Services and Meetings this week

St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays 10 – 6pm
St. Mary's opens daily 9am –dusk. St. Martin's opens daily: 8.30am-6pm

Monday 16th November
10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 17th November

Wednesday 18th November
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
7.30pm Wotton PCC meeting at St. Mary's

Thursday 19th November

Friday 20th November
1.30pm Art Group in Parish Room
6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 21st November
7.00pm Wotton Concert Series – Tenebrae at St. Mary's

Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King
9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Martin's
10.00am Non Communion Service at St. Mary's
6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)
1st Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
2nd Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-end
Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-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.

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 15th November 2026
Second Sunday before Advent

Services

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

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.
All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: *Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-end*

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

2nd Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!
But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 14-30*

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.
After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'
His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'
His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'
But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.
So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Chris (Kate Tutty's son in law) who died on 2nd November
Peter Downs who died on 6th November
Shirley Chalmers whose Celebration of life service is on 17th November at 11am 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 November, Wotton Baptist Church is prayed for.

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

Read with Me Fayre – Saturday 14th November –10am until 4pm – Come to St. Mary's to be part of the Read with Me Fair – lots of stalls, games, crafts, singing, soup, refreshments.

Wotton Concert Series – Saturday 21st November at 7pm at St. Mary's. Tenebrae will be performing. Tickets from 3choirs.

Saturday 21st November - The Mothers' Union will be having a stall at the Charities Fair in the Civic Centre which runs from 10.00hrs until 16.00hrs. Please come along and support us if you are free. Thank you.

Upcoming Dates – a few of the special services

Sunday 29th November – Benefice Communion service at St. Martin's at 11am
Sunday 29th November – Advent Service at St. Mary's at 6pm
Saturday 5th December – Messiah at St. Mary's at 7pm – tickets from 3choirs or on the door
Wednesday 9th December – Junior Choral Evensong at St. Mary's at 6pm
Saturday 12th December – Oriana Christmas Concert at St. Mary's at 7pm
Saturday 19th December – Carol Service at St. Martin's at 4pm
Sunday 20th December – Tresham Carol Service at 11.15am
Sunday 20th December – 9 Lessons and Carols at St. Mary's at 6pm

Christingles in the Tyndale Benefice – On Christmas Eve you have the choice of 3 Christingles!
4.00pm – St. Mary's
5.30pm – St. Mary's
6.00pm – St. Martin's

Celebration of Life Service for Shirley Chalmers will take place at St. Martin's Church on Tuesday 17th November at 11am. All welcome.