

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

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry & Dawes  
11.00am Funeral Service for Janet Williams at St. Mary's

### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
10.15am Coffee & Chat after the service  
2.00pm Funeral Service for Mary Le-Riche at Westerleigh  
Crematorium

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's  
6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday next before Lent**

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: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

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

Gospel: Mark 9: 2-9

## Tyndale



## Benefice

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

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Second Sunday before Lent

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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.

### Services

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's  
10.00am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's  
11.15am Holy Communion Service at Tresham Church

### Collect

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all  
things,  
now and for ever.

or

Almighty God,  
give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion Prayer

God our creator,  
by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
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:** *Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31*

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.

Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.

When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** *Colossians 1: 15-20*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**Gospel:** *John 1: 1-14*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## **For your prayers:**

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

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

Mary Cleal whose funeral was on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at St. Mary's

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

Mary Le-Riche whose funeral is 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 \*\*\*\*\***

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February** - The Mothers' Union will meet in church at 2.15 when Sue Marsland will be talking about stained glass. All welcome.

**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.

**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) –**

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 – would anyone like to do this one?

You can choose your own charity, and there are loads of people who will help.

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 once a 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.