

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 16th March

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 17th March

12.00am Funeral Service for Joyce Woodward Hughes at St. Mary's

Wednesday 18th March

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

Thursday 19th March

All Day Schools Experience Easter at St. Mary's

Friday 20th March – Office Closed

All day Schools Experience Easter at St. Mary's
12.00pm Lent Lunch at Wotton Baptist Church for Christian Aid
6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 21st March

All day Experience Easter for the local community
10.00am Palm Cross making & coffee morning at St. Mary's

Sunday 22nd March – 5th Sunday of Lent

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

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 6-11

Gospel: John 11: 1-45

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St Mary's Wotton

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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/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!!

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 15th March 2026
Mothering Sunday

Services

9.30am Family Service for Mothering Sunday at St. Martin's
9.30am Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday at St. Mary's
11.15am Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday at St. Kenelm's

Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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 love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
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 – For North Nibley

1st Reading: Hosea 11: 1-4

¹ When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

² The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

³ Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.

⁴ I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.

2nd Reading: Matthew 23: 37-39

³⁷ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" ³⁸ See, your house is left to you, desolate.

³⁹ For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

Lectionary Readings

1st Reading: Exodus 2: 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said.

Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴ who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶ If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷ Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Gospel: Luke 2: 33-35

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."

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

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

Bob Pearce whose funeral is on Monday 23rd March at 2pm at St. Mary's

Anne Rees-Simkins whose funeral is on Wed 25th March at 2pm at Westerleigh Crematorium followed by refreshments in the

Orangery at Tortworth Court. All are welcome
Peggy Cross whose funeral was on Thurs 12th March at Westerleigh Crematorium

Christine Cannon whose funeral was on 5th March at St. Mary's
Susan Salmon whose funeral was on Wednesday 11th March 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

13th Mar – MAF

20th Mar at Wotton Baptist Church – Christian Aid

27th Mar – Read with me

Wotton Concert Series – featuring our own Jed Hughes – at St.

Mary's Saturday 28th March, at 7.30pm. Tickets from

www.wottonconcertseries.co.uk

St. Mary's Experience Easter Event – 19th – 21st March.

Also needed as props – plants in pots to make it look like a garden plus fabrics in browns, greens & greys to make a mound look like Golgotha

Children's Society Coffee morning at St. Mary's – Saturday 11th

April – 10am – 12pm – pop it in your diaries!

St. Mary's Easter Flowers – if you would like to financial donate

to the Easter Flower fund, please put any monies in the carboy at the back of the church.

St. Mary's Palm Cross making and coffee morning – Saturday

21st March 10 – 11.30am. All welcome and training will be given!

A prayer for Iran by the Rt Revd Guli Francis-Dehqani - who herself was a refugee from Iran when she fled to the UK with her family in 1979.

Ever - loving God,
who hears us in our anguish and distress,
and longs for us to be free.

We pray for the people of Iran and the wider Middle East,
at this time of fear and uncertainty.

Be near to those who are anxious;
bring comfort to all who are suffering.

Guide those with the power to make decisions,
and lead them in the ways of wisdom, compassion and moderation:
that people of goodwill would seek harmony and reconciliation.

Join us with our Christian brothers and sisters in all places,

in praying for peace with justice,
through him who is the prince of peace,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.