

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

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 – Talking Newspapers  
5.15pm Junior Choir Practice

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

11.30am Funeral Service for Christine Cannon at St. Mary's

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

11.00am World Day of Prayer Service at St. Mary's  
12.00pm Lent Lunch at St. Mary's in aid of World Day of Prayer  
6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

3.00pm Moonrakers Concert at St. Mary's

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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

### Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5: 1-11

Gospel: John 4: 5-42

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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.

As you are aware, Lesley dislocated her shoulder whilst on retreat in Scotland. Although she is back amongst us, she is now signed off 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!!

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Mar Holy Communion** – due to a funeral at 12pm, there won't be any refreshments served after the service.

**St. Mary's Pancake Party** - Thank you to everyone who came, made, poured, tossed, flipped, raced, coloured, ate, set out & cleared away at the pancake party. Over £100 has been sent to the Foodbank.

# Tyndale



## Benefice

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

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026  
Second Sunday of Lent

### 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 God,

you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness:

grant to all those who are admitted

into the fellowship of Christ's religion,

that they may reject those things

that are contrary to their profession,

and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;

through our Lord Jesus Christ,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

or

Almighty God,

by the prayer and discipline of Lent

may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,

and by following in his Way

come to share in his glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies,

and inwardly in our souls;

that we may be defended from all adversities

which may happen to the body,

and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

**All: Alleluia.**

## Principal Readings - Lectionary

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** *Genesis 11: 26, 30-end; Genesis 12: 1-4*

<sup>26</sup> When Terah had lived seventy years, he became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

<sup>30</sup> Abram's wife was Sarai and she was barren; she had no child.

<sup>31</sup> Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan; but when they came to Haran, they settled there.

<sup>32</sup> The days of Terah were two hundred five years; & Terah died in Haran.

<sup>1</sup> Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

<sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, & it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Gospel:** *John 3: 1-17*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## For your prayers:

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

Anne Rees-Simkins who died on 25<sup>th</sup> February

Jean Rosemary Dawson who died recently.

Christine Cannon whose funeral is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am at St. Mary's

Susan Salmon whose funeral is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at midday at St. Mary's

Peggy Cross whose funeral is on Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> March at Westerleigh Crematorium

Joyce Woodward Hughes whose funeral is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm at St. Mary's

Edna Parker whose funeral service was on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Bruce Holman whose memorial service was on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

February 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 March, please pray for Wotton Quakers and its congregation*

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

**Lent Lunches at St. Mary's (unless otherwise stated) from 12- 2pm**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Feb - £432 raised for Dagoretti**

**27<sup>th</sup> Feb** – St. Mungo's Homeless Charity

**6<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Following World Day of Prayer service

**13<sup>th</sup> Mar** – MAF

**20<sup>th</sup> Mar at Wotton Baptist Church** – Christian Aid

**27<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Read with me

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - The Mothers' Union will meet in church at 2.15 when there will be a presentation about the Cotswold Vale Talking Newspaper. All welcome.

**North Nibley's World Day of Prayer** Service will be held at Nibley Chapel, Barrs Lane at 3.45pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The service this year has been compiled by people from Nigeria. If anyone has any fabric or artefacts from the country for display, please bring along with you. All welcome!

**St. Mary's World Day of Prayer** – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 11am at St. Mary's – this will be followed by a Soup Lunch – all proceeds to World Day of Prayer.

**Concert at St. Mary's** on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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. To see and hear more, go to [www.moonrakers.net](http://www.moonrakers.net)

**Wotton Concert Series – featuring our own Jed Hughes** – at St. Mary's Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30pm. Tickets from [www.wottonconcertseries.co.uk](http://www.wottonconcertseries.co.uk)

**St. Mary's Experience Easter Event** – 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March. Still need some more volunteers. We are looking to get around 500 local primary school children to "Experience Easter" and are in need of the following: Story tellers; potential small acting parts; guides; welcomers; refreshments. All the churches in Wotton are being asked for assistance as this is a CTiW event. Please let Kate C or Lesley know when you might be available (days or part days!) & which role you might like. Sign up sheets at the back of St. Mary's

**Children's Society Coffee morning at St. Mary's** – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April – 10am – 12pm – pop it in your diaries!

## Psalm 121

- <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
- <sup>2</sup>My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
- <sup>3</sup>He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- <sup>4</sup>He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- <sup>5</sup>The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
- <sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup>The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup>The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.