

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 February

10.00am *Holy Communion at Perry & Dawes*

Tuesday 3rd February

Wednesday 4th February

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee and Chat after morning service
2.15pm Mothers Union at St. Mary's with The Keepers
5.15pm Junior Choir Practice

Thursday 5th February

Friday 6th February

6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 7th February

Sunday 8th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's
10.00am Family Service at St. Mary's
6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: *Genesis 1: 1-13*

2nd Reading: *Romans 8: 18-25*

Gospel: *Matthew 4: 1-11*

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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/recordered-services/> All the services are on here, so you listen at your leisure. It's for everyone, so do spread the word.

As you are aware, Lesley dislocated her shoulder whilst on retreat in Scotland. Although she is back amongst us, she will be working limited hours until further notice. If you need an urgent response to anything, please let me know in the office and I can prioritise things. Lesley would love some visitors – but please contact her before turning up!!

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 1st February 2026
Candlemas

Services

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's
10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
11.15am Holy Communion at Tresham Church

Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

This child is the light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: Malachi 3: 1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-end

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

John Hardy whose funeral service was on Tuesday 27th January at St. Mary's

Keith Browning whose funeral service will be on Friday 30th Jan at 11.30am at St. Mary's

Edna Parker whose funeral service will be on Thursday 12th February at 11am at St. Mary's

Bruce Holman whose memorial service will be on Monday 23rd February at 12pm 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.

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

In February, please pray for Synwell Chapel and its congregation

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

St. Mary's Church Fete – Saturday 11th July 2026 - A massive thank you to Douglas Hinton for his tireless organisation over the last few years. He is stepping down from fete organisation, so we are looking for someone to head up a team of fete organisers – plus the team. Could you be part of it? You would be an organiser, not necessarily having to DO all of it. Please talk to Lesley if you're interested or would like to find out more.

St. Mary's Christingles - £1,570 raised in 2025 – a fabulous amount of money that will do some real good at The Children's Society. Thank you to everyone who donated.

St. Mary's Eco Church – Caring for God's Creation – Have you looked at the Eco board by the font, recently? The Winter poster is now on view which provides details of a further 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. The poster also has a number of ideas and suggestions for us to consider in helping to be more environmentally friendly. '

Wednesday 4th February - The Mothers' Union will meet in the church at 2.15 when Chris Gordon CEO of the Keepers will tell us how the premises developed and what is currently offered by the various groups. Everybody is welcome to join us.

Lent Books – coming to St. Mary's on 1st Feb – sign up sheets at the back of the church – plus descriptions.

Concert at St. Mary's on Saturday 7th March starting at 3pm. Tea and cake available. **Moonrakers** (Celtic harp, cello, stringed instruments, whistles, female/male vocals), pride themselves on having brought traditional and contemporary folk music to new audiences in village halls, churches, arts centres and festivals across the UK. With songs and tunes from the English, Irish, Welsh and Scottish tradition as well as their own compositions, they've been described as "startlingly talented" (Oxford Times), with five albums of "exquisite music" (BBC) and "truly wonderful" (Wycombe Festival) performances. 2026 sees the launch of their latest album 'I Am The Mountain' which has received glowing reviews in the music press ("The real deal", The Living Tradition; "Uplifting, sensitively crafted songs and tunes" FATEA magazine). Their music also featured in the BBC television drama 'Beyond Paradise'. To see and hear more, go to www.moonrakers.net