

Services on Sunday 19 May 2019

5th Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Acts 11:1-18 (Barbara Ambrose)

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Morning Worship. Leading: Judith Marshall

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with Sparklers, Ignite, One Way & Ablaze)

Leading: Rev James Kennedy **Preaching:** Rev Ursula Simpson

Reading: Romans 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 & 1 John 3:16-24 (Sandra Cutting)

Prayers: Fiona Rossington

Healing Service 4.30pm in the Church. Tea + cake from 4pm

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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

12th May 2019
4th Sunday of Easter
Morning Worship

Essential Hospitality:

"When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed."

Luke 14.13

Welcome to today's service!

Sharing meals together are for most of us, joyful and fun occasions. Not only can we enjoy the pleasures of food and drink, but such meals give us opportunities to share in great fellowship and build meaningful relationships. Indeed Jesus's time spent with his disciples modelled the epitome of this. However, this whether intentional or not, can often be exclusive. Social cultural norms and our own personal desires dictate who we would share in these meals with, often pushing those on the fringes further away. In our Gospel passage today, Jesus challenges us strongly on this point. But what he suggests is not that we should simply invite the 'lame, the blind, the poor and the crippled' to fill a gap. He challenges our motivation. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is to follow in Christ ways. Jesus Christ was humble in nature, self giving and sacrificial in love. We are thus called to re-examine our motivation for hospitality, lest it be anything short of the desire to accept one another, to give generously and to see others flourish, just as Jesus by his cross and resurrection made a way that we may flourish in him and reap the rewards of eternal life.

Toby Artis

Assistant Curate

SPARKLERS



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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: 12 May 2019

4th Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Acts 9:36-end (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 Toby Artis
Reading: Romans 15:1-7 & Luke 14:12-14 (Christine Clinch) Prayers: tbc

Church Lunch 12.45 in Parish Rooms All welcome at our 'Bring and Share lunch.

Praying around the Deanery. This week: St Mary's Chastleton

Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones, Martha Simpson, Toby Artis, Ursula & Roger Simpson and the Church Wardens Tessa and Alistair Jackson.

*****NOTICES*****



Alpha - Starting on 14th May, 7pm in the Parish Rooms.

Whether you're wondering about Christianity for the first time or have been to church for decades, if you've got questions or doubts that you'd like to explore in a safe and relaxed environment, please join us. We eat together, watch a stimulating video and then open up small group discussion, and the more questions that people bring, the more lively and interesting it is!

Pick up a postcard and give it to somebody today—your invitation could be life-changing, so don't leave it until another day!

Healing Service—Sunday 19th May 2019

Many of us struggle with illness or need of different kinds. The Bible tells us to pray for healing, so on **19th May** John Woolmer will be joining us again to speak on the subject of Christian healing and pray, with others, for any who would like to receive prayer. Please come along and bring anyone else who would appreciate this opportunity. Scones and tea at 4pm, service 4.30pm all in church.

Church Picnic—Sunday 9th June 2019

Bring a rug and your lunch (plus a little extra to share if you can) and join the church family for our annual picnic! Right outside St Mary's, 9th June after the morning service. Cake and hot drinks provided (Please contact Martha if you could help bake), games to join in with, comfortable seating for those who need it. Open to everyone! martha.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com

Buildings Update

We'd hoped to have bought it by now, but we're still waiting for a final document to be drafted and signed before we can exchange and complete on the Old Bank. In the meantime, we've commissioned architect's feasibility drawings for both the church itself and the Old Bank, which we'll share as soon as they're ready, when we hope to launch our fundraising campaign. Do see our website for details. We'll keep it regularly updated on progress... alastair.ewer@stmaryscnorton.com

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 13—18 May 2019

- Mon 13 May** **Come for Tea** (2.30-4.00pm in Parish Rooms)
Pilates (6-7pm in Parish Rooms)
Under 5s Network Meeting (7pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tue 14 May** **Alpha Course starts** (7 for 7.30 in Parish Rooms) Set up from 6pm
- Wed 15 May** **St Mary's Minis** (10.0-11.30am in Parish Rooms)
PCC Holy Communion Service (7pm in the Church)
PCC Meeting (7.30pm in the Parish Rooms)
- Thu 16 May** **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
CAP Life Skills (11.30am—3.00pm in Parish Rooms)
Hymns of Praise + tea (3pm in the Church)
- Fri 17 May** **Mini Movers** (8.30-10.00am, in St Mary's School Hall)
Remix Youth Club (3.15-4.45pm in Glyme Hall)
Wedding Rehearsal (5pm in the Church)
- Sat 18 May** **Men's Breakfast** (8.30—10.0am in Parish Rooms).
Speaker: John Coyne subject: 'Aim and Fire'
Wedding: Jessica Bartholomew & Jack Duggan (1pm in Church)

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sun 19 May** **Healing Service** (4.00pm for tea in Church, service starts 4.30pm)
- Sat 25 May** **Take a Hike (Boys aged 11+)** (9am start from CN School coach park. 10.30am ends at Parish Rooms for Breakfast)
- Sun 26 May** **Pilgrim Paths Guided Walk: Ascott to Shorthampton**
(2pm depart from Ascott church. Bring your own refreshments.)
Men's Curry Night (8pm at Spice of India)
- Thu 30 May—Sun 9 June** **Thy Kingdom Come prayer throughout the Benefice**
(See separate insert)
- Wed 5 Jun** **1st Priority Prayer + Thy Kingdom Come** 6.30pm in the Church
- Sun 9 Jun** **Church Picnic** (after 10.45 service on CN Recreation Ground)
- Wed 12 Jun** **Small Groups Celebration** (6.30pm in Parish Rooms) *Further Information to follow.*
- Sun 16 Jun** **Welcome Tea** (3.00-4.30pm in Martha's Garden 15 Cross Leys, CN)
- Sun 23 June** **Encounter Service** (5.30 Café opens for 6pm Service at St Mary's)
- Sun 30 June** **CN Town Festival** (11am Churches Together Opening worship)
No service at St Mary's
- 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.**
- Sun 14 July** **Immersion Baptism** (during 10.45am service at St Mary's CN)
For further information, please contact the Church Office