

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 22nd September

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 23rd September

Wednesday 24th September

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service

Thursday 25th September

Friday 26th September

1.45pm Blue Coat school welcome service at St. Mary's
2.30pm North Nibley School welcome service at St. Martin's
5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's
6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 27th September

11.30am Visiting Bell Ringers to St. Mary's
3.00pm The Twickenham Trio Concert at St. Mary's

Sunday 28th September – 15th Sunday after Trinity

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

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Jeremiah 32: 1-3a: 1 or Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-end

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St Mary's Wotton

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

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

HELP! St. Mary's Church needs an assistant

Churchwarden (or 2). - Usual tasks: to support our current Churchwarden & to learn the ropes (This does not mean you will have to become Churchwarden – but you can if you would like to!) Jobs are varied and can be appropriate to your skill set. If you would like to talk to a previous churchwarden, please let us know.

If you are able to offer some help, please contact Kate Tutty, Churchwarden on stmaryschurchwarden@gmail.com

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 21st September 2025

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Services

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

9.30am Harvest Festival Service at St. Martin's

11.15am Harvest Festival at St. Kenelm's

Collect

Eternal God,

you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant what we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the Harvest,

With joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by
your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we
enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one
comes to the Father except through me.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: *Amos 8: 4-7*

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

2nd Reading: *1 Timothy 2: 1-7*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Harvest Readings:

1st Reading: *Deuteronomy 26: 1-11*

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 4: 1-20*

Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; in order that "they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again & be forgiven.' " And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Jane Kennett whose Celebration of Life was on Wednesday 3rd September

Joan Pearce whose funeral was on Thursday 4th September

Pam Smith whose memorial service was on Saturday 6th September at St. Mary's

Paula Campbell whose memorial service is on Thursday 2nd October at 2pm at St. Martin's Church

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 September, we keep The Quakers in our prayer

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

Saturday 4th October - St. Mary's Fundraiser Tickets are now available from the office for this event. £25 per ticket. Complimentary welcome drink, an entrée & 7 puddings! Please tell your friends – why not get a table together (tables of 8)? Contact the office for more info.

Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th October – can you spare a little time on either of these days to help with the art exhibition at St. Mary's? Please let the office or Kate T know. Also required are some cakes for the refreshments.

1 sides person is required at St. Mary's for the 3rd Sundays of the month. Services start at 9.30am so it would be good for you to be there by 9am. If anyone is interested or would like to find out more, contact Irene on 844135

The Twickenham String Trio – Saturday 27th Sept at 3pm, St. Mary's – back by popular demand this amazing trio are coming to Wotton to play Handel, Schubert, Kodaly & Beethoven. Tickets from The Cotswold Book Room or on the door.

Many thanks - to everyone who supported the Mothers' Union Town Hall Teas last weekend. A total of £340 was raised and will be sent to the Away From It All project. It was a real team effort with a great result!

Wednesday 1st October - The Mothers' Union will meet in the church at 2.15pm when Fiona Warin will be giving a talk on Land Girls. All welcome. **note from Kate C – I have heard Fiona talk a couple of times and it is really interesting and entertaining – well worth it!*