

Services Next Sunday— 14 May 2017

5th Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev David Salter
Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-8 Andy Thomson

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

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (with crèche, One Way' & Ablaze)

Leading: Rev Martha Simpson Preaching: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-8 tbc Prayers: Paula Smith

12.45pm Church Lunch in Parish Centre. All are welcome to join us at our 'Bring and Share' lunch and to invite friends and family—children welcome! Please inform Jen Williams if bringing guests. 01608 686366 / jenwilliams366@gmail.com

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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

7th May 2017
4th Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion

I believe in the Holy Spirit: Spirit of Unity

"...I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" John 17:23

Welcome to today's service!

Earlier this week, I heard Jean Vanier, the founder of the L'Arche community, describe the rationale for his life's calling to live in the community, serving the people whom society so often reject: "To be together", he said, "is to reflect the Kingdom of God". When we share communion later in our service this morning, we will be coming together to symbolise the same spiritual reality that we are, as God's church, one body – blood relatives, united in having been saved through the blood of Jesus. It was Jesus' prayer for his disciples that this bond of faith and salvation would unite them, despite their differences and diversity, to reflect the way that God is united as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Over recent decades, our culture has slowly, but surely, eroded the sort of connectedness that God tells us so clearly that we need in order to flourish, but as we continue to consider the person and work of the Holy Spirit, we'll see that the Spirit has been sent to hold us together. As a result, unless we want to set ourselves up in direct opposition to the Spirit of God, it is our fundamental obligation to 'make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.' Let's look around us at this church family, and then beyond to the universal church, and commit afresh to pulling together so that we truly can play our part in God's Kingdom.

James Kennedy (Vicar)

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— 7 MAY 2016

4th Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Jackie Jones
Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Acts 242-end Barbara Ambrose

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion Rev Martha Simpson

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

Leading: Rev James Kennedy Preaching: Richard Cunningham
Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13 tbc Prayers: Ann Lewis

Praying round the Deanery. This week: St Peter's Wilcote
Please pray for Paul Mansell, Sarah Jones & Brian Ford .

*****NOTICES*****



Thy Kingdom Come

Join with churches from all denominations from around the globe to pray between Ascension and Pentecost (25th May—5th June)

There will be opportunities to pray in each of the churches around the Benefice during the week, culminating in 24hrs of prayer at St Mary's from 9am on Sat 3rd June—9am Sun 4th June. Pick up a card and put the dates in your diaries.

Pentecost praise

On Sunday June 4th, as a church, we will remember and celebrate Pentecost—the day when God sent the Holy Spirit to his people. To allow more time to delight in God's spirit, seek him together, and to pray for the gifts he promises through his Spirit we will be having a special evening service of praise and prayer, 7.30-9pm. It'll be relaxed, contemporary and informal so do come along if you would enjoy worshipping in this way. All across the Benefice are welcome! For more info ask Chris O Shea or Martha—martha.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com.

Friends of St Mary's Church Fete On Saturday 20th May 12 – 4pm In The Old Vicarage Garden, Church Street, Chipping Norton.

Help needed on the day and with setting up the night before (Friday 19 May)
Anyone willing to run a stall or help on the day, or by donating (what's needed most are donations of craft items, cakes, tombola prizes) please get in touch with Kirsty Garrett email: Kirsty.garrett@gmail.com.
Thanks,

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 8—13 May 2017

- Mon 8 May** **Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
St Mary's Pilates class (6-7pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 10 May** **St Mary's Minis** (10am– 11.30am in Parish Rooms)
- Thurs 11 May** **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 12 May** **'Remix' Youth Club** (3.15-4.45 in Glyme Hall)
- Sat 13 May** **Visiting Bell Ringers** (4.45– 5.30pm at St Mary's church)

Come for Tea is open to all and is held every second Monday in the month in the Parish Centre - The next one is Monday 8th May. For information contact Amanda Gafford, on 641284. **Come and join us!**

Christian Aid: This year Christian Aid week runs from Sunday 14th May to Sat 20th May. Would anyone be prepared to collect in Church Street or Distons Lane, where most people will be well used to the collection and likely to respond positively. We are selling teas in the church at Chastleton to visitors to Chastleton House (NT). Would anyone like to help on the afternoons of 13th May (Sat) and/or 19th May (Friday)? Or perhaps you could provide a cake that could be cut into large slices? Contact Fiona Rossington on 01608 643344 or lfrossing-ton@hotmail.co.uk (NB: the first letter is a lower case L)

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sat 13 & Fri 19 May** **Chastleton Teas in aid of Christian Aid**
- Sun 14-Sat 20 May** **Christian Aid Week**
- Sat 20 May** **St Mary's Garden Fete** (12noon-4pm in Old Vicarage Garden)
Friends event.
- Sat 3 June** **'Thy Kingdom Come' Archbishop's call to prayer.** (9am for 24 hrs in Church/Parish Rooms)
- Sun 4 June** **Pentecost praise** (7.30-9pm at St Mary's)
- Sun 11 June** **Gift Day service**
- June (tbc)** **Men United—'FootGolf' at Heythrop Park** (details to follow)
- Sat 1 July** **Paula Smith's Ordination** 10am at Christ Church, Oxford.)
All are very welcome to attend. Donations towards leaving gift (stole) to Peter Williams or Emma in Church Office.

For further information, please contact the Church Office