

## **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 26<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00am *Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes*

### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

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

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

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

### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

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

### **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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)*

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *Malachi 3: 1-5*

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: *Hebrews 2: 14-end*

Gospel: *Luke 2: 22-40*

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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.

## **Tyndale**



## **Benefice**

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Third Sunday of Epiphany

## **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,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
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.

*or*

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
may your people,  
illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and  
believed in throughout the world.

All: Alleluia.

## Principal Readings - Lectionary

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-4**

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18**

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptise also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptised anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### **Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

### **For your prayers:**

#### **For the family and friends of:**

John Hardy whose funeral service will be on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm at St. Mary's

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

Edna Parker whose funeral service will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at St. Mary's

Bruce Holman whose memorial service will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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*

#### **\*\*\*\*\* NOTICES \*\*\*\*\***

**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 25<sup>th</sup> January from 3pm – 6pm (optional to stay for Choral Evensong at 6pm)

For more information contact choristersatmarys@gmail.com

**St. Mary's Church Fete – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January. All the information can be found on [rspb.org.uk](http://rspb.org.uk)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – sign up sheets at the back of the church – plus descriptions.