

Services on Sunday 24 February 2019

2nd Sunday before Lent

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Victor Story
Reading: Revelation 4 (Martin Jarratt)

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

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (with Sparklers, Ignite & One Way)

Leading: Rev James Kennedy Preaching: Rev Toby Artis
Reading: Colossians 4: 2-6 (Helen Pooley) Prayers: Ann Lewis
Men's Curry Night: 8pm at Spice of India

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Clergy Team

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N.B. James takes his rest day on a Friday

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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.

St Mary's

Chipping Norton



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

17th February 2019
3rd Sunday before Lent
Holy Communion

Fruitfulness on the Frontline: Moulding Culture

“Since you have been raised with Christ, set your **hearts** on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your **minds** on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.”

Colossians 3:1-3

Welcome to today's service!

Don't you just love the feeling of brightness and warmth that floods over you as an obstructive cloud is moved out of the way by a gentle breeze, and the full power of the sunlight falls on you? That should be very much the experience of anyone around you as you walk into a room, bringing the light and life of Jesus into the culture on your frontline each day. Don't you just long to have that effect on people? Well the mission of the Church has always been to act as salt and light within the culture that she finds herself. We are called to guard against the rot and to shine powerfully into the shadows, warming and illuminating as we mould culture ever more into one that looks the way God intended for us to enjoy it. But how? How do we mould culture on our personal frontlines each day? What's our motivation, and why does it matter? What's the power behind us that we're invited to embrace? This week, Paul helps us to answer those questions so that we can rid ourselves of anything that causes decay and wrap ourselves in the transforming power of Jesus. How could anyone want anything less?


James Kennedy (Vicar)



We love having families of all ages in our 10.45am service. All children and youth are welcome to join our groups: Sparklers (under 3s), Ignite (3-5 years), One Way (6-11 years) and Ablaze (youth aged 11-16 years).

Services This Sunday: 17th February 2019

3rd Sunday before Lent

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (Matthew Carpenter) Preaching: Ross Toward

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Morning Worship Leading: Toby Artis

**St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with Sparklers, Ignite, One Way
Leading:** Gareth Harper **Preaching:** Rev James Kennedy **& Ablaze)**
Reading: Colossians 3:1-11 (Fiona Rossington) Prayers: Graham Povey

Praying around the Deanery. This week: All Saints, Churchill

Please pray for David Salter, James Kennedy, Jackie Jones, Toby Artis, Ursula & Martha Simpson and the Churchwardens John Armstrong and Cclare Blackman.

*****NOTICES*****

Is God calling you to serve on the PCC?

Our APCM is fast approaching (12.30pm, Sunday 17th March, Parish Rooms) bringing our annual opportunity to elect members to the PCC. As an important part of the spiritual leadership at St Mary's, the primary role of the PCC is: 'in co-operation with the minister, to promote in the parish the whole mission of the church'. We are very blessed again this year in that three of the four people whose posts are up for re-election are willing to stand again, but if you feel that God might also be prompting you to offer yourself to seek election, please may I encourage you to speak to me to find out more about the role? Thank you.
(james.kennedy@stmaryscnorton.com or 01608 642688) [Forms for nomination for election can also be picked up from the Church Office or downloaded from parish www.resources.org.uk].

Gospel Choir at Easter

The Gospel Choir will be meeting again to raise the roof in joyful singing and practice for Easter Sunday Morning Service at St Mary's. All welcome. No sight reading needed - you just need to enjoy singing! Practices on Sunday 31 March, 7 April and 14 April from 4pm - 5.30pm in the Parish Rooms. Friends, neighbours and colleagues are welcome to join us - have a think if there is anyone you know who would value being included. More info from Ben W or Rachel C in the worship team (or email rachel.chai@btinternet.com)

Prayer Course

The new 6 week Prayer Course is continuing on **Tuesday 19 February** at 8 Church Street. If anyone would like to join us at 6.30pm for a meal or at 7.15pm for each session, please contact Judith Marshall Tel: 643303
Email: judith.marshall@stmaryscnorton.com.

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 18—23 February 2019

Half Term week.

Mon 18 Feb **St Mary's Pilates** (6pm in Parish Rooms)

Tue 19 Feb **Prayer Course** (6.30pm for meal, 7.15pm session starts
at 8 Church Street)

Wed 20 Feb **No St Mary's Minis this week**

Thu 21 Feb **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
CAP Life Skills (11.30am—1.30pm in Parish Rooms)

Fri 15 Feb **No Mini Movers**
No Remix Youth Group

Sat 23 Feb **Take a Hike (Boys aged 11+)** (9am start from CN School coach park. 10.30am ends at Parish Rooms for Breakfast)

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

Mon 25 & Tue 26 Feb **Office Closed for Re-Organisation.**

Tue 26 Feb **Town Prayer** (7.30pm in the Baptist Church)

Fri 1 Mar **Women's World Day of Prayer** (10am at CN Methodist Church)
Funeral: David Hawtin (2pm at St Mary's)

Sat 2 Mar **Marriage Preparation** (9am—3pm in Parish Rooms)
Bell Ringers AGM & Service (3-6pm in church. 4pm Service)

Wed 6 Mar **Ash Wednesday Service** (10am in the Church)
No Thursday Communion that week
1st Priority Prayer (7.30pm in the church)

Thu 7 Mar **Safeguarding Training** (7pm in Parish Rooms)

Mon 11 Mar **Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)

Wed 13 Mar **Lent Suppers start** (7-9pm at CN Baptist Church)
See flyers in the church and Sign-Up sheet for those attending.

Sat 16 Mar **England v Scotland Rugby Match** to be shown in the Parish Rooms from 5pm with haggis and refreshments. This event is open to all. Please email David Bishop by March 14th if you would like to attend - davidbish5@phonecoop.coop

Sun 17 Mar **APCM** (12.30pm in Parish Rooms)

Sat 23 Mar **Take a Hike (Boys aged 11+)** (9am start from CN School coach park. 10.30am ends at Parish Rooms for Breakfast)

Sun 24 Mar **Encounter Service** (5.30pm Doors Open & Café. 6pm Service)

For further information, please contact the Church Office