

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> September

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

7.00pm Churches Together meeting at Baptist church

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

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

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's  
6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

12.00pm Baptism of Florence at St. Kenelm's  
7.30pm Christopher Boodle Concert at St. Mary's

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Family service at St. Mary's  
9.30am North Nibley Harvest Festival at St. Martin's  
6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

### Principal Readings (from Lectionary):

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jonah 3: 10- end of 4

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Philippians 1: 21-end

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-6

### 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.

**The Keepers are asking** - Do you work from home and/or are free on a Tuesday lunchtime? Do you wish you could volunteer but haven't found the opportunity to fit the time you have available? Do you want to make the difference between someone being able to come to The Keepers or not? You can join The Keepers' Car Club! It runs on Tuesdays to enable guests to come for a delicious, home-cooked meal and meet other people.

One trip could be just 30 minutes - it could fit into your lunch break and you would still have time for a sandwich! It could be just once a month or more regularly - it's up to you!

You need to use your own car and complete some paperwork about you and your car.

Want to find out more? Send us a FB message or email [thekeeperscommunityhub@gmail.com](mailto:thekeeperscommunityhub@gmail.com)

## Tyndale



## Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

### Services

9.30am Family service at St. Martin's  
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
11.15am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's  
NO Celebrate! Service Today.

### Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

**All: Alleluia.**

## **Principal Readings**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Genesis 50: 15-21**

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Romans 14: 1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### **Gospel Reading – Matthew 18: 21-29**

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will

also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

### **For your prayers:**

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

Pauline Rees whose funeral service was at St. Mary's on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Jackie Sims who died on 10<sup>th</sup> September

Gladys Heaven who died last weekend

Iris Miles whose funeral service will be at St. Nicholas in Ozleworth on 26<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm

Percy who was baptised on 10<sup>th</sup> September at Tresham Church

Wendy and Matthew who are getting married on 15<sup>th</sup> September at St. Martin's

**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 September, we pray for the Quakers*

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

**There will be no Celebrate Service on 17<sup>th</sup> September** - but we will be back on October 15<sup>th</sup> with a Wild Church Theme... so getting outside and getting grubby and thinking about how we care for nature and the world God gave us to care for.

**Family Space** - As you will have seen we now have a decent amount of space given over for children & their family to use during our services & when people visit our church. Edna has agreed to get creative with the white box's & you will see them transform into pieces of art over the coming months. The box's are filled with children's creative play toys, but this space will get untidy & messy. The toys need tidying & even washing & the space needs to be loved & cared for. I would like a small team of volunteers to take this on please. Can you contact myself or Kate C if you are willing. Thank v much.

**Red Settee Dates** - If you feel you haven't had to chance to catch up with your vicar and would like to join me on my red settee in the parish office, then please book a time with Kate C, I am keeping the diary clear on the following dates between 2-5pm weds October 11<sup>th</sup>, weds 18<sup>th</sup> Oct and weds 25<sup>th</sup> Oct

**Volunteers to help with "Being Well Day" in St Mary's, Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Oct** – It's going to be a big event for our community.

There is a separate notice in the porch giving more details. I am looking for 20+ volunteers to help run the day. We will need a rota of helpers to serve light refreshments between 10-3. I also need a rota of helpers to be Welcomer's as people arrive giving out information about what is available in and around the church throughout the day. There are also a few stations in the church that will require helpers too. Contact me by email on [vicar@tyndalebenefice.co.uk](mailto:vicar@tyndalebenefice.co.uk) . I will then arrange a meeting early in October to explain more detail.

**Harvest Festival at Nibley** - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 10am-12noon **Messy Church** on a harvest theme at Nibley Chapel.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 9.30am **Harvest Communion** & 4pm **"Around the Font" Thanksgiving** at St Martin's. Gifts of garden produce etc for auction & tins & packets for the Food Bank please!

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm **Harvest Supper/Curry Night** fund raising for Christian Aid at North Nibley Village Hall - bookings via Sue Devine 01453 543748 or [suedevine@hotmail.com](mailto:suedevine@hotmail.com) by 24<sup>th</sup> September, please.

**Saturday night at St. Mary's** – you might see the lights on throughout the night at St. Mary's. Do not worry, St. Mary's is being used as a rest station for the arduous Cotswold Way Run.