Services and Meetings this week

St. Kenelm's & Tresham Church: open weekdays 10 – 6pm
St. Mary's opens daily 9am –dusk. St. Martin's opens daily: 8.30am-6pm

Monday 23rd November
10.00am Morning Prayer at Perry & Dawes

Tuesday 24th November

Wednesday 25th November
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 26th November

Friday 27th November
6.15pm Senior Choir Practice at St. Mary's

Saturday 28th November

Sunday 29th November – Advent Sunday
11.00am Benefice Communion Service at St. Martin's
6.00pm Advent Carol Service at St. Mary's

Principal Reading (from the Lectionary)
1st Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Gospel: Mark 13: 24-end

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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.

Tyndale

Benefice

Wotton-under-Edge with Ozleworth
North Nibley
Alderley (including Tresham)

Sunday 22nd November 2026
Christ the King

Services

9.30am Holy Communion Service at St. Martin's
10.00am Non Communion Service at St. Mary's
6.00pm Choral Evensong at St. Mary's

Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

or

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.
All: Alleluia.

Principal Readings - Lectionary

1st Reading: *Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24*

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

2nd Reading: *Ephesians 1: 15-end*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 31-end*

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'

Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

For your prayers:

For the family and friends of:

Chris (Kate Tutty's son in law) who died on 2nd November

Peter Downs who died on 6th November

Shirley Chalmers whose Celebration of life service was on 17th November 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 November, Wotton Baptist Church is prayed for.

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

Saturday 21st November - The Mothers' Union will be having a stall at the Charities Fair in the Civic Centre which runs from 10.00hrs until 16.00hrs. Please come along and support us if you are free. Thank you.

Wotton Concert Series – Saturday 21st November at 7pm at St. Mary's. Tenebrae will be performing. Tickets from 3choirs. At the time of writing only 9 seats left!

Upcoming Dates – a few of the special services

Sunday 29th November – Benefice Communion service at St. Martin's at 11am

Sunday 29th November – Advent Service at St. Mary's at 6pm

Saturday 5th December – Messiah at St. Mary's at 7pm – tickets from 3choirs or on the door

Wednesday 9th December – Junior Carol Service at St. Mary's at 6pm

Saturday 12th December – Oriana Christmas Concert at St. Mary's at 7pm

Saturday 20th December – Carols & Readings Service at St. Martin's at 6pm

Sunday 20th December – Tresham Carol Service at 11.15am

Sunday 20th December – 9 Lessons and Carols at St. Mary's at 6pm

Christingles in the Tyndale Benefice – On Christmas Eve you have the choice of 3 Christingles!

4.00pm – St. Mary's

5.30pm – St. Mary's

6.00pm – St. Martin's

Wednesday 2nd December - The Mothers' Union will meet in the church at 2.15 and will be entertained by Barry Smith a skilled magician. Everyone is welcome to join us and stay for a festive tea afterwards. Members will provide wrapped raffle prizes so please bring some money with you. Thank you.

Get your ovens ready! – The St. Mary's refreshment team are in need of volunteers to provide mince pies for the Christmas Season – please see Sharon Dove if you can help.