

Services on Sunday 10 March 2019

1st Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Martha Simpson
Reading: Romans 10: 8b—13 (Andy Thomson)

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

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (with Sparklers, Ignite, One Way & Ablaze)
Leading: Rev Martha Simpson Preaching: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Luke 4: 1-13 (Athene Mitchell) Prayers: Athene/Chris Mitchell
Parish Lunch 12.45 in the Parish Rooms. All welcome!

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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

3rd March 2019

Sunday next before Lent
Holy Communion

Fruitfulness on the Frontline: The Journey Onward

'Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.' Col. 2.6

Welcome to today's service!

Welcome to church this morning!

With the glorious sunshine we had last week I'm guessing lots of us are aware of things starting to *grow* again. What a joy. Well, as we conclude our 'Fruitfulness on the Frontline' series, we're going to think and pray together about how to keep going with God, and not just going, but growing! What is the vision that God has for us? The Christian life isn't always easy and it's been such an encouragement to hear from people within the congregation about the difference their faith makes to them and those around them in daily life. We are believers struggling with many of the same things as the first churches, including the church in Colosse whom we meet again today in our reading. As we get ready to leave them behind and head on into Lent, I hope and pray that you will gain some encouragement to keep going this morning. A fuel stop on the way forward - a journey of a lifetime.

Martha Simpson (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: 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

Praying around the Deanery. This week: St Denys, Little Compton

Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, and Toby Artis and the Church warden, Susie Cooper.

*****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)

St Mark's Gospel at All Saints Church, Churchill on Thursday 21st March

A dramatised recital by Gerald Osborne with Colin Hever-Percy.
Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Interval refreshments.
Suggested £5 a ticket—pay at the door. (See poster at back of 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 10th March**. For information contact Amanda Gafford, on 641284. Come and join us!

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 4—9 March 2019

- Mon 4 Mar St Mary's Pilates** (6pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tue 5 Mar Prayer Course** (6.30pm for meal, 7.15pm starts at 8 Church Street)
- Wed 6 Mar St Mary's Minis** (10—11.30am in Parish Rooms)
Ash Wednesday Service (10am in the Church)
Universal Credit Workshop (1-2.30pm in Parish Rooms)
1st Priority Prayer (7.30pm in the church)
- Thu 7 Mar NO Midweek Communion this week.**
CAP Life Skills (11.00am—1.30pm in Parish Rooms)
Safeguarding Training (6.45 for 7pm in Parish Rooms)
Set up 6.15pm
- Fri 8 Mar Mini Movers** (8.35 –10.15am in St Mary's School Hall)
Remix Youth Group (3.15—4.45pm in Glyme Hall)

Church Lunch in Parish Rooms (Sunday 10th March at 12.45pm)

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

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Mon 11 Mar Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tue 12 Mar Prayer Course** (6.30pm for meal, 7.15pm starts at 8 Church Street)
- 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)
- Thu 21 Mar St Mark's Gospel Live!** (7.30pm at All Saints Church, Churchill)
- 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