

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

2.30pm Reflection Group meeting at St. Mary's

### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

10.15am Coffee & Conversation after Service

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's

6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

9.30am Family Service at St. Mary's

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Martin's

6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

### Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 5: 1-10

Gospel: John 1: 43-end

### **Clergy:**

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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.

## **Blessing your home**

*Across Lintel or top of door*

**20 + C + M + B + 24**

Prayer: God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. Amen'

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Epiphany

### Services

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's

10.00am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

### Collect

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*or*

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and  
believed in throughout the world.

**All: Alleluia.**

## **Principal Readings**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-12**

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.  
Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

### **Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:  
"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they

were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## **For your prayers:**

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

Michael Weeden whose funeral is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm at St. Mary's  
Catherine Aston who died on 30<sup>th</sup> December  
Mary Cleal who died on 31<sup>st</sup> December

**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 January, we pray for The United Church*

\*\*\*\*\* NOTICES \*\*\*\*\*

**St. Mary's 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Holy Communion service** – Reminder that it will start at 10am.

**Alpha Course** – Introductory evening & Food 11<sup>th</sup> Jan, 7pm at The Baptist Church. Email [vince@wottonbaptist.org.uk](mailto:vince@wottonbaptist.org.uk) or 07973 261057 for more details.



**St. Mary's Celebrate! Services** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 2.30pm** – The Lords Prayer, through drama, song, craft and a treasure hunt (plus cake!)

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm at St. Mary's** – Reflection Group meeting