

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 14th September

10.00am Morning Communion at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 15th September

Wednesday 16th September

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

7.30pm Private Function at St. Mary's

7.30pm Wotton PCC meeting in Parish Room

Thursday 17th September

10 – 12pm Look for a book in Parish Office

5.00pm Doors open for Wotton Blues Festival at St. Mary's

Friday 18th September

10 – 12pm Look for a book in Parish Office

5.00pm Eco Church Meeting in St. Mary's

6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 19th September

Overnight – Cotswold Centenary Run at St. Mary's

Sunday 20th September – 16th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Non Communion Service at St. Martin's

10.00am Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's

11.15am Harvest Festival at St. Kenelm's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)

1st Reading: Jonah 3: 10-4: end

2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 21-end

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

Clergy:

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Please do not call after 6pm

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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.

To everyone – this is IMPORTANT, this is where YOU get a say.

Now that we are in vacancy, we need to think about what qualities we want in our next incumbent.

What are your hopes and aspirations for your church?

How do you want your church community to develop over the next few years?

Please email or speak to your churchwarden. Or send them through to me in the Office and I will pass them on.

Tyndale



Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth

North Nibley

Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 13th September 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Services

9.30am Holy communion Service at St. Martin's

10.00am Non Communion Service at St. Mary's

2.30pm Visiting Organists recital at St. Mary's

6.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures forever. The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: *Genesis 50: 15-21*

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves."

But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

2nd Reading: *Romans 14: 1-12*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel: *Matthew 18: 21-35*

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"

Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.'

Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would

pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Tony Pickford whose funeral service was on Friday 4th September at St. Mary's

Graham Cook whose memorial service was on Wednesday 9th September at St. Mary's

Tom Redman whose funeral service is on 21st September at 11am at St. Mary'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 September please pray for the Quakers

***** NOTICES *****

Happy Birthday to the Schrider Organ in St. Mary's – 300

years old - Saturday 12th September, 7pm Faure Requiem is being performed at St. Mary's – tickets from jedhughes.com/on-the-door. Sunday 13th September at 2.30pm Eric, Nick and Mike some of our amazing organists are giving a free recital at St. Mary's – do come along.

Ageing Gracefully – a joint course between the Tyndale Benefice and Churches Together, 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. Contact Kate in the office if you would like to attend.

Alpha 2026 - In the Autumn we will be holding another Alpha course. The 10-week course starts on Tuesday 22nd September @ 6.45pm, at The United Church Hall, in Bradley Street.

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Over 10 weeks we'll look at questions such as "Who is Jesus?", "Why did Jesus' die?", "How can I have faith?", "How does God guide us?"

Each evening will consist of 3 parts: a meal together, watching a pre-recorded talk and a discussion in small groups, where you can share your thoughts and ask questions.

Alpha is for everyone - those who have questions about Christianity – about what it means to be a follower of Jesus and those who are Christians but want to remind themselves of what they believe, refresh their understanding and renew their experience of God. All are welcome.

If you'd like to come or want to find out more, please contact Clive Hamer on 07523 405417 or add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

St. Mary's Eco Church – the next meeting is 18th September at 5pm in St. Mary's.

Save the Date – Saturday 3rd October at 7pm, recital at St. Mary's – from opera to cabaret – a fantastic evening of piano and song – more details to follow.

Stitch Café at The Keepers – starting on 17th September. 1.30 – 3.30pm. Knitting, crochet, needle felting, sewing, embroidery, quilting. Bring your own needlecrafts or just come to chat.