

## Services and Meetings this week

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

### **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes  
2.00pm Memorial Service for Beryl Jarvis at St. Mary's

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

12.00pm Funeral Service for John Ballantyne at St. Mary's

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
10.15am Coffee & Conversation after Service

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Christ the King**

#### **Sunday next before Advent**

9.30am Café Church, Healing & Wholeness at St. Mary's  
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's  
11.30am Baptism of Elsie & Oscar at St. Mary's  
2.00pm Baptism of Oscar & Henry at St. Martin's  
6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

#### Principal Readings (from Lectionary):

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-end

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-end

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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.

**St. Mary's 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month Communion Service** – starting in November, we are trialling having the service half an hour later, starting at **10am**. Please pass the word around especially to anyone you know who doesn't attend due it being at 9.30am. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday's of the month will remain at 9.30am

**Christmas Lunch at The Keepers** – Do you know anyone who might be on their own or caring for someone on Christmas Day? They can book a place for lunch by popping in, calling 07585 466418 / [thekeeperscommunityhub@gmail.com](mailto:thekeeperscommunityhub@gmail.com) by December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth  
North Nibley  
Alderley (including Tresham)  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Second Sunday before Advent

#### **Services**

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

11.15am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's

**No Celebrate!** service at St. Mary's

#### **Collect**

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

or

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

**All: Alleluia.**

## **Principal Readings**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-end**

Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is at hand;  
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.  
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
'The Lord will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.'  
Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.  
That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the Lord,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.  
Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the Lord's wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

### **Gospel Reading – Matthew 25: 14-30**

#### **The Parable of the Talents**

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents

made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

#### **For your prayers:**

##### ***For the family and friends of:***

Christopher Lane whose funeral service was on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

Verdon Hicks whose funeral service was on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at Westerleigh

Beryl Jarvis whose memorial service is on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm.

John Ballantyne whose funeral service is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at midday.

**Prayer Chain/Ministry** - There is a group of people who will pray for you. To request prayer contact Joan Deveney (01453 844370) or Pat Forster (01453 842557). The Prayer Chain operates for a fortnight, unless otherwise requested.

*In November, we pray for Wotton Baptist Church.*

#### **\*\*\*\*\* NOTICES \*\*\*\*\***

**Request from The Mothers' Union** would welcome small items that can be sold as gifts priced £2 at the Charities Fair on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please give your donations to Pauline Latimer, Mary Downs or Jackie Ramsdale. Thank you.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – 9.30am until 11am. Wotton Community Morning Choir will be rehearsing at St. Mary's. All are welcome to listen.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov** – The Celebrate! Our Pets service has been cancelled.

**Event for Men** - Run by Patrick Regan from Kintsui Hope, a charity that focuses on mental and emotional health [<https://kintsugihope.com/vision>] Saturday 18 November, 7.30pm, St Michael's Church, Stoke Gifford BS34 8PD *Recommended as part of a focus on men's mental health in the Wotton community by Churches Together in Wotton.*

**Read With Me** - Thank you to everyone who came, despite the downpours of rain, on Sat, 4<sup>th</sup> November, as over £2,500 was raised. All the money on the jewellery (£175) and stationery stall (£37.15) has gone into Church funds.