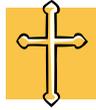


Tyndale Benefice



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

Sunday, 25th October 2020
Last Sunday after Trinity

Services:

10.15am St. Mary's Morning Prayer
(Correction from last weeks pew sheet: Archdeacon Hilary is coming on 1st Nov)

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.
or
Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Principal Readings:

1st Reading: *Leviticus 19.1-2,15-18*

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the LORD. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the LORD.

2nd Reading: *1 Thessalonians 2.1-8*

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to

declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Gospel: *Matthew 22.34-46*

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'" On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Reflection from Sue

Every Jewish service starts with the same words: *Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might.* These are familiar words to us too as they introduce the confession of the Eastertide Communion Service. In Jewish services the words go on to stress the importance of handing these words onto the next generation. These words, the *Shema* (which means Hear) are put into special leather boxes called *phylacteries* and worn on the wrist, or encased in a cylinder called a *mezuzah* which is fastened to the doorpost of the house to be touched upon entry and exit.

Everyone in his Jewish audience could agree with Jesus on this greatest commandment. And his addition of the second commandment to love your neighbour as yourself was a recall from the Old Testament. We heard it today in the passage from Leviticus. Put together, they can be understood as a summary of the Law. Our love for God is to be reflected in our love for each other.

There has never been a more important time in most of our lives to put this into practice. We wear a mask to protect others. We take care whom we meet and how we meet, in order to maintain social distancing and obey the Rule of Six. These are common sense measures we can all observe in order to safeguard the NHS being swamped by too many infected patients at any one time, and in order to help ensure those who need hospital care will be able to get it. When we know God's love we can count ourselves worthy to receive it by our care for others.

Saint Augustine once said: '*Love God, and do what you like.*' He meant that if we love God we will try to do only those things we know will please him. The Beatles made a serious point with their recording *All you need is love...*

Loving God, as you reveal yourself to us,
Help us to give our love to you,
And to reveal that love to others through our actions and words. **Amen.**

Love and God bless, Sue

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

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

27th: John George (2009)

28th: Millicent (Millie) Slade (2010)
Mary Sandy (2015)

Hannah Ingrid (Ingrid) Baker (2014)

29th: Gwendoline (Gwen) Workman (2016)

30th: Sylvia Vizard (2007)

31st: Janet "Jen" Peal Thornell (2017)

Nibley

26th: Nancy L. Talboys (2010)

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*******

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)

Future Streaming of Services at St Mary's -

We would be very grateful if anyone could help us in exploring how we can start up, to begin streaming, enabling us to reach out in a new, online way. Please contact Jackie or Douglas

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 1st November at 9.30am – Service of the Word.
The weekly recorded services will continue - available on the church website www.northnibleychurch.uk
This week: Last Sunday after Trinity - Ramblings

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. The next service here is on Sunday 1st November with Revd Morag, starting at 11am.

St. Kenelm’s is open on Fridays from 10am to 5pm for private prayer and the 3rd Sunday (**15th November**) in the month for a service at 11am.

Services next week – Sunday 1st November
10.15am – St. Mary’s Morning Prayer with Archdeacon Hilary.

Office hours during Half Term holiday – The office will be open on Tuesday and Thursday of next week from 10.15am – 12.15pm. Please leave a message on the phone or if it is urgent, please phone the office mobile – 07483 146531.

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 sixteenth podcast (13th, 14th and 15th podcasts are 3 parts of Black lives Matter) is from Bishop Rachel talking with 6 distinguished ladies about the domestic abuse bill, which is currently going back to the House of Lords. You can play the podcast by going to:
<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2020/domestic-abuse-bill/>

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
(Assistant) Lynda Durrant – 01453 521873

North Nibley Churchwardens:

Wynne Holcombe - 01453 542 091

Alderley Churchwardens:

Kay Pettifer - 01453 843838

Tresham Churchwardens:

Susan Whitfield –01666 890338

Benefice/Parish Office:

01453 842175 / 07483 146531 wotvicsec@btconnect.com
Half Term holiday hours – Tuesday and Thursday (27th & 29th October) – 10.15am – 12.15am