

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 21st September

10.00am Morning Communion at Perry & Dawes
11.00am Funeral Service for Tom Redman at St. Mary's

Tuesday 22nd September

7.00pm Churches Together Meeting at St. Mary's

Wednesday 23rd September

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 24th September

10 – 12pm Look for a book in Parish Office

Friday 25th September

1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's
2.30pm North Nibley School Harvest at St. Martin's
6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 26th September

Sunday 27th September – 16th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Harvest Communion Service at St. Martin's
10.00am Non Communion Service at St. Mary's
12.00pm Baptism Service at St. Mary's for James
6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-end

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 1-13

Gospel: Matthew 21: 23-32

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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.

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 20th September 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Services

9.30am Non Communion Service at St. Martin's
10.00am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
11.15am Harvest Festival at St. Kenelm's

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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 creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: *Jonah 3: 10- 4: end*

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die."

Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

2nd Reading: *Philippians 1: 21-end*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel: *Matthew 20: 1-16*

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; & he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, & I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon & about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out & found others standing around; & he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?"

They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard."

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first."

When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have

made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat."

But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Tom Redman whose funeral service is on 21st September at 11am at St. Mary's

Steve Rodman whose funeral service is on 30th September at 1pm at St. Mary's Church

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 September please pray for the Quakers

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

Peter's riding for Parkinson's – Rev Peter F, is taking part in Pedal Wye Valley on 20th September, raising funds for Parkinson's Charity. The combined climb during the ride is over a mile! If you would like to sponsor him, go to:

<https://events.parkinsons.org.uk/fundraisers/petermarsh>

Ageing Gracefully – a joint course between the Tyndale Benefice and Churches Together, 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. Contact Kate in the office if you would like to attend. There is also a sign up sheet in St. Mary's – for those who have already told me you are attending, you do not have to put your name down!

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?"

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.

Save the Date – Two's Company - Saturday 3rd October at 7pm, recital at St. Mary's – from opera to cabaret – a fantastic evening of piano and song. Tickets from The Cotswold Book Room and on the door.

Choral Evensong on 27th September at St. Mary's will be celebrating Harvest – starts at 6pm – come and listen to beautiful music FOR FREE!