

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 11th December

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes
10.15am Community Morning Choir at St. Mary's

Tuesday 12th December

11.00am KLB Rehearsal
7.00pm KLB carol Service at St. Mary's

Wednesday 13th December

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

Thursday 14th December

Friday 15th December

1.30pm North Nibley School Carol service at St. Martin's
1.30pm Blue Coat rehearsal at St. Mary's
6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's
6.30pm Old Rosehillians carol service at St. Kenelm's

Saturday 16th December

Sunday 17th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's
11.15am Tresham carol Service at Tresham Church
11.30am Baptism of Rowan at St. Martin's
3.00pm Living Crib at North Nibley Chapel
6.00pm Christmas Carol Service at St. Martin's
6.00pm 9 Lessons and carols at St. Mary's

Principal Readings (from Lectionary):

1st Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-24

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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 Christingle Mingle
Saturday 23rd December

Coffee and mince pies available between 10 & 12pm to support the work of the Children's Society

We are making 500 Christingles from 9.30 onwards in the church
Come and read the stories on display in church and fill a candle with coins.

If you would like to help make Christingles or bake mince pies contact Kate Tutty 01453 844371

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 10th December 2023
2nd Sunday of Advent

Services

9.30am Family Service at St. Mary's
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
We do not live by bread alone,
But by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
All: Alleluia.

Congregation response for the lighting the Advent wreath

People of God: be glad!
Your God delights in you,
giving you joy for sadness
and turning the dark to light.
Be strong in hope therefore;
for your God comes to save.
You are God's children.
**Lord, make us one in the love of Christ
today and for ever. Amen.**

Principal Readings

1st Reading – Isaiah 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
'Here is your God!'
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

2nd Reading – 2 Peter 3: 8-15a

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

Gospel Reading – Matthew 18: 15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

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 December, we pray for Holy Cross Church

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

Caring at Christmas 2023 - There will be an opportunity to help some of the homeless in Bristol through our annual collection for the Julian Trust Night Shelter. If you would like to support this appeal please bring your gifts of money to church on Sunday 10th December. Please contact me for more information or for Gift Aid forms Alternatively, visit the Night Shelter's website www.juliantrust.org.uk where donations can be made online if you prefer. *Dot Moss 844886*

Celebrate! Service at St. Mary's on Sunday 10th December has been cancelled. More news about the service next year.

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

St. Mary's Reflection Group – on Tuesday 12th December at 2pm, the group will meet to look at Advent. It will take place in Lesley's office.

St. Mary's Welcomers required - for Tuesday 12th at 6pm for KLB concert & 18th December at 1.30pm or 6pm for Blue Coat School carol service – please let Kate in the office know.

Mince Pies required at St. Mary's – call out for mince pies for the 9 Lessons and Carols on Sunday 17th Dec at 6pm. Home made would be wonderful, but any will be great. Please let Alan & Shirley or Kate in the office know if you can help.

St. Mary's New Year Eve's Concert, 6pm – Justine and friends invite you to join them for a light hearted musical start to your evening with a Viennese flavour. Tickets £15 (includes an interval drink) from Cotswold Book Room or on the door.

Perry & Dawes Monday 25th December and Monday 1st January 2024 – there will be NO services on these days at Perry & Dawes.

St. Mary's Christmas Flowers – if you are able to donate a bit of money towards them, that would be wonderful. Jar at the back of the church.