

Services and Meetings this week

St. Martin's, St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays 10 – 4pm
St. Mary's opens daily 9am – 3pm.

Monday 12th December

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes
1.30pm Blue Coat Carol Service at St. Mary's
6.00pm Blue Coat Carol Service at St. Mary's
6.00pm North Nibley School Carol Service at St. Martin's

Tuesday 13th December

7.00pm KLB School Carol Concert at St. Mary's

Wednesday 14th December

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's with Revd Lesley
10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service
7.30pm Wotton Finance meeting at St. Mary's

Thursday 15th December

6.30pm British School Carol Service at St. Mary's
7.30pm Oriana Singers Concert for Christmas at St. Martin's

Friday 16th December

1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's

Saturday 17th December

10.30am Baptism of Iris and Agnes at Tresham Church
7.00pm Renewal Choir Concert at St. Mary's

Sunday 18th December – 4th Sunday of Advent

Principal Readings (from Lectionary):

1st Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-16

2nd Reading: Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel: Matthew 11: 1: 18-end

9.30am Service of the Word at St. Martin's with baptism of Lola
11.00am Communion service followed by Xmas Bring & Share lunch at St. Mary's
11.15am Carol Service at Tresham Church
No service at Alderley Today
6.00pm Carols & festive readings at St. Martin's

Clergy:

Rev Lesley Hewish 07483 146531 / vicar@tyndalebenefice.co.uk
(usual day off Friday & last Thursday of the month)
Rev Peter Marsh 01453 547521 (usual day off Tuesday. Do not phone after 6pm)
Rev Canon Jane Kenchington 07779 991 760 / janekenchington@gmail.com (Part-time)

Vicar's Secretary & Benefice Administrator:

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St Mary's Wotton

Pew Sheet Notices – if you would like anything to be added to the pew sheet notices, please ensure they are sent to the office by the end of Wednesday (for the coming Sunday). I will do my best to fit them in.

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Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 11th December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

Services Today

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's
9.30am Service of the Word at St. Mary's
4.00pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's
6.00pm Service of 9 lessons & carols at St. Mary's

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the
just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation response for the lighting the Advent wreath

Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near:
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now.

Principal Readings:

1st Reading – Isaiah 35: 1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

2nd Reading – James 5: 7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord.
The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being
patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You
also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of
the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another,
so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the
doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take
the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Readings – Matthew 11: 2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he
sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one
who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered
them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind
receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the
deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news
brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence
at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about
John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A
reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see?
Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft
robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A
prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the
one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen
greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of
heaven is greater than he.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Angela Pearce whose funeral was on Tuesday 6th December at
St. Mary's

Valerie Parson whose funeral is on Wednesday 21st December
at St. Nicholas, Ozleworth

In December, we pray for Holy Cross Church.

Prayer Ministry

There is a group of people who will pray for you. To request
prayer for yourself or others, please ring the Office on 01453
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******* NOTICES *******

St Martin's: Monday 12th Dec 6pm School carol concert in
church. Open invitation as it's the last one as head for Paul
Batchelor.

Sunday 18th Dec 6pm. Christmas Carols, poetry & readings by
candlelight.

Saturday 24th Dec 6pm – Christingle. All age service

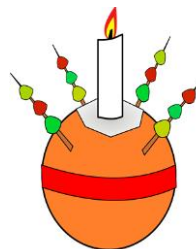
St. Mary's 11th December – after the Sunday morning service,
there will be a stall selling mystery gifts. All parcels cost £2
and proceeds will go towards Mothers' Union projects.

The Renewal choir concert on 17th December at 7pm. It
promises to be an amazing, musical evening for all ages.
Tickets from Cotswold Book Room

St. Mary's donations for Christmas flowers – if you would
like to donate to the church Christmas flowers, there is a
carbuoy at the back of the church waiting for your money!

Caring at Christmas 2022 - There will be an opportunity to
help some of the homeless in Bristol through our annual
collection for the Julian Trust Night Shelter. If you would like
to support this appeal please bring your gifts of money to St.
Mary's on Sunday 18th December. Please contact me for more
information or for Gift Aid forms. Alternatively, visit the Night
Shelter's website www.juliantrust.org.uk where donations can
be made online if you prefer. Dot Moss 844886

New Year's Eve concert - Justine and Friends play music with
a Viennese flavour at 6pm. Tickets on sale at Cotswold Book
Room or in St. Mary's on Sunday.



St. Mary's Christingle Mingle – Friday
23rd December. Come & have coffee & a
mince pie, 10am - 12pm to support the
work of the Children's Society.
We are making 500 Christingles from
9.30am onwards in the church. If you
would like to help make them, bake mince
pies or serve coffee, contact Kate Tutty
01453 844371

St. Mary's - Christmas Eve Christingle services are back! Choose 4pm-5pm or 5.30pm-6.30pm

May the joy of Christingle bring light to your Christmastime
Please come and support The Children's Society in the vital
work they do for the vulnerable children and young people in
our society

Tuesday 20th December at 6pm – Ozleworth Carol Service
will be taking place at St. Nicholas Church.