

Services on Sunday 12 January 2020

1st Sunday of Epiphany

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Toby Artis
Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12 (Andy Thomson) Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (with Sparklers, Ignite & OneWay)

Leading: Rev James Kennedy **Preaching:** Rev Martha Simpson
Reading: Psalm 21:1-2 & Ezekiel 34:18-19 (David/Susan Bishop) **Prayers:** Jamie Bell
12.45 Church Lunch in Parish Rooms followed by Eco walk or Activity in Parish Rooms.

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

5th January 2020 Epiphany Holy Communion

Creation Care—Beauty and the Beast

“The Lord took the man and put him on the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” *Genesis 2:15*

Eco-tip for the week...

Spending just 17 minutes a day in contact with nature leads to significant health benefits. This 'nature dose' can reduce the risk of type II diabetes, cardiovascular disease, premature death, preterm birth, stress, depression, anxiety and high blood pressure. So what are you waiting for?!

Welcome to today's service!

Through January we'll be thinking together about the clear command that God has given us, as his image-bearers, to look after the world that he's created. Care for God's Creation is part of our worship of the creator himself and neglecting such a core responsibility not only dishonours God, but impacts most harshly on poorest and most vulnerable. Let's use the next four weeks to spur one another onwards in drawing closer to God by taking our role as stewards of his treasured possession more seriously.



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).

James Kennedy (Vicar)

Services This Sunday: 5th January 2019

Epiphany

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson
Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9 (Martin Jarratt) Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson

St Mary's 10.45am Family Com munion (with Sparklers, Ignite & Oneway

Leading: Rev Martha Simpson Preaching: Rev James Kennedy

Reading: Genesis 2:4-15 (Jamie/Rachel Bell) Prayers: Nicola Riley

*****NOTICES*****

Creation Care at St Mary's

What an incredibly beautiful and complex place we live! In January we'll be focusing on the gift of God's creation and our role in joining the worship of all God has made. Then for the whole Spring term we're having an eco focus in our events and activities. We're also going to embark on a journey as a church to decrease our negative impact and promote excellent eco standards in all we do, through A Rocha's Eco Church scheme. If you're particularly interested in any of this, please contact Martha - there are lots of ways to get involved!

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Eco Engage Day

On Jan 12th we will be getting into Nature! Join us for Parish Lunch after the service, and then a welly walk or conservation activity in the Parish Rooms. As lunch may be more full than normal, please could you let Martha know if you intend to come so we can set enough places. And do bring some food to share - vegan challenge anyone?!

Men's Breakfast on Saturday 11 January, 8.30am in Crown & Cushion Hotel.

Guest speaker: Neil Obbard, a former SAS sniper who will be sharing his powerful story 'One shot, one sniper's story, one changed life' All men are welcome to come along for a full English Breakfast and to hear Neil's story of survival, hope and recovery. Cost £10. Book your place via website stmaryscnorton.com

Youth Alpha

Youth Alpha launches on **5th January for 5 weeks on Sundays at 6-7.30pm in the Parish Rooms**. A great opportunity for our youth to share their faith with friends with food, games, and great conversations off the back of Alpha videos. Please be praying.



Alpha (Tuesdays 28th Jan - 31st March in the Parish Rooms)

If you've got questions about faith, or know other people who might, then Alpha is the perfect place to discuss anything from the existence of God, to suffering, to why life is worth living. Wherever you're at, you're welcome! Enjoy talking about the big questions of life over a meal with others who are asking their own questions. Get in touch:

alpha@stmaryscnorton.com

CHURCH DIARY

FOR NEXT WEEK: 6—11 January 2020

Mon 6 Jan	Prayer in The Old Bank (12noon—1pm)
Tue 7 Jan	Funeral: Joan Giles (11.30am in the Church)
Wed 8 Dec	St Mary's Minis (10—11.30 in Parish Rooms)
Thu 9 Jan	Midweek Communion (10am in Parish Rooms)
Fri 10 Jan	Mini Movers (8.30-10am in St Mary's School Hall) Remix Youth Club (3.35-4.45pm in Glyme Hall)
Sat 11 Jan	CAP Film Night (4.30-7.30 in Parish Rooms) Men's Breakfast with Guest speaker: Neil Obbard (former SAS (8.30am at Crown & Cushion Hotel £10 book your place sniper) at Email: stmaryscnorton.com) Boy's Hike (9am depart CN school coach park followed by Breakfast at 10.30am in Parish Rooms)

THANK YOU!

It wouldn't be right to move on into the New Year without first acknowledging the amazing amount of hard work and energy that so many put in to our Christmas services and events. A huge **thank you** to those who gave in so many different ways to an enormous and wonderful variety of things that made Jesus known within our church family and wider community. The staff team would like to thank each one of you and let you know how much we appreciate and enjoy serving with you!

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

Sun 12 Jan	Parish Lunch + Eco walk / activity (12.45pm in Parish Rooms)
Mon 13 Jan	Come for Tea (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
Tue 14 Jan	Out to Lunch (1-2.30pm in Parish Rooms)
Sun 19 Jan	Friends of St Mary's AGM (12.30pm in Parish Rooms)
Sat 25 Jan	Burns' Night Dinner (7.30pm in Parish Rooms) [<i>Friends' Event!</i>]
Sun 26 Jan	United Service (10.30am in Town Hall)
Wed 6 Feb	Creative Prayer leading into 1st Priority Prayer (5.30pm in church)
Sat 8 Feb	Men's Fellowship Breakfast (8.30am in Parish Rooms) Followed by high level cleaning in the church.
Sun 9 Feb	Encounter Service (5.30 for 6.00pm in the Church)
Mon 10 Feb	Come for Tea (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)

For further information please contact the Church Office