

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> October**

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes  
5.00pm St. Mary's Eco Church Group at St. Mary's

### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
10.15am Coffee after the Service  
7.30pm Visiting bell ringers at St. Mary's

### **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

From 10am St. Mary's Quiet Day

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – All Saints & All Souls**

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's  
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
11.15am Holy Communion at Tresham Church  
3.00pm All Souls service at St. Mary's

### Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 3: 1-9 or Isaiah 25: 6-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 21: 1-6a

Gospel: John 11: 32-44

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### **Did you know – that St. Martin's produces an audio service which is**

**available every week?** The clergy (and others) take it in turns and you can listen to it from here: <https://northnibleychurch.uk/recorded-services/> All the services are on here, so you listen at your leisure. It is for everyone, so do spread the word.

# Tyndale



## Benefice

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

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Twenty Second Sunday after Trinity

### Services

9.30am Family Service at St. Mary's with baptism of Toby

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's

6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

### Collect

Blessed Lord,  
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

or

Merciful God,  
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,  
that trusting in your word  
and obeying your will  
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power  
to save your souls.

**All: Alleluia**

## **Principal Readings**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Job 42: 1-6, 10-end**

Then Job answered the Lord:

‘I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.  
“Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?”  
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.  
“Hear, and I will speak;  
I will question you, and you declare to me.”  
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees you;  
therefore I despise myself,  
and repent in dust and ashes.’

### **Job’s Fortunes Are Restored Twofold**

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

### *Jeremiah 31: 7-9*

For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
‘Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel.’

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labour, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 7: 23-end**

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

### **Gospel: Mark 10: 46-end**

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind

beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, ‘Son of David, have mercy on me!’ Jesus stood still and said, ‘Call him here.’ And they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Take heart; get up, he is calling you.’ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man said to him, ‘My teacher, let me see again.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

### Readings for Wotton

#### **Romans 12: 4-5**

For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

#### **Matthew 3: 13-17 Jesus is Baptised** (*The words below are taken from The Lion Storeyteller Bible*)

John was shouting.

John was shouting in the wilderness.

“God is sending Someone Special!” he shouted. “And you’d better get ready to meet him.”

Many people listened to John. They thought that he was Someone Special. He lived in the wilderness, after all, by the River Jordan. He wore a scratchy camel hair shirt. And he ate locusts for lunch!

“I’m not the Special One,” John shouted. “Why, I’m not even special enough to stoop down and undo his sandals. No, I’m just here to help you get ready to meet him.”

“And how do we do that?” someone shouted back.

“You repent!” John shouted. “That’s how! You stop doing what’s bad and you start doing what’s good. If you meet a poor man, you don’t tell him to go away – you give him food and clothes. If you’re a tax collector, you don’t take more than you’re supposed to – you’re honest and kind. And if you’re a soldier, you don’t bully people – you protect them and take care of them.”

“And what about us?” shouted some Very Religious People.

“You,” John shouted, louder than ever, “need to stop pretending that you’re perfect – and admit that you have done things that make God sad! I’ll say it again – God is sending Someone Special!” And you – all of you – need to get ready to meet him. So come, let me dip you in this river to show God that you want your lives to change.”

The people came. John dipped them in the river. And then, one day, when all the shouting and dipping was done, someone else came too.

It was Jesus. Thirty years old now and all grown up. John recognised him right away, and stopped his shouting. “You’re the Special One, aren’t you?” he whispered. And Jesus just smiled.

“That’s right,” Jesus said. “And I want you to dip me too.”

“Oh no,” John said, “It should be the other way around!”

“Listen,” said Jesus. “It’s time I began the work I was sent to do. And this is how my Father wants me to get started.”

So John agreed, and he and Jesus waded out into the water. John dipped Jesus in the river, and when he came back up again, shaking the wet hair from his eyes, the clouds parted and a dove landed on Jesus’ shoulder. It was a sign that God was with Jesus.

“Well done, Son,” God said. “I’m proud of you. You really are Someone Special.”

**For your prayers:**

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

Ruth Bushell whose funeral was on 15<sup>th</sup> October at St. Mary's.  
Dawn Vernon whose memorial service is on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 12.00pm at St. Mary's

Josie and Jim who were married on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at St. Mary's

Toby & his family who is getting baptised on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October during the morning service 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 October the other churches of Wotton pray for St. Mary's*

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

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. A miscellany of songs & poetry** (U A Fanthorpe) with Helen Bowker, Mary Downs and Anthony Young. Promises to be a lovely evening.  
Tickets from Cotswold Book Room or on the door.

**St. Mary's Eco Church Group** – next meeting is on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October in St. Mary's Church commencing at 5pm.

**St. Mary's Quiet Day – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. 10am – 4.30pm.** Reflecting on the book of Ruth – led by Rev Lesley. All welcome. Come for all or part of the day. Bring your own lunch and throw (to keep you cosy!) Sign up by filling in the sheet at the back of the church, or let Kate in the office know.

**All Souls service on 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 3pm** – if you would like a name to be read out at the service to remember a loved one, please add the name(s) to the list at the back of the church or let Kate in the office know – [office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk](mailto:office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk)

**Safeguarding Training** – change of date! the next session will be on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** at 9am at St. Mary's. If you need to do it as you do anything in the church, & aren't doing it on line at home – do come along.

**Does anyone have a spare room they can offer some prison officers in training?** They are coming to the area from all over the UK and are looking for accommodation (for which they will pay) so that they don't have to keep paying B&B prices. If you can, please contact Sister Gill Dickinson (Church Army) on [sistergill@gmail.com](mailto:sistergill@gmail.com)



**Don't forget** – the clocks go **BACK** an hour this weekend. More time in bed!! Yay!