

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 6th April – Easter Monday

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 7th April

Wednesday 8th April

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee and Chat at St. Mary's

Thursday 9th April

Friday 10th April – Office Closed

1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's

Saturday 11th April

10.00am Children's Society Coffee Morning at St. Mary's

Sunday 12th April – 2nd Sunday after Easter

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

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Gospel: John 20: 19-end

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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!

Tyndale



Benefice

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

Sunday 5th April 2026
Easter Sunday

Services

6.30am Dawn Service at The Tyndale Monument

7.00am CTiW Sunrise Service on Coombe Hill

9.30am Family Easter Communion at St. Martin's

11.00am Easter Communion with Choral Music at St. Mary's

11.15am Family Easter Communion at Tresham Church

Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

or

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
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

1st Reading: *Acts 10: 34-43*

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

2nd Reading: *Jeremiah 31: 1-6*

¹"At that time," declares the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people."

²"The people who survive the sword will find favour in the wilderness; I will come to give rest to Israel."

³"I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."

⁴"Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! You shall again adorn yourself with tambourines and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers."

⁵"You shall yet plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit."

⁶"For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God'"

Gospel: *Matthew 28:1-15*

¹ After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came & rolled back the stone & sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, & his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook & became like dead men.

⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

¹¹ While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹² After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, ¹³ telling them, "You must say, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' ¹⁴ If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Bob Pearce whose funeral was on Monday 23rd March at St. Mary's
Anne Rees-Simkins whose funeral was on Wed 25th March at
Westerleigh Crematorium

Joyce Woodward Hughes whose funeral was on Tuesday 17th
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 April, St. Mary's is prayed for by the local community.

******* NOTICES *******

St Mary's Easter service is starting at 11am on Sunday – there is NO service at St. Mary's before this.

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

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.

Church Electoral Roll Revision - If your name is not on the current Roll you are invited to submit an application from 22nd March to 12th April.

Please give thought to the significance of being on the Church Electoral Roll of our Parish because by doing this you will be saying that

- I **support** the Church of England and its work in my Parish
- I am making a **commitment** to my Parish Church
- I will take a responsible share in supporting and developing the mission and ministry of the Church in my Parish through **regular giving**
- I will give not only money, but **myself**, my time and my gifts and skills to God, in service both within the Church and in the wider community.

Application forms will be available at the back of church and should be returned in the box provided.

Roger Wyse

Electoral Roll Officer

Benefice Office – As we are now approaching school holidays, the office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 – 12pm.
Back to normal hours w/c 13th April.

Thank you – for your generous donations to the St. Mary's Easter flowers. It really is appreciated however large or small it is.

A massive thank you to all of you that helped at Experience Easter, be it on the day or behind the scenes. To have nearly 500 local primary school children know more about this time is wonderful. Many children knew different stories from the Bible and this is down to the Open the Book sessions that happen in both Blue Coat and The British School – thank you to all of you that contribute to that too.