

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 29th January 2024

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 30th January

Wednesday 31st January

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

No coffee after the service today

1.00pm Funeral service for Mary Cleal at St. Mary's

Thursday 1st February

Friday 2nd February

Office available until 10.30am

6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 3rd February

Sunday 4th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

11.15am Holy Communion Service at Tresham Church

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31

2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 15-20

Gospel: John 1: 1-14

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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.

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 28th January 2024
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
Candlemas

Services

9.30am Family Service at St. Mary's

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Martin's

6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's celebrating Candlemas

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

This child is the light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of
your people Israel.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings

Readings for Candlemas

Malachi 3: 1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Hebrews 2: 14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of

Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Michael Weeden whose funeral was on Wednesday 17th January at St. Mary's

Catherine Aston whose funeral was on Tuesday 23rd January at St. Mary's

Mary Cleal whose funeral is on Wednesday 31st January at 1pm at St. Mary's

Janet Williams whose funeral is on Monday 5th February at 11am at St. Mary's

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.

There is also a notebook outside the Catherine Chapel for written prayer requests too.

In January, we pray for The United Church

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

St. Mary's Celebrate! Services – 3rd Sunday of the month. **New winter start time. 2.30pm until 3.30pm.** A family friendly service for all ages celebrating life in its abundance through our faith in Jesus Christ.

Lifts to St. Mary's Church - Two members of our congregation would like a lift to and from church on a Sunday morning. Are you able to help once a month? Please contact Kate Tutty 844371

St. Mary's Lent Lunches - If you would like to host a Lent Lunch, please let me know *Kate Tutty*

World Day of Prayer – will be on Friday 1st March at the United Church – time to be confirmed. The Lent lunch will follow on after the service.