

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 13th December

9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
7.30pm Oriana Singers Christmas concert at St. Martin's

Tuesday 14th December

Wednesday 15th December

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
10.00am Coffee and chat after the Holy Communion Service

Thursday 16th December

Friday 17th December

9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

Saturday 18th December

Next Sunday 19th December – 4th Sunday of Advent

Principal Readings:

1st Reading: Micah 5: 2-5a

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

9.30am Service of the Word at St. Martin's
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
11.15am Tresham Carol Service in barn
6.00pm Christmas Carols at St. Martin's
6.30pm 9 lessons and carols at St. Mary's

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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.

Cookie's Corner

Hello everyone,

And here we are in week 3 of advent.

I am painfully aware as we progress deeper into this period of 'light' that for some, all they feel is trepidation and uncertainty. You only have to turn on the latest news reports to feel that – along with anger too.

How do we respond as Christians in the wake of ever-changing circumstances? The reality is that it is hard. Being a Christian does not take our problems away – but it does make the burden easier to bear sometimes. It does also help us know how we should respond to challenge – even if we don't quite manage it. Christ is our anchor; he never changes and that gives me great comfort amidst the storm. I also want to say a HUGE thank you this week. Your generosity in relation to our parish giving week was fabulous. It really does make a difference to who we are and how we can operate as a missional community. God bless you. Keep rooted always in him who is able to stop us from falling.

Be blessed all and Season's blessings

'Cookie'

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Advent Wreath Prayer

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.
As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now.

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Services this Sunday, 12th December
Third Sunday of Advent

Services today:

9.30am Service of the Word at St. Mary's
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's
6.30pm Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect:

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer:

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Evensong Readings

Psalm: 50: 1-6
Isaiah 35
Luke 1: 57-66

Principal Readings:

First Reading: *Zephaniah 3: 14-end*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;

shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,

he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;

you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,

a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors

at that time.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise

and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,

at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised

among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes

before your eyes, says the Lord.

2nd Reading: *Philippians 4: 4-7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer & supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts & your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: *Luke 3: 7-18*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Jean Lee whose funeral was on 10th December

Nick and Alix whose son, Jacob was baptised last weekend

In December we remember in our prayers the congregation of the Holy Cross Church.

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*******

St Martin's – Sunday 19th December at 3pm - "Christmas Carols, Poetry and Readings by Candlelight".

St Martin's Christingle – Christmas Eve at 6pm- outdoors in the Churchyard with floodlight. Wrap up warm!



Christingle on Christmas Eve supporting The Children's Society at St Mary's –

Join in and book Christingle into your Christmas diary. There is something for everybody. Bring your children, grandchildren neighbour or a friend.

10am-12pm enjoy a hot coffee and delicious mince pies. Relax and listen to some Christmas tunes.

10am -3pm making Christingles to take home.

5pm for half an hour wrap up warm and join together to sing traditional carols in St Mary's Churchyard.

All the events are in support of The Children's Society who work to improve the lives of underprivileged children and young people in our society.

Thank you to everybody who has pledged mince pies but we would like more please! Chat to Mary K, Kate T or Sharon D. We are so looking forward to seeing you there.

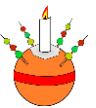
Collection for the Julian Trust - At this time of year we especially remember the homeless in Bristol by supporting the Julian Trust Night Shelter.

There will be a collection of MONEY donations for the Julian Trust in St Mary's on **Sunday 12th December**. If you would prefer to donate on line please go to the Julian Trust website juliantrust.org.uk

Christingle Making Thursday 23rd December 9.30 am

Coffee, cake and chat will be an essential ingredient for making 400 Christingles, ready for the following day.

On Christmas Eve between 10 and 3pm there will also be an opportunity for families to make their own Christingles in Church too. If you would like to help at either or both events, please contact Kate Tutty 01453 844371
Thank you.



St Mary's Christmas Tree - Again, we give a very special note of thanks to Teresa and Max for providing and setting up our tree in church.

Tyndale Benefice Christmas Services

St. Mary's

Christmas Eve: 10am – 3pm Christingle Making in church. **10 - 12pm** Coffee & mince pies. **5pm** Carol singing outside church.

9.30pm – Bethlehem Midnight Mass (Holy Communion)

Christmas Day: 9.30am Family Service (no communion)

St. Martin's

Christmas Eve: 10am Donkey from Church to Chapel

6pm Christingle in porch

Christmas Day: 9.30pm Family communion service

St. Kenelm's

Christmas Day: 11am Family communion service