

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 19th December – Office Closed

10.00am Carol Service at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 20th December – Office Closed

6.00pm Ozleworth Carol Service

Wednesday 21st December – Office Open

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
10.15am Brunch after the communion service
11.30am Funeral Service for Valerie Parson at Ozleworth Church

Thursday 22nd December – Office Open

Friday 23rd December – Office Closed until 4th Jan

9.30am Christingle Making at St. Mary's
10.00am – 12pm Christingle Mingle at St. Mary's

Saturday 24th December – Christmas Eve

10.00am Journey to Bethlehem from St. Martin's to the Chapel
4.00pm Christingle Service at St. Mary's
5.30pm Christingle Service at St. Mary's
6.00pm Christingle Service at St. Martin's
9.30pm Bethlehem Midnight Mass at St. Mary's
11.30pm Midnight Mass at Nibley Chapel

Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day

9.30am Celebrating Christmas together with Communion at St. Mary's
9.30am Celebration of Christmas at St. Martin's
11.15am Celebrating Christmas Together with Communion at St. Kenelm's

Principal Readings (from Lectionary):

1st Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7

2nd Reading: Titus 2: 11-14

Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14

9.30am Celebrating Christmas Together with Communion at St. Mary's
9.30am Celebration of Christmas at St. Martin's
11.00am Family Communion at St. Kenelm'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)
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(Part-time)
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Vicar's Secretary & Benefice Administrator:

Kate Cropper Tues, Thurs 10 – 12pm; Fri 10 – 11am
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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 18th December 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Services Today

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

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation response for the lighting the Advent wreath

Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;
blessed is Mary your mother and ours:
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children who long for your coming.

Principal Readings:

1st Reading – Isaiah 7: 10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

2nd Reading – Romans 1: 1-7

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Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Readings – Matthew 11: 1: 18-end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Philip Grant whose funeral was on Thursday 15th December
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 842175

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

St. Mary's Service on Sunday starts at 11am – there is also a bring and share lunch afterwards. Bring whatever you would like to. We promise the heating will be on!

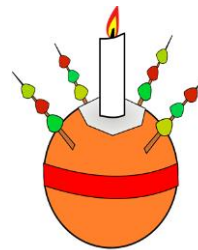
St Martin's: Sunday 18th Dec 6pm. Christmas Carols, poetry & readings by candlelight.

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

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 – Start the New Year celebrations - 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

St. Martin's – 6pm on Christmas Eve

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.

Eco Church update - In the early part of next year the Eco team are working on planting a number of small flowering bushes in the area of the churchyard which has recently been cleared for this purpose.

The bushes recommended to us by the Wotton Area Action Network (see the WACAN biodiversity plan on the Eco Church notice board) are Lilac, Buddleia, Guelder Rose, Wayfaring Tree and Rosemary.

If you have any of these trees in your own garden and you are good at taking cuttings, we would love you to propagate cuttings for us.

If you can help please speak to Alan or a member of the Eco Church team – they would love to hear from you.

THANK YOU – a massive thank you to all who have helped clear the driveway at St. Mary's of snow and ice. Also a big thank you to all the helpers/welcomers/chair putter outers over the last weeks - couldn't have done it without you.

New Years Day Services – New Years Day 2023 falls on a Sunday. Both the services at St. Mary's and St. Martin's will be starting at 11am. There is no service at Tresham Church.

Office Opening Hours over Christmas – The Benefice office will be open on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd December. It will reopen on Wednesday 4th January. If anything is required, please talk to your churchwarden or ring **07483 146531** for Lesley.

St. Kenelm's Christmas Day – Aiming to start the service at **11am (or as close to as possible)**