

## Services and Meetings this week

St. Martin's, St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays 10 – 4pm  
St. Mary's opens daily 9am – 6pm.

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

9.30am Morning Choir visiting St. Mary's  
10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes  
7.30pm Wotton PCC meeting

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
10.15am Coffee & Conversation after Service  
6.00pm Wedding rehearsal at St. Martin's  
7.30pm APCM at St. Martin's

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Office Closed**

6.15pm Choir Practise at St. Mary's  
11.45am Funeral service at Westerleigh for Malcolm Kennedy

### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

12.30pm Wedding service for George & Emma at St. Martin's

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost**

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's  
9.30am Service of the Word at St. Mary's  
6.00pm Choral Evensong for Pentecost at St. Mary's

### Principal Readings (from Lectionary):

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

Gospel: John 7: 37-39

### **Clergy:**

Rev Lesley Hewish Normal day off – Friday & last Thursday of the month vicar@tyndalebenefice.co.uk

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

Rev Canon Jane Kenchington 07779 991 760 / [janekenchington@gmail.com](mailto:janekenchington@gmail.com) (Part-time)

Rev Sue Phillipson-Masters 01454 600674 / [suepm@sky.com](mailto:suepm@sky.com)

### **Vicar's Secretary & Benefice Administrator:**

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### **Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth Churchwardens:**

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### **Assist. Director of Music:**

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### **North Nibley Churchwarden:**

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### **Alderley (including Tresham) Churchwardens:**

Mrs Kay Pettifer 07850 345978

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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 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday after Ascension Day

### Services

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

9.30am Matins at St. Martin's

11.15am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's

4.00pm Celebrate! at St. Mary's

### Collect

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone  
before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

or

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and  
kindle in them the fire of your love.

**All: Alleluia.**

**Principal Readings** – as taken from the Lectionary

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – *Acts 1: 6-14*

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** – *1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11*

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel** - *John 17: 1-11*

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

**For your prayers:**

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

Becky & Scott who got married in Tresham last Saturday.  
George & Emma who get married on 27<sup>th</sup> May at St. Martin’s  
Malcolm James Kenny whose funeral service is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am at Westerleigh Crematorium  
Joan Heaven whose memorial service will be on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 3pm (following a private cremation). All welcome  
Revd John Evans memorial service will be on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 2.30pm at St. Mary’s – All welcome.

**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.

*In May, we pray for Wotton Baptist Church.*

**\*\*\*\*\* NOTICES \*\*\*\*\***

**Time to step up** - we are heading towards our APCM's & for Wotton Jackie Excell will be stepping down as CW. We should be calling her Saint Jackie.

We now require a new CW, so please send in your nominations (with the persons consent).

I would also like to introduce a deputy CW as Anne Parry will be stepping down next year. We need to train up new blood.

**Wotton Safeguarding.** Could you do this role? Lesley has held this since Jan when Sarah Guy handed back the baton, but it is too big a role for me to carry on top of my priest in Charge role. Wotton has just over 100 members and there should be someone who can take on this role for us please.

So please encourage each other to step forward for these roles. We have a lot of vision and enthusiasm to take us forward, but we also must take responsibility for the work ahead.

**Spring Fair at North Nibley** - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1 – 4pm  
Jubilee Playing Field.

Teas and the Plant stall & a share of the Raffle are St. Martin’s contribution: continuing our long partnership with the Friends of NN school (FONNs).

Do come and enjoy! (Plants and cakes welcome, too.)

**Save the Dates, Summer Fairs**

10<sup>th</sup> June 12- 3pm Blue Coat Fair

17<sup>th</sup> June 12 – 4pm British School June Fling

15<sup>th</sup> July 10.30 – 3.30pm St. Mary’s Church Fete

**Tyndale Benefice Tea Cruise** – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July, 1 – 3pm.

Embarking at Saul Junction. Cost £20 per person. An opportunity to spend an afternoon together enjoying wonderful scenery, afternoon tea and good company.

Please book & pay for your place to the Benefice Office – 01453 842175 or [office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk](mailto:office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk)  
Spaces still available.

**North Nibley APCM** – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at St. Martin’s

**Wotton APCM** – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm

**Advance warning** – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, we have been informed that Rushmire Hill (from the junction of Old London Road, past the Golf Club, to the main road junction) will be closed for repair work. Be prepared for a long diversion.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** – the Benefice office will be closed. It’s half term hols already!

**Bishop Robert** will be taking the Corpus Christi Service on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at St. Mary’s.