew their experience of God. All are welcome.

If you'd like to come or want to find out more, please contact Clive Hamer on 07523 405417 or add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

St. Mary's Churchyard trail – on during the summer holidays. Calling all Grandparents, Parents or Carers of children up to the age of 10 approximately. Come & pick up a pack in the church porch (one for each child). The pack is designed for children to take a closer look around our outside space & see for themselves the natural treasures created by God. There is always something new to find!

Foodbank

Don't forget the Foodbank this summer. Donations can be placed in the basket under the welcome table in church. Thank you.

Tinned ham or corned beef; tinned meat meals; tinned fruit & custard; tinned rice pudding; milk (UHT); fruit juice (long life); coffee; shampoo & conditioner; laundry detergent.