

## Services Next Sunday— 4 June 2017

### Pentecost

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion** Leading: Rev Victor Story  
Reading: Acts 2:1-21 Martin Jarratt

**St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion (CW)**  
Leading: Rev David Salter

**St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with crèche, 'OneWay' and Ablaze)**

**Leading:** Rev Ursula Simpson **Preaching:** Rev James Kennedy  
Reading: John 7;37-39 & Ephesians 5:18-20 David/Susan Bishop  
Prayers: Nicola Riley

**7.30pm Pentecost Praise**



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

28th May 2017

6th Sunday of Easter

Morning Worship and Baptism

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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](mailto: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.

**I believe in God the Son: Who ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

"And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began"  
John 17:5

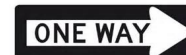
## Welcome to today's service!

This week we've seen lives shattered by evil and hatred in Manchester, bringing much closer to home the horrors that so many are living through daily across large parts of the Middle East. Against that backdrop, the world can offer us little cause to celebrate, and yet – as is so often the case – when the darkness around us is deepest, the light of the Gospel of Jesus shines out most brightly.

This morning it's the hope and joy and light of the Gospel of Jesus that enable us to celebrate with Thea as she is baptised into the family of the church.

As she is brought up to know that hope and joy and light in her own life, grounded in God's unconditional love that cannot be quenched, we pray that she – with the support and encouragement of her church family – will be equipped to bring some of the same joy and hope of Jesus to others around her, pushing back and overthrowing the darkness and brokenness that she will doubtless face as the years go by. Jesus alone has the power to redeem shattered lives and bring hope, and the risen and ascended Jesus alone has the power to take us to share in His glory. As every single new life embarks on a journey towards that heavenly glory, we do have a great deal to celebrate...

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—28 May 2017

6th Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy  
Reading: Acts 1:6-14 Barbara Ambrose Preaching: Jon Hunt

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

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship +Baptism (with crèche, One Way' &  
Leading: Rev Martha Simpson Preaching: Rev James Kennedy Ablaze)  
Reading: John 17:1-11 Rachel/Jamie Bell Prayers: Emma Fourie

Men's Curry Night 8pm at Spice of India

Praying round the Deanery. This week: St Nicholas, Heythrop  
Please pray for Ginny Thomas and the Church warden John Sword..

### \*\*\*\*\*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.

#### 1st Priority Prayer—Wychwood Baptist Church (7.30pm, Wed 7 June)

Join us this month as we worship and pray together with other churches from around the North Cotswolds. It would be wonderful to see as many of us from St Mary's as can be there—if you haven't come along to one of these before, then now's your chance! We may not understand precisely how prayer works, but it's what Jesus did and what God calls us to do too... it's only when we all make it our priority to pray together that we'll begin to see what God really has in store for us!

#### 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](mailto:martha.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com).

## CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK - 29 May—3 June 2017

Mon 29 May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b> <b>Thy Kingdom Come Prayer</b> (6.30pm at St Denys, Little Compton)
Tues 30 May	<b>Funeral of Margaret Eldred</b> (12noon at Banbury Crematorium) <b>Thy Kingdom Come Prayer</b> (6.30pm at Daylesford church)
Wed 31 May	<b>St Mary's Minis</b> (10–11.30am in Parish Rooms) <b>Thy Kingdom Come Prayer</b> (6.30pm at St Peter's Cornwell)
Thurs 1 May	<b>Midweek Communion + coffee</b> (10am in Parish Rooms) <b>Thy Kingdom Come Prayer</b> (6.30pm at All Saints, Churchill)
Fri 2 May	<b>Funeral of Michael Thornton</b> (11am in Church) <b>Thy Kingdom Come Prayer</b> (6.30pm at St Mary's Chastleton)
Sat 3 June	<b>Thy Kingdom Come 24 hr Prayer</b> (9am– 9pm in Church, 9pm—6am through the night in Parish Rooms)

### CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

Sun 4 June	<b>Pentecost praise</b> (7.30-9pm at St Mary's)
Wed 7 June	<b>1st Priority Prayer</b> (7.30pm at Wychwood Baptist Church)
Sat 10 June	<b>Men United—'FootGolf'</b> (3pm at Heythrop Park) - Youth and Men welcome. Please pick up a flyer & book your place. Contact: <a href="mailto:youth@stmaryscnorton.com">youth@stmaryscnorton.com</a>
Sat 1st July	<b>Paula Smith's Ordination</b> (10am at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. All are very welcome to attend.)
Sun 2 July	<b>Dress a Girl around the World</b> (1.00—5.00pm in Parish Rooms) Further information to follow. <i>Women's sewing event</i>

*For further information, please contact the Church Office*