

Services and Meetings this week

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

Monday 20th March

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 21st March

7.30pm North Nibley Lent Lecture at The Chapel

Wednesday 22nd March

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

Thursday 23rd March

Friday 24th March

12.00pm Lent Lunch for Red Cross at St. Mary's
1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's
6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 25th March

10.00am Acorn Course at St. Mary's

Sunday 26th March – 5th Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins

9.30am Communion service at St. Martin's
9.30am Non Communion Service at St. Mary's
No Choral evensong this week – happening on 2nd April

Principal Readings (from Lectionary):

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 6-11

Gospel: John 11: 1-45

Clergy:

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

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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.

Churches Together in Wotton invite you to the Lent House Groups 2023.

The groups will meet in the 5 weeks commencing Mondays 27 Feb, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th Mar

To sign up please get in contact with group leaders direct.

Monday morning, 9.30, Shepherds Leaze

Kate Tutty 01453 844371 katetutty@hotmail.com

Wednesday morning at (or near) the United Church

Graham Jackson graham.jackson149@btinternet.com

Wednesday afternoon 2.30 at Bearlands

Roger and Shirley Wyse. rjwyse@gmail.com

Thursdays 11.30am, Baptist Church

Tom Wharin 01453 844726 tom@wottonbaptist.org.uk

Fridays 7.30pm, Coombe Rd

Martin Dove martindove@hotmail.co.uk

Details of the course and all materials for leaders are available here: <https://unanswered.prayercourse.org/>

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Benefice

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

Sunday 19th March 2023
Mothering Sunday

Services

9.30am Mothering Sunday Communion service at St. Mary's
9.30am Non Communion Service at St. Martin's for Mother's Day
11.15am Communion Service at St. Kenelm's
4.00pm Celebrate! For Mothering Sunday at St. Mary's

Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
The Lord is great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.
All: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Principal Readings

1st Reading – Exodus 2: 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

2nd Reading – Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Reading – John 19: 25b-27

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Philip Andrews whose funeral was on Monday 6th March at St. Mary's

Stephen John Wood whose funeral is at Westerleigh Crematorium on Wednesday 15th March at 11.45am

In March we pray for the Quakers.

Prayer Chain/Ministry - There is a group of people who will pray for you. To request prayer contact Joan Deveney (01453 844370) or Pat Forster (01453 842557). The Prayer Chain operates for a fortnight, unless otherwise requested.

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

St. Mary's Lent Lunches – 12pm until approx. 2pm. All will be soup lunches unless otherwise stated.

17th Mar – St. Mary's for Tear Fund

24th Mar – St. Mary's for British Red Cross Earthquake appeal

31st Mar – St. Mary's for MAF

A massive THANK YOU from the team for all those who helped and who bought lunches, made lunches and/or donated. Christian Aid Lunch at United Church raised £506
Christian Aid Disaster Envelopes - £473
World Day of Prayer - £424

North Nibley - Lent Lectures – “Aspects of Freedoms”

7.30pm in the chapel

- **Tuesday 21st March** – Rev Lesley Hewish will talk about aspects of her previous role as a Prison Chaplain

Refreshment Volunteers wanted for Celebrate! services at

St. Mary's – 3rd Sunday of the month at 4pm. The team are looking for any willing volunteers to do the refreshments for this service. The more people who come forward, the less number of times a year you'll do them! Please let Jackie, Anne, Lesley or Kate C know.

Introduction of Voter ID in May 2023 – The Government have introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections. It will apply for the first time at the 4th May elections. See poster in each church for all the details.

St. Mary's Foodbank Donations – Items requested: Cooking oil; tinned potatoes; long life fruit juice; coffee; washing up liquid; laundry liquid.

Please do not donate: pasta; cereal; tea; out of date, damaged or opened items; food that needs to be refrigerated or frozen.

Looking for readers for Choral Service for Passiontide on Sun 2nd April at 6pm, at St. Mary's. We need 7 readers – so please do make yourself known to Lesley, Jackie, Anne or Kate in the office

St. Mary's Lost Property – Large Pyrex Casserole dish has been left in the servery. Would the owner please come and collect it. If it is not collected by the end of the March, it will be donated to a charity shop.

Here is the news - Do you wish you could listen to news about your town or village?



Well, you can. We at the Cotswold Vale Talking Newspaper know how important it is to stay in touch with your community. We read news stories about your local area from the Gazette, the Yate and Sodbury Voice, features from online news bulletins and from village

and church magazines.

If you are visually impaired or unable to read print for any reason, you can listen to us online or on a soundbox with a USB stick that comes through the post every week. This service is entirely free of charge, easy to manage and we keep in touch with every listener for problems and feedback.

If you have a friend or family member, or if you are a carer for someone that you think would enjoy this, do get in touch with us. Look at our website www.cvtn.org.uk or call 01453 549133 and someone will call you back to arrange a visit.

Experience storytelling - 27th and 28th March, 10am – 4:30pm Wotton United Church.

Join Rev Phil Summers as he explores the telling of Stories. Using well known Bible stories as a starting point, participants will learn to tell stories in a relaxed & fun environment. Phil will help develop techniques for learning & telling stories. We will learn from each other as we hear each other's unique tellings.

The workshops are suitable for beginners & experienced tellers. There is no cost but there will be an opportunity to contribute to a collection for the life of the church. Tea coffee & cake will be provided. Please bring your own lunch.

To book please contact Jane. janegraywallis@hotmail.com