

Services and Meetings this week

St. Martin's, St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays 10 – 6pm
St. Mary's opens daily 9am – 4pm.

Monday 18th November

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 19th November

Wednesday 20th November

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee after the Service

Thursday 21st November

Friday 22nd November

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

Saturday 23rd November

9.00am Safeguarding Training at St. Mary's
10.30am Interment of Ashes
3.00pm Thornbury Chamber Players Concert at St. Mary's

Sunday 24th November – Christ the King

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

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-1

Gospel: John 18: 33-37

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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 17th November 2024
2nd Sunday before Advent

Services

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's
11.15am Holy Communion Service at St. Kenelm's
3.30pm Celebrate! Service at St. Mary's

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

All: Alleluia

Principal Readings**1st Reading:** *1 Samuel 3: 1-12, 15-18*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' ¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.

¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' ¹⁷Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.'

Gospel: *John 1: 35-39*

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' ³⁹He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

Gospel: *John 15: 4-5*

⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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.

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

Joyce Price whose funeral service is on Monday 25th November at 11.30am at St. Mary's

Nicola McNamara whose funeral service is on Thursday 28th November at 1.45pm at St. Mary's

Steve Bushell whose memorial service was on Friday 8th November 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 November the other churches of Wotton pray for St. Mary's

Read with Me Winter Fayre at St. Mary's on Saturday 16th November from 10am. Lots of stalls, tea and cake and a light lunch available. Do come along.

Safeguarding Training –The next session will be on **Saturday 23rd 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.

Concert at St. Mary's on 23rd November at 3pm – Thornbury Chamber Players – sure to be a wonderful afternoon.

Request - The Mothers' Union are having a gift stall at the Charities Fair on November 23rd. Suitable donations would be welcomed and can be left with Trudy Pilkington, Jackie Ramsdale or the office. Items can be for any age but must be as new as they will all be priced at £3. Thank you.

The Keeper Christmas Lunch - Come and join us for Christmas lunch around The Keepers' Table!  Book your place by popping in, calling 07585 466418, or emailing thekeeperscommunityhub@gmail.com by 18th December.  This lunch is Pay As You Feel so if you are able to pay something towards your meal, you cover the costs of those who cannot afford to pay at this time.  Let's make sure no one has to eat alone if they'd like to share a meal with others. Wishing everyone a Happier Christmas! 

Looking for volunteers – Churches Together in Wotton are putting on The Living Crib during Christmas Under the Edge on Saturday 7th December. They are in need of people for speaking and non-speaking parts. No experience necessary. Costumes will be provided. Contact the office ASAP on 842175 or office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk if you can help.

Rita Ballantyne's 90th Birthday - Rita will be 90 on 5th Dec. As part of her celebrations, she'd love you to stay on after Church in St. Mary's on Sunday 1st December to share her birthday cake over your cup of coffee with her.

Town Cryer George Carpenter Memory Book – there is a clip board at the back of St. Mary's for you to write your memories of George, who has been the town cryer for 55 years. They will be compiled and handed over to George so he can see how many lives he has touched.

Alpha Course at St. Mary's – From Wednesday 8th January 2025 there will be a weekly meeting for an Alpha Course. It will be held at the United Church each week. If you would like to sign up, please see the sign up sheet at the back of St. Mary's or let Kate in the office know. For more information about what Alpha is or about the course, either talk to Clive H or Kate will put you in contact.