

## Services and Meetings this week

St. Martin's, St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays 10 – 4pm  
St. Mary's opens daily 10am – 3pm. Please observe Covid safety notices

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

#### Principal Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20,26

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-end

No services within the Tyndale Benefice Today

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### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December – Office Closed**

No Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December – Office Closed**

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> December – Office Closed**

No Holy Communion or coffee at St. Mary's

### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> December – Office Closed**

### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December – New Year's Eve - Office Closed**

No Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January – New Year's Day**

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Epiphany**

#### Principal Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

9.30pm Holy Communion at St. Mary's

9.30pm Service of the Word at St. Martin's

#### **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)

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

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

Kate Cropper Closed from Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3.30pm until Tues 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am  
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#### **Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth Churchwardens:**

Mrs Jacqueline Excell 07863 121613

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#### **Assist. Director of Music:**

Miss Hilary Varlow 07795 515219

#### **North Nibley Churchwarden:**

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#### **Alderley (including Tresham) Churchwardens:**

Mrs Kay Pettifer 01453 843838

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St Mary's Wotton

## **Cookie's Corner**

Dear all,

We are near the end of 2021 and it has certainly had its challenges but Christmastide is here and a new year looms....

I would like to take this opportunity to share a big thank you from all the Clergy, Churchwardens and Kate our administrator as we offer up to you our love and prayers for a restful, peace filled merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Be blessed all, this advent time.

*'Cookie'*

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### **Advent Wreath Prayer**

Lord Jesus, Light of light,  
you have come among us.  
Help us who live by your light  
to shine as lights in your world.  
Glory to God in the highest.  
Amen.

## **Tyndale**



## **Benefice**

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Christmas Special

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

### **Services on Christmas Eve:**

10 – 3pm Christingle Making at St. Mary's

3.00pm Living Crib Service at Hunts Court with Noddy the Donkey

9.30pm Bethlehem Midnight Mass at St. Mary's

### **Services on Christmas Day**

9.30am Family Service at St. Mary's

9.30am Christmas Communion at St. Martin's

11.00pm Christmas Communion at St. Kenelm's

### **Collect for Christmas Eve:**

Eternal God,  
in the stillness of this night  
you sent your almighty Word  
to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation:  
give to the earth the peace that we long for  
and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven  
through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

### **Collect for Christmas Day:**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God.

### **Principal Readings for Christmas Eve:**

**First Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7**

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness—

on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named

Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onwards and for evermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Titus 2: 11-14**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

**Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

**Principal Readings for Christmas Day:**

**First Reading: Isaiah 62: 6-end**

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem,  
I have posted sentinels;  
all day and all night  
they shall never be silent.  
You who remind the Lord,  
take no rest,  
and give him no rest  
until he establishes Jerusalem  
and makes it renowned throughout the earth.  
The Lord has sworn by his right hand  
and by his mighty arm:  
I will not again give your grain  
to be food for your enemies,

and foreigners shall not drink the wine  
for which you have laboured;  
but those who garner it shall eat it  
and praise the Lord,  
and those who gather it shall drink it  
in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates,  
prepare the way for the people;  
build up, build up the highway,  
clear it of stones,  
lift up an ensign over the peoples.

The Lord has proclaimed  
to the end of the earth:

Say to daughter Zion,  
'See, your salvation comes;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.'  
They shall be called, 'The Holy People,  
The Redeemed of the Lord';  
and you shall be called, 'Sought Out,  
A City Not Forsaken.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Titus 3: 4-7**

But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**Gospel: Luke 2: 8-20**

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**For your prayers:**

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

Brian Chappell who died last week.

Dave Harris who died on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

All those who have lost loved ones.

Those that are unwell or struggling at this time of year.

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.