

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 27th July – OFFICE CLOSED

10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 28th July – OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday 29th July – OFFICE CLOSED

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 30th July – OFFICE CLOSED

7.00pm Au Revoir evening for Lesley in her office

Friday 1st August

6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 2nd August

Sunday 3rd August – 9th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Family Service at St. Martin's
10.00am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's
11.15pm Holy Communion Service at Tresham Church

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

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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.

Lesley's Socials

Lesley is starting a soft return to work. She now has the work mobile!

In July she will be having a number of social events that you are all invited to:

Thursday 30th July at 7pm – Lesley's office in Wotton for wine & nibbles

Please let Lesley or the office know if you are going, so we can ensure there is enough cake!

Benefice Office & Summer Holidays – The Benefice office will be closed w/c 27th July & 3rd August.

Once back from holiday the office will be open ONLY on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am until 5pm.

Drop me an email if you need me outside of those hours.

Concerts at St. Mary's – Saturday 8th August 7pm – The Twickenham Trio playing a Beethoven Sandwich! Wine Bar. Tickets available from the Cotswold Book Room or on the door.



Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 26th July 2026

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Services

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Martin's

11.00am Benefice Farewell Service for Rev Lesley at St. Mary's

6.00pm Choral Evensong as a "Farewell to Lesley" at St. Mary's

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you."

⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today."

⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 26-end

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

³¹ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew

it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes."

⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Readings at Lesley's Farewell Service

Isaiah 41: 10 - So do not fear for I am with you. Do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Matthew 13: 44-46 - The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone found and hid; then in their joy they go and sell all that they have and buy that field. Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Roman who was baptised at St. Mary's on 12th July

Dolly-Mae was baptised at St. Martin's on 19th July

Andrew & Miranda who got married at St. Kenelm's on 4th July

Andrew & Kirstie who are having a wedding bless on Saturday 25th July at Perry & Dawes Chapel.

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 July, please pray for the priests and congregation at the United Church

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

Saturday 25th July at 1pm - 30 minutes of free music with Jed Hughes and his brother and friend. Come into the cool of the church and listen to some amazing music.

Sunday 26th July at 11am – St. Mary's Church – Benefice and community service for Lesley. Come along to our farewell service for Lesley. There will be a buffet lunch following the service at around 12pm – do come along to both or either.

Choral Evensong Sunday 26th July at 6pm – Lesley will be leading this musical evening. There will be sherry and nibbles following the service.

Ageing Gracefully – a joint course between the Tyndale Benefice and The Keepers, to be held at The United Church. A 6 week course for Christians who wish to explore some of the theological issues raised by an aging society. Starts on 5th October. Flyers are in all the churches.

St. Mary's Church Fete - Thank you to everyone who supported, baked, volunteered, entertained us by singing and playing the piano, grew plants, and collected toiletries, toys, books, teddies, and clothes. To those who attended, painted children's faces, organised the parachuting teddies and sold raffle tickets, thank you

The total amount raised will be made known soon. Half the money will go to the church fabric fund, and a quarter each to the Bournstream Trust and Médecins Sans Frontières.

Despite the hot weather, it was wonderful to see the community coming together for a lovely day of fellowship.

The final total raised £4,775.

A fabulous amount (more than last year!). This means that Bournstream and Médecins Sans Frontières will both have donated to them £1,194. The rest will come to St. Mary's.