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 31st July

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 1st August - Office Open

12.30pm Wedding of Tom and Louise at St. Mary's

Wednesday 2nd August

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

Thursday 3rd August - Office Open

Friday 4th August

6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 5th August

Sunday 6th August – 9th Sunday after Trinity Transfiguration of our Lord

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

9.30am Non Communion service at St. Martin's

No Service at Tresham Church today.

Principal Readings (from Lectionary):

1st Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-19 Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

Clergy:

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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.

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth North Nibley Alderley (including Tresham) Sunday 30th July 2023 Eighth Sunday of Trinity

Services

11.00am Benefice Communion Service at St. Kenelm's with Archdeacon Hilary

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

or

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Speak Lord, for the servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings

1st Reading – 1 Kings 3: 5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

2nd Reading – Romans 8: 26-end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading – *Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52*

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Bill Young whose funeral service is taking place at Westerleigh Crematorium on 15th August James McKenzie whose funeral service will take place at St. Kenelm's on 25th August.

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 July, we pray for The United Church.

***** NOTICES *****

Thank you everyone - for your cards and kind messages. It was lovely to have the support of so many of you at John's funeral. A special thanks to the Mothers Union for tea and cakes. *Jackie Ramsdale*

Benefice service 30th July 11am – ALL are welcome at this Benefice service being taken by Archdeacon Hilary. Please note there are no toilet facilities at St. Kenelm's Parking is available at Alderley House and Old Rosehill.

Michael Lunts Concert on Saturday 26th August at 7.30pm. Tickling the ivories! Promises to be a very good evening. Tickets from Cotswold Book Room.

We need your help - Do you have time to clean an area of St Mary's Church every two weeks on a Friday? Could you help once a month to clean the Church loos or the Servery?

Would you like to clean the brass once a year? Contact Kate Tutty on 844371 for more information.

Tuesday 8th August at 2.30pm – Reflection Group meet at St. Mary's. This month a reflection on "Faith in Action". All welcome

Office Hours during school holidays – the office will be open on the following days.

Tuesday 1st August, Thursday 3rd August Wednesday 9th August, Thursday 10th August Tuesday 29th August, Thursday 31st August Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th, Friday 8th September Back to "normal" days from w/c 11th September Closed completely w/c 14th & 21st August