

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 4th May – Bank Holiday – Office Closed

10.00am Holy Communion at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 5th May

10.00am Pastoral care meeting in Lesley's Office

Wednesday 6th May

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
10.15am Coffee and Chat at St. Mary's
2.15pm Mothers Union at St. Mary's – with Sue Plant
5.15pm Junior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Thursday 7th May

12.30pm Funeral Service for Anthony Dunseath at St. Mary's

Friday 8th May

11.00am Funeral Service for Linda Kenney at St. Mary's
6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 9th May

2.00pm Visiting Organists at St. Mary's

Sunday 10th May – 6th Sunday after Easter

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

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Act 17: 22-31

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3: 13-end

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

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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 some visitors – but please contact her before turning up!

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 3rd May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Services

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

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
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 7: 55-end*

⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

2nd Reading: *1 Peter 2: 2-10*

² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"

⁸ and, "A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Gospel: *John 10: 1-10*

¹ "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. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ 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. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ 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 was on 29th April at St. Mary's
Anthony Dunseath whose funeral is on Thursday 7th May at 12.30pm 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

Chelsea & Jarod who got married on 25th April

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 *******

Box Opening Coffee Morning on Sat 11th 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 (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

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.

Wednesday 6th 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.

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 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.