

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 21st March

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

Tuesday 22nd March

Wednesday 23rd 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 – Alex Avard

Thursday 24th March

2.00pm iSingPop Blue Coat School
6.00pm iSingpop Blue Coat School

Friday 25th March

12-2pm Soup Lunch at St. Mary's in aid of The Leprosy Mission

Saturday 26th March

Sunday 27th March – Mothering Sunday

Principal Readings:

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 20-end

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17

Gospel: John 19: 25b-27

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

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's

6.30pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

Clergy:

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phone after 6pm)

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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.

Benefice Eco Tips

Showers are more water efficient than baths, but only if used wisely.

Showers are still one of the largest users of water in the household. However, if you shaved one minute off your shower everyday, you could save money on both your water and energy bills. Consider keeping a bucket in your shower to catch the water while it's heating up and use it to water plants or flush the toilet.

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 20th March 2022

3rd Sunday of Lent

Services Today

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

Collect

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Principal Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.
Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I

tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

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.

******* NOTICES *******

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?

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:

23rd March - Alex Avard (*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=NENETkdUNDI3dFJrVXhXWVlWVlBOZz09>

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 The Leprosy Mission. Wonderful soup and cakes will be on offer. All welcome.

FREE Good Friday Concert by the Oriana Singers at St. Martin's Church, North Nibley. Friday 15th April at 7pm. Music and readings for Passiontide. Conductor David Moss.

Oriana Singers Spring Concert - St. James the Great, Dursley, Saturday 23rd April at 7.30. Admission £10 - children and students free. Music will include Requiem by Gabriel Faure, Mozart's Missa Brevis in Bflat and Cantique de Jean Racine by Faure. The Oriana singers will be accompanied by organist Nigel Davies, Soprano Gillian Wells and Baritone Christian Jenkins