

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 20th December – Office Open

9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

Tuesday 21st December – Office Closed

Wednesday 22nd December – Office Closed

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

10.00am Coffee and chat after the Holy Communion Service

Thursday 23rd December – Office Open

Friday 24th December – Christmas Eve - Office Closed

No Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

10.00am Donkey travelling from Church to Chapel in North Nibley

10 – 12pm Coffee, mince pies and music at St. Mary's

10 – 3pm Make your own Christingle at St. Mary's

5.00pm Carols in St. Mary's Churchyard

6.00pm Christingle at St. Martin's (outside)

9.30pm Bethlehem Midnight Mass at St. Mary's

Saturday 25th December – Christmas Day

9.30am Family Service at St. Mary's

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's

11.00am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's

Next Sunday 26th December – 1st Sunday of Christmas

Principal Readings:

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-end

No services within the Tyndale Benefice Today. St. Martin's will have an audio service on their website for 26th December.

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Clergy:

Revd Rachel Cook 01453 842 175 (Day off Thurs & Friday)
Revd Peter Marsh 01453 547 521 (Usual day off Tues. Do not phone after 6pm))

Revd Morag Langley 07411 207720 (Usual day off Tues)

All clergy are having a break until

Vicar's Secretary & Benefice Administrator:

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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.



Advent Wreath Prayer

Lord Jesus, light of the world,
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
and bless us your children, who long for your coming.

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Services this Sunday, 19th December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Services today:

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

Collect:

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer:

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Principal Readings:

First Reading: Micah 5: 2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of
the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land
and tread upon our soil,
we will raise against them seven shepherds
and eight installed as rulers.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God”
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’
When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken
pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-
offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), then he
added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes the
first in order to establish the second. And it is by God’s
will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the
body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean
town in the hill country, where she entered the house of
Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s
greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled
with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed
are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your
womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of
my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your
greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is
she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was
spoken to her by the Lord.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

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*****

North Nibley – Sunday 19th December at 3pm – Living Crib
with Noddy the Donkey at Hunts Court - CANCELLED

St Martin’s – Sunday 19th December at 6pm - “Christmas
Carols, Poetry and Readings by Candlelight”.

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

The Benefice Office will be closed from 2.00pm on Thursday
23rd December & will reopen at 10am on Tuesday 4th January.

Booking for St. Kenelm’s Christmas Day Service – Please
book your seat for the Christmas Day Communion (11am) in
Alderley. Ring Kay on 01453 843838



**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
& 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.

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.



Tyndale Benefice Clergy – Cookie, Morag and Peter will be
taking a well deserved rest from 26th December until Sunday
2nd January. Please contact your churchwarden in their absence
or ring 07483 146531.

Save the Children collection – Thank you to everyone who
donated to Save the Children Fund whilst decorating the St.
Mary’s Christmas tree at the beginning of December. £60 was
raised.

The Keepers - will be delivering frozen **Christmas dinners** to
anyone who is by themselves on that day - or to a couple where
one is caring for the other and would benefit from someone
else cooking the dinner. People can sign up for one of these by
coming into/ or phoning The Keepers **by Dec 20th**

Cookie’s Corner

Hello everyone,

How are you. Not too rushed off your feet I pray!

As you know, way back in the spring I asked where we were as a
benefice, what we did well, not so well and where we would like to
be. We called this “The consultation Process” as that was indeed
what it was, your (not my) honest thoughts, views, fears and
suggestions for the future life of our church community. As a result
of this, we will soon produce a working document which each
church can adapt for their own context.

Over the next 3 years, the document will be the golden thread for
how we live out our mission statement of ‘Refuel, Inspire and
Share.’ Whilst I may not be with you, I am so proud of this work,
which (again) is yours, not mine and a legacy that will ensure our
churches continue to grow well into the future.

If any of you want to chat more about any of the consultation, please
do give me a call. It has been a privilege to listen to all you have to
say. There is so much passion in the benefice and talent/skills which
I know God will use. I shall, of course, be presenting the model to
you before I leave at the end of January.

Be blessed all, this advent time.

‘Cookie’

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