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 26th October
10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 27th October

Wednesday 28th 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

Thursday 29th October

Friday 30th October
6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 31st October

Sunday 1st November – All Saints & All Souls
9.30am Non Communion Service at St. Martin's
10.00am Communion Service at St. Mary's
11.15am Communion Service at Tresham Church
3.00pm Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Service at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)
1st Reading: Revelation 7: 9-end
2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

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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.

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 25th October 2026
Bible Sunday

Services

9.30am Communion Service at St. Martin's
10.00am Non Communion Service at St. Mary's
11.15am Baptism of Aneta at St. Mary's
6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.
All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: *Nehemiah 8:1–4a, 5–6, 8–12*

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Psalm 119: 9-16

9 How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word.
10 With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments.
11 I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.
12 Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.
13 With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth.
14 I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches.
15 I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.
16 I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

2nd Reading: *Colossians 3: 12-17*

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. 13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel: *Matthew 24: 30-35*

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory.
31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
32 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 34 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Douglas Petherick whose funeral was on Tuesday 20th October at Gloucester Crematorium
Maureen Cleave whose funeral was on Monday 19th October 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 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 *****

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.

November 4th - The Mothers' Union will meet in the church at 2.15 when Kate Tutty will be talking about her time as church warden with contributions from other members who have carried out the role. Everybody is welcome.
Please note members will be hosting a stall at the Charities Fair on November 21st selling mystery parcels at £3 each. If you have an unwanted gift or suitable object that we can wrap for the table please pass to Kate Cropper or any Mothers' Union member. Thank you.

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.

Cakes - Please may we have cakes for Sunday 1st November as it is the All Souls Service at 3pm. It's another opportunity for us to show hospitality to our community especially at a time when they are feeling a loss.
We usually welcome a large number of people so lots of your delicious cakes please!
Please contact Sharon Dove with offers of help and cakes 07780 003166 Thank you so much.

Next couple of weeks in the Benefice Office – Due to half term holidays and looking after my daughter following an operation, I will be doing a combination of working from home and being in the office – apologies no set hours of being at St. Mary's – so it is best to email or ring before coming over if you want to see me. *Kate C*