

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 4th December- LH off

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 5th December

Wednesday 6th December

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

Thursday 7th December

Friday 8th December

6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 9th December

Sunday 10th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

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

Principal Readings (from Lectionary):

1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8 & Matthew 18: 15-20

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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.

Walter Brueggemann, prayer for Advent.

In our secret yearnings we wait for your coming,
and in our grinding despair we doubt that you will.
And in this privileged place we are surrounded by witnesses
who yearn more than do we.
and by those who despair more deeply than do we.
Look upon your church and its pastors
in this season of hope which runs so quickly to fatigue
and this season of yearning which becomes so easily
quarrelsome.
Give us the grace and the impatience
to wait for your coming to the bottom of our toes,
to the edge of our finger tips.
We do not want our several worlds to end.
Come in your power and come in your weakness
in any case and make all things new.
Amen.

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth
North Nibley
Alderley (including Tresham)
Sunday 3rd December 2023
Advent Sunday

Services

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

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
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.

Congregation response for the lighting the Advent wreath

People of God: awake!

The day is coming soon

when you shall see God face to face.

Remember the ways and the works of God.

God calls you out of darkness

to walk in the light of his coming.

You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ
today and for ever. Amen.**

Principal Readings

1st Reading – Isaiah 64: 1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Grace to you & peace from God our Father & the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech & knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading – Mark 13: 24-end

‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with
great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, &
gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth
to the ends of heaven.
‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch
becomes tender & puts forth its leaves, you know that summer
is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, 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 & earth will pass away, but my words will not
pass away.
‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep
alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a
man going on a journey, when he leaves home & puts his
slaves in charge, each with his work, & commands the
doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for
you do not know when the master of the house will come, in
the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else

he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I
say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Beryl Jarvis whose memorial service was on Monday 20th Nov
John Ballantyne whose funeral service was on Tue 21st Nov

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 *******

Sunday 3rd December – don’t forget, it’s a 10am start for
Holy Communion at St. Mary’s on Sunday

6th Dec, The Mothers’ Union Christmas Social will be held
in St. Mary’s at 2.15. Subs due on 1.1.24. If you would like to
join our happy & friendly group please speak to Pauline L or
try & come to our AGM in the Catherine Chapel on 3.1.2024.

Caring at Christmas 2023 - There will be an opportunity to
help some of the homeless in Bristol through our annual col-
lection 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*

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

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

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.

Thank you to all who donated items for the Mothers’ Union
stall at the Charities Fair. We took £178 on the day and have a
few more parcels to sell – a great result! Pauline

Rita, Jane and Catherine and their families would like to
thank you all very much for the love, kindness and support you
have shown towards us since John died. We have appreciated
your messages, cards and conversations. Thank you for joining
us for John’s funeral - the organist commented that he was
delighted that you all SANG (he wrote those letters in
capitals!). We’d also like to thank everyone who worked so
hard to get the church ready for the funeral and prepare various
things that enabled the service to run so smoothly. If you
weren’t able to attend, you can watch the funeral, as it was live
streamed (or at least view the order of service) by following the
link below. You can share this link with family and friends and
it is available for 30 days after the service and download as
many times as you would like.

<https://www.bhwh.co.uk/john-ballantyne-21st-november-2023>

It is with great excitement & joy that I am pleased to tell you
we have appointed a new DOM. Robin Jones will be joining us
in early February 24. There will be more to share with you in
the new year. You might even see him at some of our services
in the coming months. I know you will give him a big St.
Mary’s welcome.