

## Services and Meetings this week

St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays 10 – 6pm  
St. Mary's opens daily 9am – 6pm. St. Martin's opens daily: 8.30am-6pm

### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's  
10.15am Coffee and Chat at St. Mary's  
2.00pm Funeral Service for Gillian Smith at St. Mary's

### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter**

9.30am Non Communion service at St. Martin's & Baptism after service  
10.00am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's  
11.15am Holy Communion Service at Tresham Church

#### Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Act 7: 55-end

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 2: 2-10

Gospel: John 14: 1-14

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St Mary's Wotton

[www.northnibleychurch.uk](http://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/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. Following her surgery, 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 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### **Services**

9.30am Non Communion Service at St. Mary's

9.30am Communion Service at St. Martin's

6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

#### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

or

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**All: Alleluia.**

## Principal Readings - Lectionary

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** *Acts 2: 42-end*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** *1 Peter 2: 19-end*

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### **Gospel:** *John 10: 1-10*

"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

### **For your prayers:**

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

Gillian Smith whose funeral is on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm at St. Mary's

Anthony Dunseath whose funeral is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm at St. Mary's

Linda Kenney whose funeral is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 11am at St. Mary's

Anne Sharp whose funeral is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 12pm at St. Martin's

Ruth and Arthur Bushell are being interred on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 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 April, St. Mary's is prayed for by the local community.*

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

**North Nibley Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held at 11am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April in St Martin's Church.**

Refreshments available beforehand. PLEASE COME and SUPPORT the PCC.

**Box Opening Coffee Morning on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April** - A very big "Thank You" to everyone who supported the recent Coffee Morning for the Children's Society. I am extremely grateful to Kate T, Mary B and Sheila for spending the morning emptying the boxes and counting, bagging and recording the contents, they did a splendid job. To date over £600 has come in from the boxes. Thank you also to Sharon for serving the refreshments. The donations for coffee plus the sale table raised £140. Thank you everyone for your continued support and generosity.  
*Dot Moss*

**St. Mary's APCM** – If you would like an electronic version of the reports, please message the office – [office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk](mailto:office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk)

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost** – Churches Together in Wotton are holding a joint service at Synwell Playing Fields at 11am. (There will be NO morning service at St. Mary's). It will be led by all the churches in Wotton. Bring a chair, blanket and picnic lunch. Parking is available, but please car share. The Social Club will be open for drinks. Toilets will be available.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May The Mothers' Union** - will meet in the church at 2.15 when Sue Plant will be speaking. The topic is poetry based so please try and contribute a verse that has a special meaning to you.

**Oriana Spring Concert at St. Mary's** – don't forget that the Oriana singers will be at St. Mary's on 25<sup>th</sup> April for their Spring concert. Starts at 7.30pm. Tickets from [3choirs.org](http://3choirs.org) or on the door

**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.