

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
10.15am Coffee & Chat after the service

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

2.30pm Steven Morris funeral at St. Mary's  
6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

7.30pm Jacqueline Kroft & Patsy Gamble Concert at St. Mary's

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

9.30am Family Service at St. Mary's  
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's  
6.00pm Choral Evensong celebrating Stanford music at St. Mary's

#### Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 8: 26-end

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 4: 7-end

Gospel: John 15: 1-8

#### **Clergy:**

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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.

### **Revision of the Church Roll will take place between 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April**

If your name is **not** on the current Roll, displayed in the church porch, you are invited to complete an application form (available at the back of church or from the Parish Office). Please return in the box provided.

Graham Smith, Electoral Roll Officer

**Wotton Lent Lectures available to listen to** – if you missed any of the Lent Lectures, then you can listen to 3 of them here:

<https://wottonbaptist.org.uk/series/lent-lectures-2024/>

**Church cleaners** - Are you free on a Friday morning either fortnightly or monthly, to help keep our beautiful church clean? Please contact Kate Tutty 844371

# Tyndale



## Benefice

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

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### **Services**

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

11.15am Holy Communion at St. Kenelm's

2.30pm Celebrate! service with Adult Baptism at St. Mary's

#### **Collect**

Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

or

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father,

you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**All: Alleluia**

## **Principal Readings**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 4: 5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3: 16-end**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

### **Gospel: John 10: 11-18**

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

### **Psalm 23 - The Divine Shepherd**

A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.

### **For your prayers:**

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

Romaire Maitland whose memorial service is on Tues 28<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm at St. Martin's

Steven Morris whose funeral service is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm at St. Mary's

Lachlan who was baptised at St. Kenelm's on Sunday.

**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 April, the local church communities of Wotton pray for St. Mary's*

### **\*\*\*\*\* NOTICES \*\*\*\*\***

**Children's Society Box Opening Coffee Morning 2024** - A coffee morning for the opening of the Children's Society house boxes will be held in St. Mary's on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** from 10am until noon. As well as refreshments there will be a stall so, even if you are not a box holder, please come along to enjoy browsing and having a chat. If you are unable to bring in your box on that morning and you would like it collected please contact me to arrange a suitable time. Dot Moss Tel: 844886

**Celebrate! Service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 2.30pm** – There will be an adult baptism within the service – please do come & support.

#### **Concerts in St. Mary's – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**

The Oriana Singers will be performing Vivaldi & Purcell. £15 on the door. Children/Students free.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.** Jacqueline Kroft & Patsy Gamble return to Wotton to play Paino and Saxophone Preludes – a captivating and genuinely gorgeous compilation of preludes that will uplift, motivate, and enchant the audience.

**St. Mary's Safeguarding Training** - We bringing St Mary's in line with the Diocesan standards. It is required for all volunteers to complete the Basic Awareness course, whether they serve coffee, ring bells, sing in the choir or one of the many tasks carried out for the church. We are a long way behind.

The course can be completed on line & takes about 90 mins, is valid for 3 years. We are also offering group training sessions for those who would prefer it. Training sessions will be held on **11th May, 25th May and 8th June** from 9-11 am. Coffee/tea and bacon rolls will be available. We can have 24 people per session, so please book your place with Kate in the Parish Office or sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.

**Tyndale Benefice Confirmation** – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 11am at St. Martin's, Bishop Robert will be conducting a confirmation service. Are you interested in finding out more?

Contact Rev Lesley on [vicar@tyndalebenefice.co.uk](mailto:vicar@tyndalebenefice.co.uk) or Kate in the office. Confirmation classes are taking place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May 12 – 2pm (at St. Mary's, Wotton)

**A Date for your Diary** - Church Cruise on Willow Trust Boat on the Saul Canal on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September - 11am - 1pm. Open to all across the Benefice. More details to follow.

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** - Everyone is warmly invited to the Mothers' Union meeting in the church at 2.15. The speaker will be the Regional Fraud Protect Advisor from Avon and Somerset Police who will talk about the most common forms of scams and how to avoid getting caught.