

Services on Sunday 21 April 2019

EASTER DAY

St Mary's 5.45am Sunrise Prayer (Assemble at Parish Rooms at 5.30am!)
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Martha Simpson
Reading: Acts 10:34-43 (Barbara Ambrose) Gospel: John 20:1-18

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Leading: Rev Victor Story

St Mary's 10.45am Easter Family Celebration + Communion
Leading: Rev Toby Artis **Preaching:** Rev Martha Simpson
Reading: tbc Prayers (tbc)

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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

14th April 2019

Palm Sunday

Morning Worship

Lent: Learning from Jesus- His reign...

“...the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ‘Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!’”
Luke 19:37-8

Welcome to today's service!

We're only a week away from celebrating Easter, but there's a lot of water to pass under the bridge in the Easter story before the true nature of Jesus' victory will be made clear. Our Lent series, 'Learning from Jesus' also comes to an end this week as we consider the true nature of his reign. As Jesus rode into Jerusalem on that first 'Palm Sunday', he knew the claim that he was making, as our Lord and King, over our allegiance. The question that's as relevant for us today as it was for the people then is, will we allow him to rule over our lives? Do we trust God to be God... to know what will bring us true fulfilment and happiness? Or will we insist on stealing control from him and blundering around in the dark, trying in vain to do better than God can? Who is King in each of our lives?

James Kennedy (Vicar)

SPARKLERS

ONE WAY

ignite

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: 14 April 2019

Palm Sunday

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson

Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 (Andy Thomson) Gospel: John 12:1-8

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

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (with Popcorn Sunday)

Leading: Rev Toby Artis Preaching: Rev James Kennedy

Reading: John 12:1-8 (David/Susan Bishop) Prayers (Sandra Cutting)

Praying around the Deanery. This week: **St Peter's; Wilcote**

Please pray for Paul Mansell.

*****NOTICES*****

Tearfund Emergency Appeal

A big thank you to everyone who contributed towards our special collection for the Tearfund emergency appeal. We're pleased to say that we raised £295.

Passover Meal on Maundy Thursday (18th April) in Parish Rooms at 6.30pm

This Easter we are repeating the Passover Meal of two years ago.

Pick up invitation cards from the back of the church and invite your friends.

Tickets suggested £3 per adult (children free) are available from Judith Marshall or Emma in the Church Office.



Alpha - Got questions about faith, or know other people who might? Our upcoming Alpha course will provide a relaxed environment to be able to discuss all sorts of things from questioning the existence of God to thinking about what it means to live life as a Christian. Wherever you're at, it's a great opportunity to meet new people, enjoy a free meal together and talk about the big questions of life.

The launch date is 30th April in the Parish Rooms at 7.0pm.

Course starts 14th May. Please do invite anyone along who you think might enjoy this! Contact Judith Marshall Email: judith.marshall@stmaryscnorton.com or Emma Bayley in the Church Office.

Women's Breakfast - Sat April 27th 8.30-10.00am Crown & Cushion Hotel

We'd love you to come and join us for our next Women's Breakfast at the Crown and Cushion. Annie Hughes will be speaking to us on '*I have called you by name*', looking at being known and celebrating our uniqueness. Annie has worked as a chaplain in a medical practice, been involved in church leadership for many years and loves to see the ways we are transformed by God's love. She has three married sons and 9 grandchildren who keep her very busy! Do come along and bring a friend, it's sure to be a fun and encouraging time together. 8.30-10am, £8, continental or cooked, book and pay online (see

www.stmaryscnorton.com), or sign up on the sheet at the back. For more info - martha.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 15—20 April 2019

Mon 15 Apr St Mary's Pilates (6pm in Parish Rooms)

Tue 16 Apr Prayer Course (6.30pm meal, 7.15pm starts, at 8 Church Street)

Wed 17 Apr No St Mary's Minis during school holidays

Thu 18 Apr Maundy Thursday

Midweek Communion + coffee (10am in Parish Rooms)

CAP Life Skills (11.30am—3.00pm in Parish Rooms)

Passover Meal (6.30-8.00pm in Parish Rooms) Set up from 3.30pm

Fri 19 Apr Good Friday Meditation (12noon—3pm in the church)

Friends of St Mary's Church Garden Fete on Saturday 11th May 2019 in the Old Vicarage garden in Church Street from 12.00 noon to 4.00pm - put it in your diary please!

Everyone is most welcome to come and support us at this traditional Fete, with music, sideshows and traditional stalls - cakes, tombola and as always a cream tea!! We shall need some help please!!

Contact Jo Graves jograves46@aol.com or Kirsty Garrett kirsty.garrett@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

Sun 21 Apr EASTER DAY: Sunrise Service on the hill (5.30am assemble at Parish Rooms for 5.45am service)

Fri 26 April Christian Business Leaders Breakfast (7.30am at The Kings Arms, Stow GL54 1AF) If you're involved in leadership in business, do go along to this CBL breakfast for some inspiration and encouragement. The speaker this month is Timon Roberts, sharing his story as a recovered heroin addict to now being a husband, business leader and restored man. For more details visit the CBL website (<http://www.cbl-uk.org/meetings/cotswold-group/>)

Sat 27 Apr Women's Breakfast (8.30-10am at Crown & Cushion Hotel) Further information to follow.

Tue 30 Apr Alpha Launch (7.00pm in Parish Rooms) Further information to follow

Thur 2 May Mary's Kitchen Cooking (7.30-10.00pm at 9 Churchill Road CN)

Sat 11 May Friends of St Mary's Garden Fete 12noon—4.30pm in Old Vicarage Garden

Tue 14 May Alpha Course starts (7.00pm in Parish Rooms)

Sat 18 May Men's Breakfast (8.0—10.0am in Parish Rooms).
Speaker: John Coyne subject: 'Aim and Fire'

Sat 6 July Pandemonium in the Park Please note the date in your diaries! Further information to follow.

Sat 13 July Men's Breakfast NB Change of date—not on 6 July.