

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 28th September

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes
1.30pm Blue Coat School Welcome Service at St. Mary's

Tuesday 29th September

Wednesday 30th September

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee and Chat at St. Mary's
1.00pm Funeral Service for Steve Rodman at St. Mary's
5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Thursday 1st October

Friday 2nd October

North Nibley Welcome Service at St. Martin's
6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 3rd October

7.00pm Concert at St. Mary's – Two's Company

Sunday 4th October – 18th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Non Communion Service at St. Martin's
10.00am Communion Service at St. Mary's with Archdeacon John
11.15am Communion Service at Tresham Church

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Isaiah 5: 1-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 3: 4b-14

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-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.

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 27th September 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Services

9.30am Communion Service at St. Martin's
10.00am Non Communion Service at St. Mary's
6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says The Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

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

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel: Matthew 21: 23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'"

But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet."

So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said,

"The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Douglas Petherick who died on 4th September

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

Tom Redman whose funeral service was on 21st 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 September please pray for the Quakers

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

Wednesday 7th October - The Mothers' Union will meet in the church at 2.15. There has been a change of speaker and Joan Deveney will now talk about her thimble collection. All welcome.

Concert at St. Mary's - 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.

Sunday 4th October at St. Mary's – Archdeacon John will be taking the communion service in Wotton at 10am. He recently was installed into the post at Gloucester Cathedral, and St. Mary's is one of the first churches in the Diocese he has visited.

Peter's riding for Parkinson's – Apologies – it should have read

Rev Peter M, is taking part in Pedal Wye Valley 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>

Peter has completed the ride and he came 8th out of 60 riders – and first in the "senior" category!

Peter has thanked those who have donated and says it was VERY hilly, but not as bad as he thought it would be!

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!