### **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 13th February

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

### Tuesday 14th February - Office Open at 11am

2.30pm Reflection Group at St. Mary's

## Wednesday 15th February

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's 10.15am Coffee & Conversation after Service

## Thursday 16th February

7.30pm WuE Finance Meeting

## Friday 17th February

12.00pm Memorial Service for Vernon Jotcham at St. Mary's 6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

## Saturday 18th February

10.00am Acorn Course at St. Mary's

## Sunday 19th February - Sunday next before Lent

9.30am Communion service at St. Mary's

9.30am Non-Communion service at St. Martin's

4.00pm Celebrate! How do I get Closer to God? At St. Mary's

11.15am Communion at St. Kenelm's

### Principal Readings (from Lectionary):

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 24: 12-end 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-end Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

#### Clergy:

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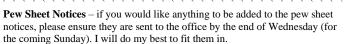
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# **Tyndale**



# Benefice

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

> Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023 Second Sunday before Lent

## **Services**

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

6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

## **Collect**

Almighty God,

you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,

now and for ever.

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Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,

by your gift

the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

All: Alleluia

## **Principal Readings**

1st Reading – Genesis 1: 1-2: 3

Creation Narrative - read in Genesis 1: 1-2: 3 (As it is so long, it hasn't been reproduced here!)



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** – Romans 8: 18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

### **Gospel Reading** – *Matthew 6: 25-end*

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

## For your prayers:

## For the family and friends of:

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

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

Vernon Jotcham whose memorial service is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm at St. Mary's

In February we pray for Synwell Chapel.

## **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** – you still need to **Wrap up warm**. Unfortunately due to a leak, the boiler has had to be turned off, so the church has no heating, still!. 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

**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.

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?

**Red Sofa Slots** – Lesley would like to invite you to join her on her red sofa to get to know each other better. Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb & Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – let Kate know if you would like a slot. There are still slots available.

**St. Martin's - Ploughmans and Pancakes** in the Chapel North Nibley. Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 12.30. Tickets £7.50 adults & £2.50 children from the Chapel Café Wednesday morning or Sue Convery 547939. Proceeds to Christian Aid.

North Nibley - Lent Course on Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March on the topic of 'Freedoms'. 7.30pm in the chapel

Wholeness and Healing Training at St Mary's - I have great hopes for our ministry in wholeness and Healing to grow in the Tyndale Benefice. Some of you attended a diocesan info day with me on this area of ministry last autumn. I am part of the Bishops Advisory group & have agreed to offer a training course. It will give you a deeper understanding of Healing Prayer & will enhance our skills in praying for others & seeking the best in wholeness & healing in our & the wider community. Look out for the poster & info sheets displayed. There are 24 places and the training will be over three Saturdays. One in Feb, two in March. Booking is essential through Kate Cropper. For any further information do email me on Vicar@tyndalebenefice.co.ok. This is part of our three year vision and will help grow our faith and our community.