

Tyndale Benefice



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

Sunday, 18th April 2021
3rd Sunday of Easter

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

Collect:

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen
life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Principal Readings:

1st Reading: *Acts 3: 12-19*

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

2nd Reading: *1 John 3: 1-7*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you.

Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Gospel: *Luke 24: 36b-48*

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Reflection from Cookie

The Acts reading this week tackles the subject of being people surprised at events which they had been party to. We see Peter and John involved in the healing of a 'lame man' and then addressing the crowd asking them why they were surprised at the events they have just seen unfold..

Sometimes we have those sorts of moments. This week, we are remembering the Royal family who, although they were expecting a sad event to happen in the none too distant future, undoubtedly were not prepared for it when it arrived. Can we ever be? Are we ever ready for the death of a loved one?

I have had the privilege to be involved in the care of two funeral families over the past few weeks. One family were expecting the death of a loved one and yet for the

other, it was so unexpected and sudden. Both families are grieving in their own way and we offer prayers and support as often as possible. But the point is, we just do not ever know what is around the corner, or what lies just out of sight. Life has a habit of throwing a curve ball at us when we least expect it.

As we move out of the Easter season, I am still reminded of the emotions which must have stormed through the disciple's hearts and minds. Christ was there, then he was gone, then he was there again. Curve ball after curve ball.

The Christian journey is a bit like that to be fair. It has highs and it has lows. There are no guarantees of an easy ride, but we are told God will never leave or forsake us – whatever life – or death throws at us.

I have been really blessed by the lovely letters and thoughts of encouragement you have been sending and also the words telling us where we can do better. Please, keep them coming in as we continue until the end of the month with our consultation process. One person stands out for what they said and I would like to share this with you. This person said, "I need to do better, as I have a very small faith." I wrote back to this person and said, "Jesus has a lot to say about what you can do with faith that is even the size of a mustard seed." And we all know the saying "that from a tiny acorn..." So, if any of you are wondering, small or tiny faith is good (luckily for Doubting Thomas, luckily for me!!) We do not have to have it all sorted. We come as we are, here and now, warts and all.

Be encouraged dear friends, small or tiny faith is good. Small or tiny is enough.

Blessings

Cookie

For your prayers:

For those who have died and their families:

Geoff Mitchell who died on 17th March

Charlotte Dunseath who died on 29th March

HRH Prince Phillip who died on 9th April.

God of our lives,
we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip,
for his love of our country,
and for his devotion to duty.

We entrust him now to your love and mercy,
through our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Should you wish to leave a message of condolence,
please visit

<https://www.churchofengland.org/remembering-his-royal-highness-prince-philip>

Gloucester Cathedral is open for quiet reflection & private prayers between 11am and 4pm (12pm until 4pm on Sundays).

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

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

20th: Alice Marjorie Frankcom (Tresham) (2009)
Douglas I.V. Scadding (2015)

21st: David Caldwell (2007)

22nd: Margaret Mills (2015)

23rd: Sybil Joan Rea (2004)

Beatrice "Bea" Iris Bainbridge (2020)

24th: Sylvia Holmes (2005)

Valda Doreen Brown (2019)

Nibley

None in this time period

In April, St. Mary's is remembered in their prayers by the other churches in Wotton

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 or phone the Parish Office 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 office on 01453 842175, 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.

Zoom Sunday Service

10am on Sunday 18th April, there will be an All Age service on Zoom

To Join the Zoom Meeting either click here or type in the meeting ID and Passcode

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89661838296?pwd=VDJMYm80d1BmcXVMsGIFRjMzZWZWRBZz09>

Meeting ID: 896 6183 8296

Passcode: 269131

If you would like to join by telephone call 0203 901 7895 or 0131 460 1196 and enter the meeting code ID 896 6183 8296 and passcode: 269131

****Latest News about our church buildings****

All (in person) services are suspended in all the Benefice church buildings until further notice, in order to keep everyone safe.

St. Mary's will be opening for Private prayer from Wednesday 21st April 10am – 4pm

Covid restrictions and rules to be adhered to. Face coverings to be worn. Do not attend if you or one of your household has any COVID symptoms.

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: "Service"

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

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

Benefice / Parish Office new email address – the office has a new email address –

office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk

Please amend your records accordingly. The wotvicsec address will be turned off when we move away from our current supplier, which will be happening in the coming month.

The phone number 01453 842175 will remain the same.

Prayer Trail at St. Mary's - In conjunction with St Mary's opening for private prayer from Wednesday 21st April there is a prayer trail for adults round the churchyard based on Psalm 23. There is also a prayer trail suitable for children. Collect trail leaflets from the holder on the main notice board opposite the Parish Room.

Foodbank Easter Collection – if you have collected a box of items for the Foodbank – please do bring it to the

office (during working hours) and I can collect them all, and pass them onto the warehouse in Stroud.

Monday and Fridays Morning Prayer – these are currently still being held on Zoom at 8am. It would be lovely if you would like to attend – no longer than 20 minutes.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87068897166?pwd=bUU4MHluei9OcHBSeWxlQkhuNmVNUT09>

Meeting ID: 870 6889 7166

Passcode: 854997

If you would like to join by telephone call 0203 901 7895 or 0131 460 1196 and enter the meeting code ID 870 6889 7166 and passcode: 854997

St. Mary's Morning prayer will be moving back into the church building from Monday 26th April.

Morning Prayer – is 8am too early for you? Would you prefer a later time – especially when we are able to have it in person in a church building?

Please let Cookie or Kate know.

Would any of you like to be on the rota to take morning prayer, once we are back in church? If you are willing, please let the office know.

From Sunday 2nd May St. Mary's – There will be two services taking place

9.30am A reflective service – all welcome

4pm An All age worship – all welcome

We will let you know about the opening up of the other churches as soon as we can.

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

Dear all,

Friday 9th April 2021. Whilst we, as a nation heard about the sad death of HRH Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh, it was also a day when I re-attested (or re-joined) back into the military. This time I have joined as a reservist. It did cross my mind, as I took the Oath of allegiance to Queen and Country that it was such a privilege to do so (again) when Prince Phillip himself had served so diligently and would have taken the same oath to serve the (then) sovereign and their successors.

Whilst I am 'back in blue' and will be working closely with 614 Squadron in Glamorgan, I am still serving here in Tyndale of course and I am really blessed to be able to work in 'two camps' (no pun intended!) Being military where you put 'service before self' is very much akin to being a priest and indeed serving in the Christian church in general regardless of whether or not you wear a dog collar.

As we come out of lockdown, I am really excited to get to know you all and hope you will drop in, when able, for coffee with Cookie.

Blessings,
'Cookie'

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Here I am swearing the Oath of Allegiance with Wg Cdr Sagar from 614 Sqn RAF Reserves

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 (day off Tuesday)

Licensed Reader:

Sue Plant - 01453 845157 (day off Saturday)

Wotton Churchwardens:

Jackie Excell – 07863 121613

Douglas Hinton – 07415 541359

North Nibley Churchwarden:

Wynne Holcombe - 01453 542091

Alderley Churchwarden:

Kay Pettifer - 01453 843838

Tresham Churchwarden:

Susan Whitfield – 01666 890338

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Open Mon, Tues, Thurs: 10.15 – 12.15pm & Fri: 10.15 – 11.15am

Office closed on a Wednesday