

## Services and Meetings this week

St. Martin's, St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays 10 – 6pm  
St. Mary's opens daily 9am – 6pm.

### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
10.15am Coffee & Chat after the service  
2.15pm Mothers' Union Talk on Scamming – All Welcome

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

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

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's  
10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
11.10am Holy Communion at Tresham Church

### Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10: 44-end

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 5: 1-6

Gospel: John 15: 9-17

### **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.

## Tyndale



## Benefice

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

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Services

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

### Collect

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting  
life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

or

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### 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 8: 26-end**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

### **Gospel: John 15: 1-8**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot

bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

### **For your prayers:**

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

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

Gordon Emes whose funeral service is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 12pm 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 April, the local church communities of Wotton pray for St. Mary's*

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

#### **Concerts in St. Mary's – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.**

Jacqueline Kroft & Patsy Gamble return to Wotton to play Piano 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.

**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