

Tyndale Benefice



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

Sunday, 14th March 2021
Mothering Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Lent

There are no services or opening for private Prayer in Tyndale Benefice church buildings until further notice

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.

Principal Readings:

1st Reading: *1 Samuel 1: 20-end*

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of

wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'

She left him there for the Lord.

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: *Luke 2: 33-35*

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Reflection from Morag

This past year of restrictions has brought opportunities that give hope for the future. One example is the local Mutual Aid group and the recent news that it plans to set up a permanent Community Hub on Symn Lane in Wotton.

Caring for one another crosses all boundaries - think of Captain Sir Tom Moore whose example of helping encouraged people of all ages to give their time to help others.

On Mothering Sunday we thank God for mothers and for all people who have had a hand in mothering and in caring for others. But we also remember that for centuries this was the day when people returned to their mother church - the place where they were baptised and received into the family of God. Each of our local churches is a place where people care for each other and are encouraged to live more like Christ.

In his letter to the Colossian Christians, Paul addresses them as 'God's chosen ones, holy and beloved'. Let that

sink deep into our hearts for we too are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved.

Paul states various attributes for such people - values by which they should live. Anyone connected with schools knows that each school has to state their values.

Examples in our local schools include - respect, hope, responsibility, perseverance, generosity. Schools aim to be a place where such values can be lived and can be seen by others.

Christians, writes Paul, are to clothe themselves with the values of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience and above all, with love. The actual clothes we wear can be a conscious reflection of who we are.

Similarly the values we live by let others see that we are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved; we are people who follow Jesus, and this is what Jesus asks of us: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength; and love your neighbour as yourself. Amen

For your prayers:

For those who have died and their families:

Jo Margerison whose funeral was on 11th March

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Daily Prayer continues to be said at 9.00 every morning in individual homes.

We pray for:

- The World and its needs
- The Church and her life
- Those who are ill in body, mind or spirit
- Ourselves

If you wish to join us, you will find a choice of three services on the website – Midweek Prayer (from the Church of England), Morning Prayer, and Reflective Service. <http://wottonparishchurch.org.uk/resources-for-prayers-services-at-home/>

Year of Mind – where we remember those that have died during this week in previous years.

Wotton, Alderley & Tresham

14th: Denis James Willetts (1983)
Andrew Tellam (2008)

16th: Rosaline Margaret Nation (2003)
Trevor Capener (2006)

17th: Frances Evelyn Hogan (2008)

20th: Philip Woodward

Nibley

16th: Ivy Joan Blackman (2004)

In March we remember in our prayers the Wotton Society of Friends

In 'normal' times, the pew sheet has a list of people who are ill. These people are included in prayer at Sunday services & at Morning Prayer every day. To continue this prayer – please email the Parish Office or leave a message on the Parish mobile if you would like prayer for yourself or a family member. There is a group of people who will pray.

Spiritual Crisis? Prayer Ministry?

Has this time of isolation raised concerns or fears of a spiritual nature & you want to talk about them? Would you like prayer ministry, such as has been offered after Eucharist & at Healing and Wholeness Services? There is a small group of people who are trained & who are able to listen to you and offer help. Please ring the Parish mobile on 07799 474054, with your name and phone number, to request a phone call. This offer is for those who live in the Parishes of Wotton under Edge, North Nibley, Alderley and Tresham.

Latest News about our church buildings

All services and individual private prayer are suspended in all the Benefice church buildings until further notice, in order to keep everyone safe.

St. Martin's – All services and ramblings will be available online.

The weekly recorded services will continue - available on the church website www.northnibleychurch.uk

This week: Ramblings with Morag

The churchyard, is open and provides a place for quiet reflection & prayer – with benches. Please do make use of it.

*******Notices*******

Mothering Sunday – 14th March – There will be a LIVE Zoom Family Service for Mothering Sunday at 10.00am.

For Zoom details please contact Kate on 07799 474054

Benefice Office Opening Hours – I have moved back into the office! The office will be open:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 10.15am – 12.15pm

Friday – 10.15am – 11.15am

The office will be closed on a Wednesday.

New Email Address for Cookie – Due to various issues, Cookie has had to change her email address to: tyndalevicar@gmail.com

Morning Prayer and lunchtime reflections – From Monday 8th March, there will be a Zoom Morning Prayer at 8am on Mondays and Fridays. At 12pm on Wednesdays there will be a lunchtime reflection.

You can join even if you don't have Zoom, as you can phone in. If you would like these details (and didn't get the email) please ring 07799 474054.

Still looking for:

St. Mary's Representative for Churches Together in Wotton (CTiW) – Would anyone be interested in representing St. Mary's on the CTiW forum? They meet a couple of times a year (at the moment via Zoom). It is a great way of being part of the local church community. The role of the Rep is mainly to join meetings, report back to their respective churches and help to organise whichever event is on the rota for their church.

Know someone without online access or prefers not to use the internet? Daily Hope Phone Lines – The Church of England have a FREE OF CHARGE phone line available 24 hours a day offering comforting hymns, reflections and prayers. **Ring 0800 804 8044**

Diocese of Gloucester Podcasts – an ongoing audio series finding out about different projects, organisations and inspirational stories. The nineteenth podcast from Bishop Rachel is looking at Caring for our Countryside. Bishop Rachel speaks with a number of local farmers. You can play the podcast by going to:
<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/2021/podcast-episode-19-caring-for-the-countryside-in-conversation-with-farmers-from-gloucestershire/>

On here are also sermons for the upcoming Sunday, and a short video for children and families based on the upcoming Gospel reading – all worth a look and listen!

Prayer and digital resources available – if you would like any sent to you email wotvicsec@btconnect.com or visit the website wottonparishchurch.org.uk

Services from the BBC

- Daily service on Radio 4 at 9.45am LW or DAB
- Live on Sunday streamed at 8.10am each Sun.
- Songs of Praise on Sunday's, this week on

BBC1 - 1.15pm

- Choral Evensong on Radio 3 on Wednesdays at 3.30pm and Sundays at 3pm

Services from the Church of England

Available to watch on the Church of England website, Facebook page and YouTube! channel
<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

Cookie's Corner

Hello all,

It's been a really busy week (aren't they all?!)
Talks with a number of lovely people (some walking, some on Zoom), a couple of PCC meetings and a Chapter meeting (where all the clergy from the area get together). Plus IT issues to contend with – BUT the great news is that I am finally in my study! No more working from the bedroom. It's a great feeling!

If you would like a chat with me, do get in touch with Kate and it can be set up. If you feel you can offer something in the way forward for the Benefice, we would love to hear from you. As mentioned in previous instalments, there will be a request for your opinions coming out soon, please bear with us as we get things organised.

Do continue to pray for our government and all those who are working in the COVID battle. Frontline or otherwise. Actually, to an extent that is all of us isn't it?

Be blessed.

Much Love, Cookie.

Clergy:

Revd Rachel Cook – 07483 146531 (day off Friday)
tyndalevicar@gmail.com

Revd Peter Marsh – 01453 547521 (not after 6.00pm) (day off Tuesday)

Revd Morag Langley – 01453 845147

Licensed Reader:

Sue Plant - 01453 845157 (Day off Saturday)

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Jackie Excell – 07863 121613

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