

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 7th March

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry & Dawes
7.00pm C.S Lewis Discussion at Nibley Chapel

Tuesday 8th March

Wednesday 9th 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 – Dr Cate Williams

Thursday 10th March

7.30pm Wotton PCC meeting at St. Mary's

Friday 11th March

12-2pm Soup Lunch at St. Mary's in aid of Red Cross for Ukraine

Saturday 12th March

Sunday 13th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Principal Readings:

1st Reading: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

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

Gospel: Luke 13: 31-end

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

Clergy:

Revd Peter Marsh 01453 547521 (do not ring after 6pm, usual day off Tuesday)
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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

Go for recycled or tree-free toilet paper. The same for printer paper. Keep your used envelopes for writing quick notes rather than buying notepads. Most printer ink cartridges can also be recycled and many of the companies send out pre-paid envelopes to enable you to do this.

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.

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 6th March 2022
1st Sunday of Lent

Services Today

9.30am Service of the Word at St. Martin's
11.00am Benefice Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Principal Readings:

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 26: 1-11*

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

2nd Reading: *Romans 10: 8b-13*

But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Gospel: *Luke 4: 1-13*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you",

and

"On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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 *******

Children's Society Box Opening Coffee Morning –

Saturday 5th March 10 – 12pm. A coffee morning for the opening of the Children's Society house boxes will be held in **St. Mary's Church**. There will be refreshments & a stall so, even if you are not a box holder, please come along to enjoy a browse and have a chat. If you are unable to bring in your box on that morning and you would like it collected, please contact me to arrange a suitable time. Dot Moss Tel: 844886

Saturday 5th March at 7.30pm – Jonathan Hope (Principal organist at Gloucester Cathedral) will be giving a Celebration recital on the restored Sweetland Organ in Kingswood. Tickets £10 each from dgrhatton@gmail.com or 01453 842483

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?

7th March – The Magician's Nephew + The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe

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

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

9th March - Rev Dr Cate Williams (*Environmental Engagement Officer in Gloucester Diocese*)

Imagining and creating a new Green future

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

Our God-given home: Christians and the Countryside

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 – these are starting again on Friday 11th March from 12pm in St. Mary's Church (note new venue!) The first lunch will be in aid of The Red Cross for Ukraine 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.