

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 12th October

10.00am *Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes*
2 – 4pm *Ageing Gracefully Course at United Church*

Tuesday 13th October

2.30pm Reflection Group at St. Mary's

Wednesday 14th October

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
7.00pm Finance Meeting at St. Mary's

Thursday 15th October

Friday 16th October

9.30am Blue Coat Harvest Festival Service at St. Mary's
6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's
7.00pm Harvest Supper in North Nibley – see notices for more details

Saturday 17th October

Sunday 18th October – 20th Sunday after Trinity

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

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 1-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 1-9

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

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www.northnibleychurch.uk

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.

Message from Kate T - Dear Friends, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the wonderful 'send-off' at the end of last Sunday's Service.

Thank you, Hil, for the lovely words set to a familiar hymn tune, ably supported by Anna and Kate and to Mary, for the words spoken by Archdeacon John and a beautiful bunch of flowers. I've loved being Churchwarden for just over two years because the 100+ jobs that get done each week/month so unobtrusively by you all, have made my role so much easier. St Mary's Church would not exist without you. Thank you for all you do.

It has been an absolute privilege serving you all, for your patience, love, unwavering support and fellowship. I thank God for each one of you.

I shall be around for a few more weeks until I find my next home. Watch out Harpenden! *Kate*

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 11th October 2026
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest

Services

9.30am Communion Service at St. Martin's
11.00am Harvest Festival at St. Mary's with Bring & Share lunch
6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect

Creator God, you make all things
And give us the earth and the seasons,
The rain, the sun and the wind;
Make us thankful people with generous hearts,
Ready to share your goodness and love
With all creation;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

or

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of Harvest,
With joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
And have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom
By your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we
enjoy:
Through 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 25: 1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm & a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence & if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: Matthew 21: 23-31 – Wotton Harvest

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 your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Douglas Petherick whose funeral is on Tuesday 20th October at 2.30pm at Gloucester Crematorium

Maureen Cleave whose funeral is on Monday 19th October at 2pm at St. Mary's

Steve Rodman whose funeral service was on 30th September 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 October, St. Mary's is prayed for. We give thanks to all those who are stepping up in the vacancy. Also we pray that a suitable person will step forward to work within the Benefice.

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

REMINDER – St. Mary's 11th October – HARVEST.

SERVICE STARTS AT 11AM. Please bring a plate of food to share and a donation to the food bank. Tinned Ham/corned beef; tinned stews/curries; tinned potatoes; peanut butter & jam; UHT milk; multipack crisps; fruit squash; coffee; shower gel; laundry detergent.

Read with Me Fayre – Saturday 14th November – St. Mary's have the opportunity to run a stall or 2 with the proceeds coming to the church. There is craft materials, greetings cards, paintings to sell – along with Jewellery. It would be great to get a team together to man the stall and help in the run up to the fair – if you can – please let Kate in the office know.

North Nibley Harvest Supper – Friday 16th October. – Curry or Cottage Pie – bring your own drinks. Food donations gratefully received. Contact Dawn Shepherd on mscewshepherd@gmail.com to book your place.

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.

You are welcome to join in on 12th October - Flyers are in all the churches. Contact Kate in the office if you would like to attend.

Clive Hamer is running the Stroud Half Marathon - On October 25th in aid of two charities that he supports – the Children & Young People's Cancer Association and Stroud District Foodbank. If you would like to donate to one or both charities, that would be wonderful – just use these links: [SportsGiving - Entry: Clive Hamer-https://www.justgiving.com/page/clive-hamer-2?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/clive-hamer-2?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL)

We need your help - Do you have time to clean an area of St. Mary's Church every two weeks on a Friday morning? Could you help once a month to clean the Church loos or the Servery? Contact Kate Tutty on 844371 for more information.

All Souls Service at St. Mary's – Sunday 1st November at 3pm. If you would like a name to be read out at the service, please write it on the sheet that is at the back of the church.