

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 25th May – Bank Holiday

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 26th May

Wednesday 27th 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 28th May

Friday 29th May – Office Closed

6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 30th May

Sunday 31st May – Trinity Sunday

11.00am Benefice Holy Communion with Jo Wetherall at St. Martin's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-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. 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.

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 24th May 2026

Pentecost

Services

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

Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
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 2: 1-21*

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

" 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' "

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

Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one & the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Unity and Diversity in the Body

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Gospel: *John 7: 37-39*

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Anne Sharp whose funeral was on Tuesday 19th May at St. Martin's
Clive Wytchard whose funeral is on Thursday 4th June at 11.30am at North Nibley Cemetery

Tony Jellings whose funeral is on Tuesday 9th June at 3pm at Westerleigh Crematorium

Draven who was Baptised on 17th May at St. Mary's
Phoebe who was Baptised on 17th May 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 *******

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.

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!

Volunteers requested at St. Mary's on Friday 5th June from 11.15am until 1.15pm – to help with Blue Coat School visit – mainly serving refreshments.

500th Anniversary of the translation of the New Testament by William Tyndale – Saturday 6th June at 2pm at The Tyndale Monument and also 3.30pm at St. Martin's Church – run by The Trinitarian Bible Society

Sunday 7th June – Edna Parker's family will be attending the morning service at 10am and would welcome seeing anyone there who knew Edna.

New Organ at St. Martin's – Sunday 21st June at 3pm, St. Martin's will be celebrating the arrival of their new organ. Join in your favourite hymns and enjoy a cream tea.

St. Mary's Church Fete – Saturday 11th July. This is the main fundraiser of the year, for the church. - Please put the date in your diary.

Can you help for an hour or two serving teas, selling books or toys, helping with children's games, toiletries, bottle store, serving Pimms, folding raffle tickets, helping on the fruit tombola or plant store or selling nearly new clothes and jewellery. Please let Kate T or C know or sign up on the rota sheet which is in church

Good quality Children's Toys and Books – If you are having a clear out in the next few weeks, please let Sharon Dove (07780 003166) have anything you think might be suitable for the Children's stall at the Church Fete. Either drop with her or leave with me in the office.