

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 26th January

10.00am *Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes*

Tuesday 27th January

1.30pm Funeral Service for John Hardy at St. Mary's
7.00pm Churches Together in Wotton Meeting at United Church

Wednesday 28th January

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee and Chat after morning service
5.15pm Junior Choir Practice

Thursday 29th January

Friday 30th January

11.30am Funeral Service for Keith Browning at St. Mary's
6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 31st January

Sunday 1st February – Candlemas

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

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: *Malachi 3: 1-5*

2nd Reading: *Hebrews 2: 14-end*

Gospel: *Luke 2: 22-40*

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www.northnibleychurch.uk

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.

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth
North Nibley
Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 25th January 2026
Conversion of Paul

Services

9.30am Family Service at St. Mary's
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's
3.00pm Singing Day at St. Mary's
6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;
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.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the
apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I have called you friends, says the Lord,
For all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: Jeremiah 1: 4-10

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

⁷But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

2nd Reading: Acts 9: 1-22

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord."

¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."

¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."

¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹All who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?" ²²Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Gospel: Matthew 19: 27-end

²⁷Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?"

²⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who

have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

John Hardy whose funeral service will be on Tuesday 27th January at 1.30pm 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 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 January, please pray for Wotton United Church and its congregation

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Know any children between 6 and 12? Do they like to sing? –

Please tell them about "Singing Day" (at St. Mary's). Experience singing with a choir in the traditional service of Choral Evensong. Sunday 25th January from 3pm – 6pm (optional to stay for Choral Evensong at 6pm)

For more information contact choristersatstmarys@gmail.com

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. '

Why not try 'Big Garden Bird Watch' this year. This is the world's largest garden bird watch. Hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

Choose an hour between 23rd & 25th January. All the information can be found on rspb.org.uk

Lent Books – are all at the back of St. Martin's to have a look at – sign up sheets at the back of the church – plus descriptions.