

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 2nd December

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 3rd December

Wednesday 4th December

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

Thursday 5th December

Friday 6th December

6.15pm Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 7th December

From 4pm Christmas Under the Edge, with The Living Crib
7.30pm Oriana Singers Christmas Concert at St. Mary's

Sunday 8th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's
9.30am Family Service with Blue Coat School at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Baruch 5 or Malachi 3: 1-4

2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 3-11

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

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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 1st December 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

Services

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's

No service at Tresham Church

6.00pm Advent Carol Service at St. Mary's

Collect

Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

and to put on the armour of light,

now in the time of this mortal life,

in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;

that on the last day,

when he shall come again in his glorious majesty

to judge the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God,

as your kingdom dawns,

turn us from the darkness of sin to the

light of holiness,

that we may be ready to meet you

in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,

make us watchful and keep us faithful

as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;

that, when he shall appear,

he may not find us sleeping in sin

but active in his service

and joyful in his praise;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All: Alleluia

Principal Readings

1st Reading: *Jeremiah 33: 14-16*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

2nd Reading: *1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel: *Luke 21: 25-36*

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

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

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

Olive Pedley (Sue Plant's mum) who died on 15th November. There will be a memorial service in the New Year – all will be welcome. Details to follow.

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 December we pray for Holy Cross Church

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

Wotton Concert Series Concert at St. Mary's – Saturday 30th November at 7.30pm

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.

Christingle making on Monday 23rd December – can you help? Mince pies are also needed – if you are able to provide any, please let Sharon, Shelley, Rachel or Kate T or C know!

Additional welcomers required for the school Christmas Services at St. Mary's – Monday 16th Dec at 1.30pm and at 5.45pm (Blue Coat). Tues 17th Dec at 1pm and 6.30pm (KLB). Wed 18th Dec at 6pm (British School)

St. Mary's Christmas Card Tree - To save on the price of cards & postage, why not write a Christmas greeting on a card & hang it on the tree by the font for all your church friends to read? Also, write a sentence or two saying what this church community means to you & the many blessings God has given you.

St. Mary's Christmas Flowers – if you are able to donate a bit of money towards them, that would be wonderful. Jar at the back of the church.

St. Mary's Reflection Group – next meeting on Tuesday 10th December. A time for readings, reflection and music – all welcome.