

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 18th May

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 19th May

12.00pm Funeral Service for Anne Sharp at St. Martin's

Wednesday 20th 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 21st May

Friday 22nd May

1.30pm Art Group at St. Mary's

6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 23rd May

Sunday 24th May – Pentecost

9.30am Communion service at St. Martin's

11.00am Town Service for Pentecost at Synwell Playing Fields

6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Act 2: 1-21

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13

Gospel: John 20: 19-23 or John 7: 37-39

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(Part Time)

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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. 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 17th May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Services

9.30am Holy Communion service at St. Mary's with Craig Huxley-Jones, Canon Precentor at Gloucester Cathedral

9.30am Non Communion Service at St. Martin's with Baptism of Phoebe

11.15am Holy Communion Service at St. Kenelm's with Craigh Huxley-Jones, Canon Precentor at Gloucester Cathedral.

1.00pm Baptism of Draven at St. Mary's

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: Act 1: 6-14

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

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

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

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 was on Friday 8th May at St. Mary's
Anne Sharp whose funeral is on Tuesday 19th May at 12pm at St. Martin's

Draven who is being Baptised on Sunday at St. Mary's

Phoebe who is being Baptised on Sunday 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 *******

Saturday 16th May – Friends of North Nibley School Fair – Along with St. Martin's Church – 12pm – 4pm. Taking place in the playing field. All Welcome.

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.

A Plant Sale with delicious homemade teas and children's treasure hunt is being held at **St Kenelm's Church, Alderley, on Saturday 30th May from 2-5pm** in aid of the Friends of Alderley Church – please do come!

Saturday 16th May, 7pm at St. Mary's Church - [Amadeus Orchestra](#) | [Stravinsky - The Soldier's Tale](#) | [Three Choirs Festival](#) – click on here to go to the ticket site, or visit 3 Choirs to buy tickets, or purchase them on the door.