

Tyndale Benefice



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

Sunday, 18th October 2020
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Services:

9.30am St. Martin's Service of the Word
10.15am St. Mary's Service of Healing &
Wholeness
11.00am St. Kenelm's Harvest Service

Collect:

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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

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.

Principal Readings:

1st Reading: *Isaiah 45.1-7*

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him –
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one
besides me;

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;

I the LORD do all these things.

2nd Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1.1-10*

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
We always give thanks to God for all of you and
mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering
before our God and Father your work of faith and labour
of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by
God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the
gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power
and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as
you know what kind of persons we proved to be among
you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and
of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the
word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you
became an example to all the believers in Macedonia
and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded
forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but
in every place your faith in God has become known, so
that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of
those regions report about us what kind of welcome we
had among you, and how you turned to God from idols,
to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son
from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus,
who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel: *Matthew 22.15-22*

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the
parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about
them. Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him
in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him,
along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know
that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in
accordance with truth, and show deference to no one;
for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us,
then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the
emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,
'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites?
Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought
him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is
this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.'
Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the
things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that
are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed;
and they left him and went away.

For your prayers:

For those who have died and their families:

Josephine "Jo" Shipp who died on 25th September

Kath Ansell who died on 4th October

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Daily Prayer continues to be said at 9.00 every morning in individual homes.

We pray for:

- The World and its needs
- The Church and her life
- Those who are ill in body, mind or spirit
- Ourselves

If you wish to join us, you will find a choice of three services on the website - Midweek Prayer (from the Church of England), Morning Prayer, and Reflective Service. <http://wottonparishchurch.org.uk/resources-for-prayers-services-at-home/>

Year of Mind – where we remember those that have died during this week in previous years.

Wotton

19th: Neil Fairbrother Green (2015)

Brian William Metcalfe (2015)

20th: Edward Francis Goodall (2016 – St. Kenelm's)

23rd: Ernest Kenneth (Ken) Tutty (2008)

Nibley

18th: James Alexander Urquart (2003)

Ivor Charles Ayres (2018)

This month St. Mary's will be held in prayer by the other churches in the town.

In 'normal' times, the pew sheet has a list of people who are ill. These people are included in prayer at Sunday services & at Morning Prayer every day. To continue this prayer - please email the Parish Office or leave a message on the Parish mobile if you would like prayer for yourself or a family member. There is a group of people who will pray.

Spiritual Crisis? Prayer Ministry?

Has this time of isolation raised concerns or fears of a spiritual nature & you want to talk about them? Would you like prayer ministry, such as has been offered after Eucharist & at Healing and Wholeness Services? There is a small group of people who are trained & who are able to listen to you and offer help. Please ring the Parish mobile on 07483 146531, with your name and phone number, to request a phone call. This offer is for

those who live in the Parishes of Wotton under Edge, North Nibley, Alderley and Tresham.

*******Notices*******

Revd Iain Marchant Memorial Bike Ride – James Marchant (Iain's son) and Revd Peter Marsh have completed their memorial ride for Christian Aid. As the Forest of Dean Challenge had been postponed, the two intrepid cyclists did a route around Gloucestershire, which included North Nibley, Wotton & Hawkesbury – all places where Iain is fondly remembered. 104kms completed in just short of 6½ hours. A fabulous achievement. Well done to you both. The fund raiser page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jamespeter2020>
(cheques and cash to the parish office please).

St Mary's APCM: Wed 28th October, at 7:30pm -

Our delayed annual meeting will be held in church. The general format will be the same as previous year's, with the Election of Church Wardens followed by the Annual Meeting. Given current requirements the format will be briefer than usual, but this remains an important date in our calendar. Please do join us if you can.

All Souls – Commemoration of the Faithful

Departed, Sunday 1st November. St. Mary's will be open from 2 – 4pm for you to have an opportunity to come and have a lighted candle to commemorate your loved one. There will be prayer sheets to use and take home. Please let the office know if you plan on attending.

