

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> November**

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes  
10.00am Deanery Administrators morning

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

2.00pm Pastoral Care meeting in Lesley's office

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

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

### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

North Nibley experience Christmas  
1.30pm Art Group in Parish Room  
6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Advent Sunday**

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's  
10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
4.00pm Advent Carols at St. Martin's  
6.00pm From Darkness to Light, Advent Carol Service at St. Mary's

### Principal Readings (from Lectionary):

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-end

### **Clergy:**

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### **Vicar's Secretary & Benefice Administrator:**

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### **Assist. Director of Music:**

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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.

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Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth  
North Nibley  
Alderley (including Tresham)  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Christ the King

### Services

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

### Collect

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

or

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.

### Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.

**All: Alleluia.**

## **Principal Readings**

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

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### **Gospel Reading – Matthew 25: 31-end**

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

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’’ And the king will answer them, ‘‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are

members of my family, you did it to me.’’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’’ Then they also will answer, ‘‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’’ Then he will answer them, ‘‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

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

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

Beryl Jarvis whose memorial service was on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November

John Ballantyne whose funeral service was on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

**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.

**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.

**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>