

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Shrove Tuesday**

2.30pm Reflection Group at St. Mary's

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday**

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, which will include ashing

10.15am Coffee & Chat after the service

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service at St. Mary's

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

12.00pm Visiting bell ringers at St. Mary's

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

12.00pm Lent Lunch at The United Church – Christian Aid

6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February – First Sunday of Lent**

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

11.15am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's

2.30pm Celebrate! Service at St. Mary's

3.00pm Round the Font at St. Martin's for Lent readings & poems

### Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 9: 8-17

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-end

Gospel: Mark 1: 9-15

### **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.

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Benefice

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

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Sunday next before Lent

### Services

9.30am Family Service at St. Mary's

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Martin's

6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

### Collect

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

or

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Speak Lord for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

**All: Alleluia.**

## Principal Readings

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** *2 Kings 2: 1-12*

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** *2 Corinthians 4: 3-6*

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### **Gospel:** *Mark 9: 2-9*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## For your prayers:

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

Janet Williams whose funeral was on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February at St. Mary's

Mary Le-Riche whose funeral was on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at Westerleigh Crematorium.

**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 February, we pray for Synwell Chapel*

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

**Gladys Heaven of Bradley Street, formerly of Tabernacle Road** - Everyone is invited to attend a Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration. Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm at Wotton United Church. Following the service refreshments will be served. Gladys requested that no black should be worn.

**Benefice Office** – week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> February, the office will be closed for half term. Back w/c 19<sup>th</sup> February.

**St. Mary's Reflection Group** – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February in the Catherine Chapel at St. Mary's – All welcome.

**Ash Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February** – There will be the normal Holy Communion service at St. Mary's at 9.30am. At 7.30pm there will be a special Ash Wednesday service at St. Mary's.

**St Martin's** - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm: Churches Together *Round the Font at Lent* with songs, poems and readings led by Rev'd Peter Marsh

### **World Day of Prayer - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Wotton – will be at the United Church – time to be confirmed.

The Lent lunch will follow on after the service.

North Nibley – will be at The Chapel at 3.45pm.

### **Wotton Lent lunches (All Friday's) – All start at 12pm**

16<sup>th</sup> Feb – at The United Church for Christian Aid

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – at St. Mary's for Dementia UK

1<sup>st</sup> Mar – at United Church for World Day of Prayer

8<sup>th</sup> Mar – at St. Mary's for MAF

15<sup>th</sup> Mar – at St. Mary's – Read with Me

22<sup>nd</sup> Mar – at St. Mary's for Tearfund

This year, it will be "Pay as you feel" – meaning that you can pay whatever you are able to.

**Wotton Lent Lectures** – all to be held at the Baptist Church on Wednesdays, tea & coffee at 6.30pm, lecture starts at 7pm. The theme this year is Justice. All talks have a Q & A at the end. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Phil Clements talking on "Justice: A biblical perspective."

28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Chris Gordon from The Keepers

6<sup>th</sup> Mar – Barrie Voyce, Youth co-ordinator at Glos Diocese, with KLB students

13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Gill Martin from HMP Eastwood Park

20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Refugees Tales

**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.

**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 on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month? Please contact Kate Tutty 844371

**St. Mary's vacancy** for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday welcomer & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday refreshments team. Please let a churchwarden or Kate in the office know if you are able to help.