

### Services and Meetings this week

St. Martin's, St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays 10 – 4pm

St. Mary's opens daily 9am – 3pm

#### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

#### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

#### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

No Holy Communion at St. Mary's

10.15am Coffee and chat at St. Mary's

2.00pm Mother's Union in Parish Room

#### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

#### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

##### Principal Readings:

*1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-end*

*Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20*

9.30am Service of the Word at St. Martin's (with Baptism)

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

11.15am Holy Communion at Tresham Church

##### **Clergy:**

Revd Rachel Cook 01453 842 175 (Day off Friday)

Revd Peter Marsh 01453 547 521 (Usual day off Tues. Do not phone after 6pm))

Revd Morag Langley 07411 207720 (On Holiday)

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

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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)

Services this Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October

All Saints

##### **Services today:**

9.30am Matins at St. Martin's

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

3.00pm Commemoration of the Faithful Departed at St. Mary's

##### **Collect:**

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
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 holiness,  
your glory is proclaimed in every age:  
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,  
inspire us to follow their example  
with boldness and joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

##### **Post Communion Prayer:**

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Principal Readings:**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-9**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines  
strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all  
the earth,

for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might  
save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 21: 1-6a**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven  
and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no  
more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming  
down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for  
her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am  
making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these  
words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is  
done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the  
end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of  
the water of life.

### **Gospel: John 11: 32-44**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at  
his feet and said to him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my  
brother would not have died.’ When Jesus saw her weeping,  
and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly  
disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, ‘Where have  
you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus  
began to weep. So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ But  
some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the  
blind man have kept this man from dying?’

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a  
cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, ‘Take away  
the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him,  
‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for  
four days.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you  
believed, you would see the glory of God?’ So they took away  
the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank  
you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I  
have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that  
they may believe that you sent me.’ When he had said this, he  
cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man  
came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his  
face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and  
let him go.’

## **For your prayers:**

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

Horace Mutter whose funeral was on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October at  
St. Mary’s.

Peggy Luker whose funeral is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at  
St. Mary’s.

This month the rest of the community are praying for us at St.  
Mary’s

### **Prayer Ministry**

There is a group of people who will pray for you. To request  
prayer for yourself or others, please ring Morag on 07411  
207720.

## **\*\*\*\*\*Notices\*\*\*\*\***

**Thank you** to everyone who has held our granddaughter Eve  
in their prayers during the last 18 years. 2 weeks ago, she went  
to hospital for her latest food challenge and is now pronounced  
free of all allergies. Thank you – John & Jackie Ramsdale.

**Due to no clergy availability** – unfortunately we need to  
cancel the Holy Communion on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.  
There will still be coffee and chat from 10.15am should anyone  
like to come along.

**Don’t forget** – the clocks go back on Sunday morning (31<sup>st</sup>) –  
you should get an additional hour in bed!!

## **Cookie’s Corner**

Hello everyone,

By now you will all have heard the sad news that my family and I are  
unable to stay in Wotton and that I will therefore be moving on from  
being Vicar of Tyndale Benefice.

Of course, this is not what anyone envisaged (or indeed wanted)  
when I started in the post. It is sometimes hard to grasp sense and  
meaning when life throws curve balls at you. Indeed, it is painful and  
confusing with everyone involved wondering what on earth is going  
on.

Being on the Christian journey, as we all are, does not come with  
guarantees and at no point are any of us immune to life’s  
complications. Every so often, our best laid plans have to change, the  
map diverts and we are all left scratching our heads in  
bewilderment. I’m sure the disciples felt the same and there are  
many, many Christians throughout the world who face far greater  
challenges than we can even **begin** to imagine.

Matt, the family and I have made some wonderful, lifelong friends  
here in the Benefice over this short period of time. Indeed, what is  
time? God measures it differently to us and I just know he has  
wonderful plans for this benefit and its future irrespective of who  
the Vicar is. Remember, often opposition, in various forms comes  
just before an amazing new thing erupts, so do not be downhearted.  
Pray and be focused on him who is able to do ‘immeasurably more.’

For now, whilst we are wounded, we will continue to walk forward  
‘praising God in all circumstances’ and knowing that as long as we  
trust and obey, ultimately things will be as they are meant to be, and  
all will be well.

In the words of the wonderful, yet simple children’s song:  
Our God is a great big God and he (indeed) holds us in his hands.

Our love to you,  
The Cookies.

*‘Cookie’*

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