### Services and Meetings this week

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

### Monday 30th October - St. Mary's is closed

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

2.00pm Funeral service for Jennifer Patteson at St. Martin's

### Tuesday 31st October

11.30am Funeral Service for Terry Luker at St. Mary's

### Wednesday 1st November - St. Mary's is closed

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

10.15am Coffee & Conversation after Service

2.15pm Mothers Union - Theatre Land - D. Hinton, LH Office

## Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - St. Mary's Closed

## Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Read with me setting up fayre at St. Mary's 1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's

6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

## Saturday 4th November

10.00am Read with Me Winter Fayre at St. Mary's

### Sunday 5th November

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

11.15am Holy Communion at Tresham Church

3.00pm All Souls Service at St. Mary's

## Principal Readings (from Lectionary):

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Revelation 7: 9-end 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3 Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

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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.

# Don't forget, the clocks go back an hour on Saturday night

# Tyndale



# Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth North Nibley Alderley (including Tresham) Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Bible Sunday

## **Services**

11.00am Benefice Communion at St. Mary's with Revd David Ball

## Collect

Blessed Lord,

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them,

to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them

that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,

we may embrace and for ever hold fast

the hope of everlasting life,

which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

or

Merciful God.

teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,

that trusting in your word

and obeying your will

we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

# **Post Communion Prayer**

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

All: Alleluia.

### **Principal Readings**

## 1st Reading – Nehemiah 8: 1-4a [5-6], 8-12

all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hash-baddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. [ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.] So they read from the book, from the law of God. with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** – Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## **Gospel Reading** – *Matthew 24: 30-35*

then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

## For your prayers:

## For the family and friends of:

Jenny Patteson whose funeral service is at St. Martin's 30<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm

Terry Luker whose funeral service is at St. Mary's on Tuesday 31st October at 11.30am

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

Beryl Jarvis who died on 12<sup>th</sup> October.

John Ballentyne who died on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

**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 October, the community are praying for St. Mary's

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

**St. Mary's Sound System** – St. Mary's will be closed on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November & Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. This is so the new sound system can be installed.

**Being Well day. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October from 10am -** It would be lovely to see people from across the Benefice at the Being Well Day – there will be yoga, massage, places to sit (in comfort!) plus refreshments and much more.

**The Mothers' Union 1st November 2.15pm -** will meet in the Catherine Chapel, St. Mary's, where Douglas Hinton will tell us about working in theatre. All welcome.

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

All Souls Service – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm. If you would like a loved ones name to be read out at this service, please let Kate know in the office (office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk) or write your name on the sheet at the back of St. Mary's or St.Martin's.

St. Mary's Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm – Please come and join our resident poet Sally Woodhouse as she shares a selection of her favourite pieces on topics including dogs, Wotton life and St. Mary's Church. Enjoy cake and tea for the cost of £5. All proceeds will go to the new sound system being installed at St. Mary's.





**Read with Me** – the local reading charity, is using St. Mary's for their winter fayre on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> November from 10am. Do come and support them.

If you have any jewellery that you no longer want, please donate it to Kate Tutty as she is running the jewellery stall. Can be perfect or in need of repair.