

Services and Meetings this week

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

Monday 14th March

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes
7.00pm C.S Lewis Discussion at Nibley Chapel

Tuesday 15th March – Office Closed

Wednesday 16th March

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
10.00am Coffee and chat after the communion service at St. Mary's
7.30pm Lent Lecture at Baptist Church – Prof Patricia Broadfoot CBE

Thursday 17th March – Office Closed

Friday 18th March – Office Closed

12-2pm Soup Lunch at St. Mary's in aid of Longfield Hospice

Saturday 19th March

Sunday 20th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Principal Readings:

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-9

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

9.30am Service of the Word at St. Martin's
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
11.15am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's

Clergy:

Revd Peter Marsh 01453 547521 (on leave)
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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

Read company 'green' policies when ordering new goods. Do they have a good recycling policy, can they take your waste, is there a regular day they visit the area to reduce traffic.

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 13th March 2022

2nd Sunday of Lent

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

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves;
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Evensong Readings

Jeremiah 22: 1-9, 13-17
Luke 14: 27-33
Psalm 135

Principal Readings:

First Reading: *Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates'

2nd Reading: *Philippians 3: 17-4: 1*

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel: *Luke 13: 31-end*

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

In March we remember in our prayers the congregation of the The Quakers

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.

Churches Together in Nibley are meeting at the Chapel on Mondays – 7.00pm - 8.30pm to discuss C.S.Lewis' Narnia books – just children's books or something deeper?

14th March – The Horse and his Boy + Prince Caspian

21st March – The Voyage of the Dawn Treader + The Silver Chair

28th March – The Last Battle

Churches Together in Wotton Lent Lectures - Will be taking place at Wotton Baptist Church from 7.30pm every Wednesday during Lent:

16th March - Prof Patricia Broadfoot CBE (*National Trustee CPRE and Chair CPRE Gloucestershire*)

Our God-given home: Christians and the Countryside

23rd March - Alex Avarad (*Tearfund Action Team*)

How Climate change affects the world's poor and what we can do to care for them

30th March - Kevin Durrant (*Minister of Keynsham Baptist Church*)

Going Green in the Local Church

6th April - Rev Noel Sharp (*Methodist Minister, convenor of Bristol Methodist Synod Eco Team*)

Building the movement, changing structures, engaging with power

To access the lectures live, via Zoom please use the following:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89919536308?pwd=NENETkdUNDI3dFJrVXdXWVlWVlBOZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 1953 6308

Passcode: 935519

St. Mary's Lent Lunches – from 12pm in St. Mary's Church (note new venue!)

This week the lunch will be in aid of Longfield Hospice. Wonderful soup and cakes will be on offer. All welcome.

Benefice Office – will be closed week commencing 14th March. Please contact your local churchwarden if you need anything.

St. Mary's Eco Church – Toilet Twinning project - is now complete. We have twinned one of our new toilets in church with a toilet in Afghanistan and the other with a toilet in Malawi. Photographs of the toilets are currently displayed on Eco Church display (at the back of the church near the font). Please do have a look at them. Once again the Eco Church team would like to thank those members of the church who donated to the project. We are now considering what our next project/s will be towards gaining the Eco Church Bronze award. Details of this will be given through the pew sheet very soon.

Box Opening Coffee Morning on March 5th - A very big "Thank You" to everyone who supported the Children's Society Coffee Morning at St. Mary's; those who donated and bought goods, those who made cakes, those who ate cake and drank coffee. My thanks also to Jackie Excell and Mary Buckley for organising the refreshments so efficiently. I am extremely grateful to Sheila Braidford, Beryl Jarvis and Kate Tutty for giving up their morning to deal with the boxes, they did a splendid job counting and bagging etc. To date £562.59 has come in from the boxes. Thank you also to the people who were unable to attend but passed on donations resulting in a total of £223.50 from the Coffee Morning. Thank you everyone for your continued support and generosity.

Dot Moss