

Services on Sunday 3 March 2019

Sunday next before Lent

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: 2Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (Martin Jarratt) Preaching: Jonny Lowe

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion
Leading: Rev J Kennedy Preaching: Jonny Lowe

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with Sparklers, Ignite & One Way)
Leading: Bill Rees Preaching: Rev Martha Simpson
Reading: Colossians 2:6-23 (Jo Rees) Prayers: Coenraad/Yolande vanWyk

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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.



Chipping Norton

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

24th February 2019
2nd Sunday before Lent
Morning Worship

Fruitfulness on the Frontline: Messenger of the Gospel

'And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains' Colossians 4:3

Welcome to today's service!

Hearing the word 'Evangelism' has a tendency to make us feel a little unnerve. Often, we don't fully understand exactly what it's supposed to entail, and the thought of doing it seems scary and possibly embarrassing or cringeworthy. It's probably something best left to the professionals, who know what to say and how to do it, we think. But as we continue now towards the end of our series on the frontline, I want to encourage all of us that we are messengers that God wants to use. We are not called to be the most eloquent of speakers or top rate theologians. We are simply called to share and open up our story of faith with others. Our stories are personal, unique, interesting, and enticing. We must remember that however 'underdeveloped' our faith may feel or how incapable we feel, we are the messengers and God is the one who does the work. Everything we do must be done through prayer, praying for others and allowing God to open the opportunities for us. If we are faithful and attentive, God will use us, and bear much fruit.

Toby Artis

Assistant Curate



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: 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

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

Please pray for Mark Abrey and the Church Warden Ken Wakefield.

*****NOTICES*****

Town Prayer (Tuesday 26th February, 7.30pm in the Methodist Lower Hall)

Please do come and join with others from the churches in the town as we gather to pray for all that God's doing in our community.

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 26 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 : 25 February—2 March 2019

- Mon 25 Feb **OFFICE CLOSED FOR RE-ORGANISATION**
St Mary's Pilates (6pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tue 26 Feb **OFFICE CLOSED FOR RE-ORGANISATION**
Prayer Course (6.30pm for meal, 7.15pm starts at 8 Church Street)
Town Prayer (7.30pm am in the Methodist Lower Hall)
- Wed 27 Feb **St Mary's Minis** (10—11.30am in Parish Rooms)
- Thu 28 Feb **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
CAP Life Skills (11.30am—1.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 1 Mar **Mini Movers** (8.35 –10.15am in St Mary's School Hall)
World Day of Prayer (10am at CN Methodist Church)
Funeral: David Hawtin (2pm at St Mary's)
Remix Youth Group (3.15—4.45pm in Glyme Hall)
- Sat 2 Mar **Marriage Preparation** (9am—3pm in Parish Rooms)
Bell Ringers AGM & Service (3-6pm in church. 4pm Service)

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- 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