

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 10th August – Office Closed

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 11th August – Office Open

2.30pm Reflection Group at St. Mary's

Wednesday 12th August – Office Closed

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

10.15am Coffee and Chat at St. Mary's

Thursday 13th August – Office Open

12.00pm Memorial Service for Sheila Sainsbury at St. Mary's

Friday 14th August – Office Closed

1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's

6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 15th August

Sunday 16th August – 11th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's

9.30am Non Communion Service at St. Mary's

11.15am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

2nd Reading: Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

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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.

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.

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 9th August 2026

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Services

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's

10.00am Non Communion Service at St. Mary's

6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. I know them, and they follow me.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9-18

There he went into a cave and spent the night.

⁹ And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

¹¹ The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. ¹⁷ Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. ¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him."

2nd Reading: Romans 10: 5-15

⁵ Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the deep?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹ As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

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

Graham Cook whose memorial service is on Thursday 9th September at St. Mary's

Andrew & Kirstie who had a wedding bless on Saturday 25th July at Perry & Dawes Chapel.

Callum & Lucy who got married on 8th August at St. Martin'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

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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.