

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 8th August – Office Closed

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 9th August – Office Closed

Wednesday 10th August – Office Closed

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service

Thursday 11th August – Office Closed

Friday 12th August – Office Closed

Saturday 13th August

2.30pm Tea on the Drive at St. Mary's

Sunday 14th August – 9th Sunday after Trinity

Principal Readings:

1st Reading: Jeremiah 23: 23-29

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2

Gospel: Luke 12: 49-56

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 – Feast of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Clergy:

Revd Lesley Hewish 07483 146531 / vicar@tyndalebenefice.co.uk
(usual day off Friday & last Thursday of the month)

Revd Peter Marsh On Leave

Revd Morag Langley On Leave

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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

The UK's livestock industry is responsible for 5% of the UK's total carbon emissions, making it significant, but the manure is spread on the land, which, in turn, improves the soil. With meat eaters in the UK consuming almost double the world average, one way to help the planet is to reduce our consumption, adopt a flexitarian regime (plant-based, with smaller amounts of meat, fish and dairy) or consider a radical diet change.

According to a report by the Vegan Society and Oxford University, eating a plant-based diet is the most significant way an individual can combat climate change. However, if you can't live without meat, try to eschew intensive livestock farming to buy British, buy local and buy grass-reared — and also eat more game, which is good for you.

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 7th August 2022

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from
deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings:

First Reading: *Genesis 15: 1-6*

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.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel: *Luke 12: 32-40*

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Sam Gill who died on 16th July

To Alex and George who got married at St. Martin's on Saturday.

To Danie and Adrian who get married on Friday at St. Mary's

In August, we pray for the congregation of 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 the Office on 01453 842175

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

Benefice Office Summer opening times -

w/c 8th August & w/c 15th August CLOSED

w/c 22nd August Open: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm

w/c 29th August Open: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm

w/c 5th September Open: Wed & Thursday 10am – 12pm; Fri 10 – 11am

Please talk to your churchwarden or Lesley if you need anything

If you are a relatively new member within our

congregations or have been coming for a while but haven't had the opportunity to get to know our church communities better; please make yourself known to Kate Cropper (01453 842175 / office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk). We are hoping to create an event especially for you but need to have a contact number and email so we can send out invitations. The past two years have been horrid due to the pandemic. It's time to get to know each other again and be a community that shares God's love and hope with each other. So don't be shy 😊

Brenda Francis would like to say a very large thank you to everyone who gave cards, presents and popped in to mark her birthday recently. She had a lovely time.

A big thank you - to Theresa and Joan for their hard work in getting Viney Hill off the ground again this year. I joined them on both Saturday and Sunday and was so blessed by the sense of community between children and adults. Even the raft building was a community event with some building and others encouraging from dry land.

And the food was really yummy too. Rev Lesley

Can you help? - Wotton Day Centre are desperately in need of another cook to provide soup and sandwiches once a month for 6 - 8 people. This would be on a Thursday morning - approx 11am - 12.30pm at the Civic Centre. If you can help, please contact Joan Deveney or Shirley Wyse

Save the date:

St. Mary's - Saturday 13th August from 2.30pm. Tea on the Drive to raise funds for the new children's area in church. Contact Jackie or Anne if you are able to help.

North Nibley - Strawberry Cream Teas in aid of the Children's Society: Saturday 20th August 4-6pm at Hunt's Court, North Nibley. Contact: suedevine@hotmail.com

St. Mary's – Saturday 27th August at 7.30pm, The Twickenham Trio will be playing a concert at St. Mary's. Violin, viola and cello. Playing Bach, Gideon Klein, Haydn and Beethoven. Tickets are £10 from the Cotswold Book Room, or Anne P will have information and tickets at Sunday's Benefice Service.

St. Mary's – Choral Evensong on Sunday 28th August will be a Patronal Choral Evensong. It will start at **6pm** so that there is some time afterwards for nibbles! Patronal is the "birthday" of our church. St. Mary's was consecrated on 19th August 1283 – so we are at the 739 year anniversary this year. All welcome to this celebration.