

## Services on Sunday 23 February 2020

2nd Sunday before Lent

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev Victor Story  
Reading: Exodus 24:12-18 (Martin Jarratt) Gospel John 12:1-6,23-26

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

**St Mary's 10.45 am Morning Worship with Baptism (with Sparklers, Ignite, Leading: Sue Coyne Preaching: Rev James Kennedy OneWay & Ablaze)**  
Reading: James 4:1-12 (Emma Fourie) Prayers: Jo Graves

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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](mailto: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.

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### Eco-tip for the week...

Reducing our impact means buying less stuff in the first place. Set yourself a 'no new stuff' challenge this week of having an hour, a day, or a weekend without buying or consuming anything new.

### Faith in Action: The power of words

*"May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer."* Psalm 19:14

### Welcome to today's service!

When we think about what it means to be a Christian, we often think about accomplishing good deeds. Indeed, there are numerous ways that we can practise our faith by rolling up our sleeves and getting stuck into serving the Church and our local communities. But how much attention do we pay to the very words that come out of our mouth or even the words that formulate before they're spoken? In this next chapter on James, we are encouraged to take more seriously what we say and be aware of its impact on ourselves and our neighbour. Whilst we might all agree we shouldn't for example, curse as Christians, James writes that what we say not only reflects but impacts our entire spiritual state. This can go one of two ways. Either the tongue becomes subject to evil, or we become intentional about controlling the tongue that we become agents of praise and love for God and those around us. By being aware of the power that our words can have, we can in a more positive light, be aware of the power they have to build us up as Christians and draw us more deeply into Christ.

*Toby Artis*

**Assistant Curate**

We love having families of all ages in our 10.45am service. During half term all children are welcome to come to the Parish Rooms for 'Popcorn Sunday'. There is no separate crèche, but please do make use of the children's area at the back of church at any point during the service.



## Services This Sunday: 16 February 2020

2nd Sunday before Lent

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev Toby Artis

Reading: James 3:1-12 (Matthew Carpenter)

**St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Morning Worship** Leading: Rev J Marshall

**St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with Popcorn Sunday)**

Leading: Rev Martha Simpson

Preaching: Rev Toby Artis

Reading: James 3:1-12 (Robin Hayden) Prayers: Graham Povey

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

Please pray for David Salter, James Kennedy, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, Toby Artis and Judith Marshall and the Church Warden, Mary Blackman

### \*\*\*\*\*NOTICES\*\*\*\*\*

#### Women's Breakfast

You are invited to join us for our next Women's Breakfast on **Saturday March 7th**. It's an opportunity to meet other women in a relaxed and encouraging environment, and hear from an inspiring speaker. Sue Prisk is joining us this time. Sue is the founder of Promises in Store, A Social Enterprise where people come first! They source and sell beautiful gifts designed, made, produced or packaged by incredibly talented people with learning difficulties, disabilities or life challenges. Sue has 3 children - Olivia, Tom and Amy. Tom, 23, has Down Syndrome and was the inspiration behind Promise In Store. Check out their beautiful gifts here [www.promiseinstore.org](http://www.promiseinstore.org). Join us at 8.30am at the Crown and Cushion Hotel. Tickets £8, through our website: [www.stmaryscnorton.com](http://www.stmaryscnorton.com) For further information contact [martha.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com](mailto:martha.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com)

#### Six Nations Rugby Match Showing on Saturday 7th March at 4.15pm

The England v Wales match will be shown in the Parish Rooms on a big screen Everyone welcome.

#### Social Media at St Mary's

St Mary's now has Facebook and Instagram accounts. Anyone wishing to follow these here are the links:



[facebook.com/stmaryscnorton](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryscnorton)



[@stmaryscnorton](https://www.instagram.com/stmaryscnorton)

## CHURCH DIARY

### FOR NEXT WEEK: 17— 22 February 2020

Half Term week

Mon 17 Feb **No Prayer in The Old Bank**

Tue 18 Feb **No Alpha Course**

Wed 19 Feb **No St Mary's Minis**

Thu 20 Feb **Midweek Communion** (10am in Parish Rooms)

**CAP Life Skills** (11am—1pm in Parish Rooms)

Fri 21 Feb **No Mini Movers**

**No Remix Youth Club**

#### Praying for the Old Bank

Thank you to everyone who comes to pray with us on Mondays. There will be no prayers this Monday, 17th February, due to Half Term. We look forward to gathering again on Monday 24th February.

#### Elizabeth Allen RIP

Message received from her Brother and Sister-in-law: We are sad, but also relieved to tell you that Elizabeth's long journey through dementia and ill health is over. She died peacefully this afternoon, 1<sup>th</sup> February, and we are assured that she was never in pain. She has been deeply unconscious, or asleep, for several days.

### CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

Wed 4 Mar **Lent Suppers start** (7—9pm—this week hosted by Methodist Church)

**NGGP Meeting** (7.30-9.30 at Holy Ascension, Oddington)

Fri 6 Mar **World Day of Prayer A women led, global, ecumenical movement** (10am at Methodist Church)

Sat 7 Mar **Women's Breakfast** (8.30-10am at Crown & Cushion Hotel).

**Six Nations Rugby showing** (from 4.15pm in Parish Rooms).

Sun 8 Mar **Church Lunch** (12.45 in Parish Rooms)

Mon 9 Mar **Come for Tea** 2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)

Tue 10 Mar **Out to Lunch** (1—3pm in Parish Rooms) Set up from 12noon

Sat 14 Mar **Boy's Hike and Breakfast** Depart 9am from CN School coach park) Ends at Parish Rooms for Breakfast at 10.30am)

For further information please contact the Church Office