

# Tyndale Benefice



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

Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020  
All Saints Day

## **Services:**

9.30am St. Martin's - A Service of the Word  
10.15am St. Mary's - Morning Prayer with  
Archdeacon Hilary  
11.15am The Chapel of Ease, Tresham Service

## **Collect:**

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

*or*

God of holiness,  
your glory is proclaimed in every age:  
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,  
inspire us to follow their example  
with boldness and joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Principal Readings:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** *Revelation 7.9-17*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour  
and power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’

I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** *1 John 3.1-3*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**Gospel:** *Matthew 5.1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’

## **Reflection from Revd Morag**

The Season of Remembering starts with All Saints Day, when the church remembers those heroes of the faith - Peter and Paul and Oscar Romero (to name two of the earliest and the newest canonised saints) There is a large

number of saints and at least one is remembered on most days of the year. Many are commemorated in stained glass windows or as statues.

There seems to be a desire within human nature to create 'heroes'. We only have to look at the 'clap for carers' in the first couple of months of the pandemic to see that happening, as medical and care staff, and other key workers, were deemed heroes for their courage and dedication in the work they were doing.

But putting anyone on a pedestal for whatever reason brings challenges as was seen this summer in the pulling down of some statues and the changes of name of various buildings.

On All Saints Day we rightly celebrate those heroes of our faith and the collects for the day encourage Christians to follow their examples. In the Beatitudes, Jesus speaks of several attitudes that fit people for the Kingdom of Heaven.

However, the great thing about the saints is that they were ordinary people like us, used by God for his purpose of witnessing to the gospel of the Kingdom. So it may be that the huge gathering around the throne that John describes in Revelation - those who come from every nation and tribe and people and language - is all the saints, all God's people, at the end of time. Ordinary Christians who have loved God and their neighbour as best they can, thus enabling 'Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.'

This celebration of the saints leads to pondering the question 'How is God calling me to follow their example?' It is summed up in this prayer for All Saints Sunday, based on the gospel reading:

God of all people  
from every tribe and language;  
you call true witnesses  
who sing your praise,  
live your grace  
and work for peace:  
may we share their faith  
and know our need for you  
that we might be a blessing  
to the hunger of your world;  
through Jesus Christ  
whose body we are. Amen

*(Steven Shakespeare, Prayers for an Inclusive Church)*

#### **A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus**

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ 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**

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Anne Margaret Hawkins (2004)  
Dorothy Elkind (2009)  
Betty Neave (2014)  
Gladys Downs (2017)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Thomas Alfred James Sellick (2007)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Ivy Hilda Hobbs  
Diane Doreen Hedges (2010)
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Phyllis Willcock (2005)
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Edward William Chappell (1996)
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Mary Katherine Grimes (2007)  
Hildegard Christine Whiteside (2007)  
Rita Scholefield (2014)

#### **Nibley**

- 6<sup>th</sup>: Marcus Ashley Gomm (1991)

*In November we remember in our prayers the congregation of the Baptist Church.*

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 Advance warning – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
- There will be no Remembrance service in the church this year. The Town Council are organising a very small ceremony at the War Memorial; please keep that in your

prayers. *The Morning Service on that day will be at the earlier time of 9.30am so that we do not interrupt the ceremony at the War Memorial.*

**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

**Pew Sheets** – Please can you ask around your friends to see if they are receiving the pew sheet. If they aren't and would like to, please let the office know

**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 – 4pm

Holy Communion 9am on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
Morning Prayer Service on Sundays at 10.15am (apart from 8<sup>th</sup> November when it is at 9.30am)

**St. Martin's** – The next service at St. Martin's is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 9.30am – Service of the Word.  
**The weekly recorded services will continue** - available on the church website [www.northnibleychurch.uk](http://www.northnibleychurch.uk)  
This week: All Saints - 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. The next service here is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November with Revd Morag, starting at 11.15am. Due to road repairs, access is from the A46.

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

**Services next week – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
9.30am – St. Mary's Morning Prayer

**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 (13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wotvicsec@btconnect.com) or visit the website [wottonparishchurch.org.uk](http://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 - 1.15pm
- 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 Churchwarden:**

Wynne Holcombe - 01453 542 091

##### **Alderley Churchwarden:**

Kay Pettifer - 01453 843838

##### **Tresham Churchwarden:**

Susan Whitfield – 01666 890338

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