

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 11th May

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 12th May

2.30pm Reflection Group at St. Mary's

Wednesday 13th May

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

10.15am Coffee and Chat at St. Mary's

5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Thursday 14th May – Ascension Day

7.30pm Ascension Day Service at St. Mary's

Friday 15th May

6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 16th May

7.00pm A Soldiers Tale – Amadeus Orchestra at St. Mary's

Sunday 17th May – 7th Sunday after Easter

9.30am Non Communion service at St. Martin's with Baptism

9.30am Communion Service at St. Mary's with Craig Huxley-Jones

1.00pm Baptism Service at St. Mary's

11.15am Communion Service at St. Kenelm's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Act 1: 6-14

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

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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. 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 visitors – but please contact her before turning up!

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 '79

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.

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Benefice

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

Sunday 10th May 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Services

9.30am Holy Communion service at St. Martin's

10.00am Non Communion Service at St. Mary's

6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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: Act 17: 22-31

¹³ When the Jews of Thessalonica learned that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Beroea as well, they came there too, to stir up and incite the crowds. ¹⁴ Then the believers immediately sent Paul away to the coast, but Silas and Timothy remained behind.

¹⁵ Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and after receiving instructions to have Silas and Timothy join him as soon as possible, they left him.

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this babbling want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) ¹⁹ So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?"

²⁰ It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

²⁹ Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

³² When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, "We will hear you again about this." ³³ At that point Paul left them. ³⁴ But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 13-end

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of

Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Anthony Dunseath whose funeral was on Thursday 7th May at St. Mary's
Linda Kenney whose funeral is on Friday 8th May at 11am at St. Mary's
Anne Sharp whose funeral is on Tuesday 19th May at 12pm at St. Martin'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 May, please prayer for Wotton Baptist Church

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

St. Mary's APCM (10th May) – St Mary's Annual Meeting is on Sunday 10th May, straight after the 10am service. Do come along to support Kate and the PCC as we make important decisions for the coming year. Copies of the Annual Report are available at the back of church, please take a copy, there's plenty to read before the meeting. If you'd like an electronic copy, email Kate in the office. – office@tyndalebenefice.co.uk

Tuesday 14th May – Reflection Group at St. Mary's. All welcome to attend, starts at 2.30pm

Thursday 14th May at 7.30pm – Ascension Day Service at St. Mary's – Please do come and celebrate Ascension Day at St. Mary's with Rev Richard Morgan. There will be sherry afterwards! (And soft drinks!)

Sunday 24th 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.

Volunteers are required for the above service to act as Stewards – can you help? If so, please let Kate T know.

Question from our St. Mary's Churchwarden - Do you know of anyone who would like some plastic downpipes? Let Kate T know if you do.