

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes  
10.00am Funeral of Mary Leonard at Westerleigh Crem

### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

1.30pm Funeral Service for Liz Allison at St. Mary's  
2.30pm *Co-workers of Mother Teresa at The Keepers*

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
10.15am Coffee & Conversation after Service  
2.15pm Mother's Union at St. Mary's – with Sue Plant

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

1.45pm Funeral for Barbara Wright at Westerleigh Crem

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

11.30am Interment at St. Mary's

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

9.30am Communion service at St. Mary's  
9.30am Non-Communion service at St. Martin's  
11.15am Communion service at Tresham Church

#### Principal Readings (from Lectionary):

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 58: 1-9a

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12

Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-20

#### **Clergy:**

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Rev Peter Marsh 01453 547521 (usual day off Tuesday. Do not  
phone after 6pm)

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Mrs Kay Pettifer 01453 843838

Mrs Susan Whitfield 01666 890 338 & Safeguarding officer

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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.

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Candlemas

#### Services

11.00am

Benefice Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

#### Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

or

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.

#### Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia

This child is the light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of  
your people of Israel.

**All: Alleluia**

## **Principal Readings**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Malachi 3: 1-5**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Hebrews 2: 14-end**

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### **Gospel Readings – Luke 2: 22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

## **For your prayers:**

### ***For the family and friends of:***

Mary Leonard whose funeral is on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 10am at Westerleigh Crematorium

Liz Allison whose funeral is on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 1.30pm at St. Mary's

Barbara Wright whose funeral is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at Westerleigh Crematorium

Christian Larriau whose funeral is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm at Westerleigh Crematorium

Mavis Allies whose funeral was on 19<sup>th</sup> January at St. Martin's

In January we pray for Wotton United 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 \*\*\*\*\*

## **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

**Benefice Service 11am** at St. Mary's in Wotton under Edge. There will be other services in the Benefice (no 9.30am services in St. Mary's or St. Martin's) that day.

**\*\* Wrap up warm.** Unfortunately due to a leak, the boiler has had to be turned off, so the church has no heating. Hot drinks will be provided before and after the service. There are a few blankets in church, but you are welcome to bring your own.\*\*

**Wotton Window Wanderland** – 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February where people decorate their windows. This year's theme is "memories". If you would like to take part or would like more information, [www.windowwanderland.com/event/wotton-under-edge-2023](http://www.windowwanderland.com/event/wotton-under-edge-2023)

**St. Mary's Reflection Group** – meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the Catherine Chapel 2.30 – 4pm. Next meeting is 14<sup>th</sup> February. Bible readings, reflections, music and prayers followed by tea and cake. All welcome.

**Ash Wednesday** – There will be a 9.30am Communion (with ashing) service as normal at St. Mary's. Plus a 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service.

**St. Mary's Lent Lunches** – St. Mary's would like to host Lent Lunches again in 2023. We are still in need of a couple of the Lent Lunches to be covered. Thank you to all those who are already doing one – if anyone else would like to, please contact the churchwardens, the office or Lesley.

**The Mothers' Union** will meet in the Catherine Chapel at 2.15 on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. There has been a change to the programme and Sue Plant will now lead a discussion entitled 'Hidden Depths'. Everybody welcome.

**Donations to Foodbank** - Current priority items required are: Cooking oil, Tinned tomatoes, Long Life Fruit juice, coffee, Washing up liquid & Laundry liquid. There is a box under the table in St. Mary's. Alan

## **World Day of Prayer – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.**

St. Mary's is hosting a service at 11am on the World Day of Prayer, followed by a Lent Lunch.

North Nibley Chapel are hosting a service at 4pm. All are welcome – why not take the children after school?