

Services Next Sunday— 2 April 2017

5th Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy

Reading: John 2:18-22,14:18-26 Barbara Ambrose

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion: Rev James Kennedy

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with crèche, 'One Way' & Ablaze)

Leading: Rev Martha Simpson Preaching: Rev James Kennedy

Reading: John 2:18-22,14:18-26 Helen Pooley Prayers: John Marshall

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Financial Giving

If you would like to give to support the mission and ministry of St Mary's, may we encourage you to join our planned giving scheme. If you are a UK taxpayer you may be able to add Gift Aid which increases your giving by 25%. Please pick up a leaflet to explore ways to give or you can give online at <https://my.give.net/donations>

St Mary's is a caring fellowship.

Being a member of a Small Group is the best way to make sure you are both cared for, and able to care for others. For more information about joining a group please email smallgroups@stmaryscnorton.com. Otherwise, if you or anyone you know is sad or unwell, in hospital or in need of any other support, please let the Church Office know. We have a team of pastoral visitors who would love to help.



Chipping Norton

Sharing the life-changing love of Jesus
serving our whole community

26th March 2017

4th Sunday of Lent & Mothering Sunday
Morning Worship

I believe in God the Son: born of the Virgin Mary

"Joseph, Son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit" Matthew 1.20

Welcome to today's service!

Today is a special day, a day to celebrate and we're delighted that you're here to do so as we meet together. First of all, continuing our sermon series on the words of the creed, we're celebrating that Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary. Conceived by the Holy Spirit, he grew in a womb, was born of a woman and had a Mother just like we do or have done. Mary had an extraordinary role to play in God's plans for the whole world. She was a central part of Jesus' experience of family and of nurture. So of course we're celebrating Mothering Sunday too, recognising the love and hard work that mothers, and women who function as mothers, pour into children and families. Beyond this, we're celebrating our part in God's family here in Chippy. Each one of us has a part to play, regardless of age or background, so this morning our children's group, Oneway, is allowing us to join them as they experience and learn what it's like to be part of this family. God has been doing extraordinary things in our work with children and young people over the last 3 years so today we're going to see just a little of that in our worship together. And finally we're celebrating the baptism of Libby (Elizabeth!) Simpson, who many of you will know. What a blessing for her to have known this church family from the beginning of life and to be growing up surrounded by wonderful members of God's family of every age.

So we hope you enjoy this celebration, feel welcomed into the family and through it, and catch some tiny glimpse of what the Holy Spirit might be growing in you, and in us as a family.

Martha Simpson (Curate)

Today we are all together for the whole service, but on other weeks, during our 10.45 service, to serve our families, we run a supervised crèche, 'OneWay' (for children aged 3-11) and 'Ablaze' (for youth aged 11-16). Everyone is welcome!



This Sunday— 26 March 2017 *NB Clocks go forward 1 hr.*

4th Sunday of Lent & Mothering Sunday

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 Andy Thomson

St James' Chapel Over Norton (No service on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays)

St Mary's 10.45am Family celebration + Baptism

Leading: Rev Martha Simpson Talk: Emma Kennedy + OneWay

Praying round the Deanery. This week: St Giles, Wigginton

Please pray for John Acreman and the Churchwarden David Green.

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

East Africa Crisis Appeal — As you will know, the Disasters Emergency Committee have appealed to everyone to act now to help address a looming humanitarian catastrophe in East Africa. Please consider prayerfully how you might respond personally. As a church, we will be sending our offering next Sunday (2nd April) to our church partner Tearfund's Crisis Appeal. If you would like that to be a part of your personal response, please come prepared to give generously.

Good Friday... Following a broad consensus that the Churches Together 'Good Friday March of Witness' no longer generates the positive statement of witness that it once did, we will not be marching this year. We are instead considering something with greater contemporary relevance such as a **creative static street art installation**, which we hope might intrigue and draw people in to look rather than cause them to cross the road to avoid us. If this is something that appeals to you, or if you have any ideas, please contact James Kennedy.

Men's Curry Night: 8pm, Tonight, Spice of India, Chipping Norton.

Please let Mark Carpenter know whether you are attending.

Email: mlcincn@yahoo.co.uk

New Appointment: House for Duty Team Minister: Rev Ursula Simpson:

In case you missed the announcement a couple of weeks ago, we are delighted to be welcoming Ursula Simpson to join the clergy team after Easter. She will be living, with her husband, Roger, in Juxon House, in Little Compton, and her primary role will be to nurture and grow our Small Groups. Please see her separate letter of introduction.

Her licensing service will be on Tuesday 25th April at 7.30pm

If you are available to help with stewarding at the Licensing service, or are able to help with welcome and distributing refreshments after the service, or if you could offer to provide a plate of "finger food (either sweet and savoury) for this event, please see Nicola Riley or Linda Carpenter (email: churchwarden@stmaryscnorton.com)

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 27 MARCH—1 April 2017

- Mon 27 Mar** **Funeral: Jacky Legge** (12noon at St Mary's)
St Mary's Pilates class (6-7pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 29 Mar** **St Mary's Minis** (10am– 11.30am in Parish Rooms)
Lent Supper: Led by James Kennedy (7pm in Parish Rooms)
Help needed to set up from 6pm and to serve food. Please Contact Jane Butler 641781 or janebutler20000@gmail.com
- Thurs 30 Mar** **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 31 Mar** **Remix' Youth Club** (3.15-4.45 in Glyme Hall)
- Sat 1 Apr** **Women's Breakfast** (8.30-10am Crown & Cushion Hotel)
Speaker: Jasmine Stansbury, a hopeful synchronised swimmer & Britain's Got Talent runner up. To book a place contact women@stmaryscnorton.com. with choice of Full English/Continental Breakfast Cost £8 on the day.
- Sun 2 April** **Gospel Choir practice** (8.30am in Parish Rooms)

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sun 2 Apr** **APCM Meeting** (12.30 in Parish Rooms with celebratory Prosecco!)
- Wed 5 Apr** **Easter Create @ Kingham - An evening of cooking and Craft.** (7.15-9.30pm at Kingham Lodge) Entry £5
Places limited:to book contact Sally Salter (658852) or Email: Sally.m.salter@btinternet.com
- Fri 7 Apr** **Youth Easter Party** (7—9pm in Parish Rooms)
- Thurs 13 Apr** **Passover Meal** (6.30-8pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 14 Apr** **Good Friday Service of Reflection & Prayer** (12noon—3pm In Church)
- Sun 16 Apr** **Easter Services:**
6.00 for 6.15am Sunrise prayer on hill above Chipping Norton (Assemble & depart from Parish Rooms)
8am Holy Communion, St Mary's Church
9.15am Holy Communion, St James' Chapel Over Norton
10.45am Family Celebration with Communion, St Mary's
- Tues 25 Apr** **Licensing of Rev Ursula Simpson** (7.30pm at St Mary's CN)

For further information, please contact the Church Office