

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 6th March

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry & Dawes
11.30am Funeral service for Philip Andrews at St. Mary's

Tuesday 7th March – LH not available

Wednesday 8th March

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee & Conversation after Service
7.30pm Wotton PCC meeting at St. Mary's

Thursday 9th March – LH not available

Friday 10th March

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

Saturday 11th March

10.00am Acorn Course in Lesley's office

Sunday 12th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

9.30am Communion service at St. Martin's
9.30am Café Church at St. Mary's
6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

Principal Readings (from Lectionary):

1st Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7

2nd Reading: Romans 5: 1-11

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

Clergy:

Rev Lesley Hewish 07483 146531 / vicar@tyndalebenefice.co.uk
Rev Peter Marsh 01453 547521 (usual day off Tuesday. Do not
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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 5th March 2023
Second Sunday of Lent

Services

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

Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
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 – Genesis 12: 1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

2nd Reading – Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel Reading – John 3: 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Stanley Paish whose funeral was on Friday 24th February at Westerleigh Crematorium

Philip Andrews whose funeral is on Monday 6th March at 11.30am 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.

10th Mar – St. Mary's for GARAS

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

Red Sofa Slots – Lesley would like to invite you to join her on her red sofa to get to know each other better. Tuesday 14th March – let Kate know if you would like a slot. There are still slots available.

North Nibley - Lent Lectures – "Aspects of Freedoms"
7.30pm in the chapel

- **Tuesday 7th March** - Tom Herbert (one of the "Fabulous Baker Brothers") talking about the "Long Table" initiative

- **Tuesday 14th March** – Chris Lowther will introduce the "Open Doors" charity that supports Persecuted Christians

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

St. Mary's Café Church – Sunday 12th March at 9.30am. Coffee & croissants during this café church service.

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.

St. Mary's Reflection Group – Next meeting is on Tuesday 14th March at 2.30pm. All welcome.

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.

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Thursdays 11.30am, Baptist Church

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Fridays 7.30pm, Coombe Rd

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Details of the course and all materials for leaders are available here: <https://unanswered.prayercourse.org/> See also below for the 'title' of each session.

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.