

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 1st December

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry & Dawes

11.00am Preschool & Reception Children learning about the Nativity – St. Martin's

Tuesday 2nd December

Wednesday 3rd December

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

10.15am Coffee and chat after the communion service

2.15pm Mothers' Union at St. Mary's

7.00pm Messiah Rehearsal at St. Mary's

Thursday 4th December

2.15pm Russell Alway Funeral at Westerleigh

Friday 5th December

1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's

5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 6th December

10.00am Visiting Bell Ringers at St. Mary's

4.00pm Christmas Under The Edge

4.30pm Living crib outside The Swan

7.30pm Messiah at St. Mary's

Sunday 7th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10

2nd Reading: Romans 15: 4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

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St Mary's Wotton

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.

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 30th November 2025

Advent Sunday

Services

11.00am Benefice Communion Service at St. Martin's

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 - Lectionary

1st Reading: *Isaiah 2: 1-5*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

2nd Reading: *Romans 13: 11-end*

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Gospel: *Matthew 24: 36-44*

"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Isla who was baptised at St. Mary's last Sunday

Russell Alway whose funeral is at Westerleigh on 4th December at 2.15pm

Pete Roberts (Pete the Print) whose funeral is at St. Mary's on Wednesday 17th December at 11am.

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.

If you miss the names of the people being prayed for on a Sunday, please contact the office for a copy.

In November, please pray for Wotton Baptist Church..

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

Sunday 30th November – Benefice Communion Service at St. Martin's in North Nibley – 11am – All Welcome.

St. Mary's Advent Carol Service at 6pm on Sunday 30th November.

Saturday 6th December – during Christmas under The Edge (CUTE), The Living Crib will be performed. If you would like a

part in it – please let the office know and your name will be forwarded to Karen Dover at Wotton Baptist Church.

Saturday 6th December – St. Mary's Church will host Handels Messiah. Starting at 7pm. The Amadeus Orchestra is joining up with St. Mary's choirs to provide a wonderful concert. Tickets are available from 3 Choirs - [Three Choirs Festival | Three Choirs Festival](#)

Wednesday 3rd December - The Mothers' Union will meet in church at 2.15 when Dave Cheesley will give an illustrated talk entitled Christmas Toy Memories. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a wrapped raffle prize. Thank you.

From the Eco Church Team - Please do have a look at the Eco Church display board at the back of the church. The display shows a poster which provides details of the five categories involved in the Eco Church award scheme. It also gives information on the type of projects/activities involved in reaching the silver and gold awards. We are progressing towards our silver award. This poster is our Autumn display. Similar posters will be displayed for Winter, Spring and Summer. The poster also has a number of ideas and suggestions for us to consider in helping us to be more environmentally friendly

Available now from the Ark Coffee Shop - Advent calendars (including Real Meaningful Advent ones with Christmas Story) & candles.

Packets of Christmas cards (Leprosy Mission, Transform Trade, Tearfund, Compassion).

Also, some individual Christmas cards, including Hannah Dunnett & Elizabeth Woodland.

Contact Val Smith – 07729885457 re current stock.

St. Mary's Christmas Greetings Tree – will be situated by the Font for you to add your best wishes to your friends and St. Mary's Family.

Remembering the Homeless at Christmas – St. Mary's annual collection for the Julian Trust Night Shelter in Bristol will be on Sunday 14th December. For Gift Aid forms or further information please contact Dot Moss (844886).

Quiet Day at St. Mary's – Wednesday 10th December 10 – 3pm. Come and spend some quiet time at St. Mary's reflecting on the women of the Navy. Sign up sheet is at the back of St. Mary's Church.

Boxing Day Afternoon – 1pm until 4pm at the Chipping Clubroom (in the Chipping Carpark). Are you on your own? Would you like some company and a cuppa and cake? Come to the Clubroom from 1pm. Donations to The Keepers

Advance warning – the Benefice office will close for Christmas on Friday 19th December at midday. It will re-open on Tuesday 6th January 2026 (10 – 12pm)