

Services and Meetings this week

St. Martin's, St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays 10 – 4pm
St. Mary's opens daily 9am – 6pm.

Monday 4th April

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 5th April

Wednesday 6th April

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 – Rev Noel Sharp

Thursday 7th April

10.00am Blue Coat Easter Service

Friday 8th April

10.30am British School Easter Concert
12-2pm Soup Lunch in aid of Christian Aid at **The BAPTIST CHURCH**
2.45pm Funeral for Mary Lee at St. Mary's

Saturday 9th April

Sunday 10th April – Palm Sunday

Principal Readings:

1st Reading: Luke 19: 28-40

2nd Reading: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-end

9.30am Service of the Word at St. Mary's
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's
6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

Clergy:

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phone after 6pm)
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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

When doing your laundry us as wash as cool as possible, and hang your clothes to dry on the line instead of using the dryer.

St. Mary's Eco Church News - Following our brief introduction in church on Sunday 13th March, the Eco Church Team are now pursuing projects from the Buildings category of the scheme. These projects involve recycling & the use of biodegradable materials within our church premises & the parish room/office.

We need to establish policies for how we buy, use & recycle all the materials used on the church premises including the parish room & office. Much work has already been achieved in this area but more needs to be done. If you have any knowledge or an interest in this subject & can help the church, please speak to Anne Parry, Adrian Davis, Hil Varlow or Alan Bell

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 3rd April 2022
Fifth 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 Tresham Church

Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Principal Readings:

First Reading: *Isaiah 43: 16-21*

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

2nd Reading: *Philippians 3: 4b-14*

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.
If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: *John 12: 1-8*

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Mary Lee whose funeral is on Friday 8th April at 2.45pm at St. Mary's Church.

In April, the other churches remember St. Mary's in their prayers.

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 will hold their APCM on Wednesday 27th April.

We have a couple of vacancies for the coming year, for both PCC and Deanery Synod members.

In addition, Douglas has decided that, after three years of hard work, he will not be standing again as church warden.

If you'd like to support the work of the church and apply for any of these roles, please speak to Jackie, Douglas or Adrian.

Churches Together in Wotton Lent Lectures – Last one coming up - Wotton Baptist Church from 7.30pm:

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 – 1st April in aid of The Leprosy Mission and MSF. This lunch will be held in **The BAPTIST CHURCH**. The following week for Christian Aid, will also be in the Baptist Church. 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

Flower Festival Meeting at St. Mary's – There is to be a flower festival at St. Mary's over the Jubilee weekend. If there is anyone interested in sharing ideas or helping, a meeting is taking place on Monday 4th April at 2pm in St. Mary's – if you would like to help but cannot make it, please let Irene know.

John and Rita Ballantyne would like to thank everyone from St. Mary's for the wonderful floral tributes and cards received for their Sapphire Anniversary. They are very touched with the love shown to them.

Jackie and Douglas would like to say thank you to all those who made mothers day posies – they were beautiful and very well received.

St. Mary's Church will now be open from 9am until 6pm each day.

Wednesday 6th April The Mothers' Union will meet in St. Mary's church at 2.15pm. Annabel Mills will be talking about the Stroud District Foodbank. All welcome but please wear a mask if possible.

St. Mary's Revision of the Church Roll will take place between 27th March & 10th April - If your name is not on the current Roll, displayed in the church porch, you are invited to complete an application form (available at the back of church or from the Parish Office). Please return in the box provided.
Graham Smith. Electoral Roll Officer