If you would like to have your loved one/s name on a list that will be placed on the altar during the morning prayer service at 10.15am, please let the office know.

wotvicsec@btconnect.com or 01453 842175

(There will NOT be a list to add to in church)

Thank you to Mary Downs for tidying up all the Garden of Remembrance stones. A hard task which we are very appreciative of. Thank you too to John Downs for all the trimming and tidying of the hedges and bushes around the driveway at St. Mary's.

Call for Crafters to make Clear Face Masks – The Barnwood Trust along with Gloucester Diocese (plus a number of other Gloucestershire groups) are looking for local makers to join a clear face mask project. To come together to support your local community & in solidarity with people who rely on lip reading & facial expressions. This is part of the "Lets be Clear" campaign. If you are interested or are already part of a group making them, please contact tara.smith@barnwoodtrust.org or penny.hulbert@barnwoodtrust.org

Latest Reopening Update - After the Governments latest guidance of "the law of 6", we are still able to have our Morning Prayer service at St. Mary's. **It is on the condition that we continue to follow the strict observances of virus-prevention protocols.**

St. Mary's – Private prayer is available in the church on Wednesdays from 10am – 5pm
Holy Communion 9am on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday
Morning Prayer Service on Sundays at 10.15am

St. Martin's – The next service at St. Martin's is on Sunday 18th October at 9.30am – Service of the Word.
The weekly recorded services will continue - available on the church website www.northnibleychurch.uk
This week: 19th Sunday after Trinity – Service

The churchyard, is open and provides a place for quiet reflection & prayer – with benches. Please do make use of it.

The Chapel of Ease, Tresham - The Church will be open for Private Prayer on Mondays between 10am and 5pm.

St. Kenelm's is open on Fridays from 10am to 5pm for private prayer and the 3rd Sunday (**18th October - Harvest**) in the month for a service at 11am.

Services next week – Sunday 25th October
10.15am – St. Mary's Morning Prayer with Archdeacon Hilary.

Know someone without online access or prefers not to use the internet? Daily Hope Phone Lines – The Church of England have a FREE OF CHARGE phone line available 24 hours a day offering comforting hymns, reflections and prayers. **Ring 0800 804 8044**
Diocese of Gloucester Podcasts – an ongoing fortnightly audio series finding out about different projects, organisations and inspirational stories. The twelfth podcast is from Bishop Rachel talking with 3 people about how we navigate through a landscape of trauma to an era of hope. You can play the podcast by going to: <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2020/podcast-episode-12-navigating-these-times/>
On here are also sermons for the upcoming Sunday, and a short video for children and families based on the upcoming Gospel reading – all worth a look and listen!

Prayer and digital resources available – if you would like any sent to you email wotvicsec@btconnect.com or visit the website wottonparishchurch.org.uk

Services from the BBC

- Daily service on Radio 4 at 9.45am LW or DAB
- Live on Sunday streamed at 8.10am each Sun.
- Songs of Praise airs on BBC1, Sunday -11.15pm
- Choral Evensong on Radio 3 on Wednesdays at 3.30pm and Sundays at 3pm

Service from the Church of England

- Sundays from 9am - <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

A prayer for the Vacancy

Lord God,

Thank you for the appointment of the Reverend Rachel Cook as our Vicar (designate). We pray for her and her family as she brings her ministry as Chaplain at RAF Waddington to a close and prepares to move to this Benefice.

We pray for the peoples in the parishes of the Tyndale Benefice as we prepare for Rachel's arrival. Help us to grow in love and care for all as we face changes in society and work patterns due to COVID19.

We continue to pray for our clergy, reader and church wardens in their work for the parishes in these unusual times. Show us all how to grow in faith and in our relationship with you through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We ask this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Clergy:

Revd Peter Marsh – 01453 547 521 (not after 6.00pm)
Revd Morag Langley – 01453 845 147

Licensed Reader:

Sue Plant - 01453 845 157

Wotton Churchwardens:

Jackie Excell – 07863 121613
Douglas Hinton – 07415 541359
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North Nibley Churchwarden:

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Alderley Churchwarden:

Kay Pettifer - 01453 843838

Tresham Churchwarden:

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