Services and Meetings this week

St. Martin's, St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays 10-4 pm St. Mary's opens daily 9 am-3 pm. Please observe Covid safety notices

Monday 14th February

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 15th February Office open from 12 – 1pm

Wednesday 16th February

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

10.00am Coffee and chat after the communion service at St. Mary's

Thursday 17th February

10.30am Funeral Service for Daphne Parker at St. Mary's

Friday 18th February

Saturday 19th February

Sunday 20^{th} February -2^{nd} Sunday before Lent With Bishop Robert

Principal Readings:

1st Reading: Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end

2nd Reading: Revelation 4 Gospel: Luke 8: 22-25

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

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

11.15am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's

Clergy:

Revd Peter Marsh 01453 547521 (on leave)

Revd Morag Langley 07411 207720 (Usual day off Tues)

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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.

Benefice Eco Tips

Use your freezer for leftovers! Almost anything can be frozen to prolong its shelf life including bread, soup and pasta sauce.

Tyndale



Benefice

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

> Sunday 13th February 2022 3rd Sunday before Lent

Services Today:

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Martin's9.30am Service of the Word at St. Mary's6.30pm Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect:

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father,

who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Evensong Readings

Psalm 6

Hosea 10: 1-8, 12 Galatians 4: 8-20

Principal Readings:

First Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—
who can understand it?
I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Gospel: *Luke 6: 17-26*

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,

for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

- 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.
- 'But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

- 'Woe to you who are full now,
- for you will be hungry.
- 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Daphne Parker whose funeral is on Thursday 17th February at 10.30am at St. Mary's – all welcome. Please wear something red as this was her favourite colour.

In February we remember in our prayers the congregation of the Oliver Memorial Chapel.

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. Mary's – Morning Prayer on Mondays and Fridays will be stopping after Monday 31st January

New feature on the pew sheets - Benefice Eco Tips.

From meditation to insulation, from location to invocation, loving God and his creation should impact everything in our church lives. An organisation called A Rocha UK has developed Eco Church – an award scheme for churches of all denominations in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that they care for God's earth. With a whole suite of supporting resources, Eco Church will help us 'go green' in all areas of our church life, from worship to building management, outreach to personal lifestyle. And the work will count towards a prestigious Bronze, Silver or Gold Eco Church Award. All churches in the Benefice are invited to join in registering their church. Please contact Alan Bell for further information. The Tips will be on the back page (see over). We hope you find them useful.

St Martin's Children's Society annual box collection has raised £1476, even better than last year's total. Many thanks to all who have contributed so generously.

Churches Together in Nibley – is organising a Ploughman's and Pancakes lunch. To be held in the Chapel on Tuesday 1st March. Tickets at £6 are available at North Nibley Village Hub.

St. Mary's Eco Church – Toilet Twinning Project - MANY THANKS for all your donations - WE HAVE REACHED OUR TARGET of £120. Details of our twinning will be given in due course - watch this space!

Message from Joan Hobbs – On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank everyone for the support you have given us during Doug's long illness and subsequent death. Your letters of condolence and sympathy and your memoires of Doug over many years have been a great support to us all. They reminded us of all the people he had been involved with, particularly with the young choristers and later with his music teaching. He felt he had fulfilled many of his hopes in the past and was able to pass on his love of music to so many people. Doug loved Wotton and loved being able to support St. Mary's during his life. We would like to thank everyone who was involved in making the celebration of his life service such a joyous occasion. It was a joy to see so many friends present. Thank you too for your generous donations to the Myasthenia Gravis research. The sum of £600 was gratefully received by Myaware charity.

Looking ahead to Friday 4th March: World Day of Prayer - a service written by women for everyone to join worldwide: in North Nibley please come along to the Chapel at 11am. In Wotton please go along to the United Church at 10am.