

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 8th April – Office Closed

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes
3.00pm Mother's Union Deanery Service at St. Mary's

Tuesday 9th April

2.30pm Reflection Group at St. Mary's

Wednesday 10th April

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

Thursday 11th April

Friday 12th April

6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 13th April

Sunday 14th April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

9.30am Family Service at St. Mary's
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's
11.30am Baptism of Lachlan at St. Kenelm's
6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Acts 3: 12-19

2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1-7

Gospel: Luke 24: 36b-48

Clergy:

Rev Lesley Hewish Unavailable
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Do not call after 6pm
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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 7th and 21st 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

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 7th April 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

Services

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

Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

1st Reading: Acts 4: 32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

2nd Reading: 1 John 1: 1-2: 2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel: John 20: 19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

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 church community of Wotton pray for St. Mary's

******* NOTICES *******

St. Mary's Flower arrangers – would like to thank everyone who donated to the Easter flowers.

The St. Mary's congregation would like to thank the talented flower arrangers for their wonderful displays.

Wotton Charity Donations from Lent Lunches -

£310.00 Dementia UK

£321.60 MAF UK (Mission Aviation Fellowship)

£360.45 Read With Me

£271.03 Tearfund

A big "Thank You" to everyone who provided delicious soups and yummy cakes, table decorations, organised the lunches, helped with setting up and clearing away and of course those who came along to enjoy the soup and cake! The chat and the atmosphere at each one created a wonderful ambience.

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 20th 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

Concerts in St. Mary's – Saturday 27th 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 are trying to bring 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 and takes about 90 minutes and 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.

Tyndale Benefice Confirmation – Sunday 16th June at 11am at St. Martin's, Bishop Robert will be conducting a confirmation service.

What is confirmation? When you confirm your Christian faith publicly in a special service.

Why would I do this? Because I want to live out my faith more fully.

What must I do if I want to know more? Contact Rev Lesley on vicar@tyndalebenefice.co.uk or Kate in the office.

Confirmation classes are taking place on Saturday 11th, 18th and 25th May 12 – 2pm (at St. Mary's, Wotton)

St. Mary's Reflection Group – meeting on Tuesday 9th April at 2.30pm

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