

Services on Sunday 24 November 2019

2nd Sunday before Advent

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Toby Artis
Reading: Colossians 1:11-20 (Matthew Carpenter) Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

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

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

Leading: Rev James Kennedy Preaching: Rev Martha Simpson
Reading: Nehemiah 13:1-27 (Helen Pooley) Prayers: (John Marshall)
Men's Curry Night 8pm at Spice of India, Chipping Norton.

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Youth led Service

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New Walls and New Hearts: Celebration

Welcome to today's service!

This week we have the privilege of our worship together being led by our young people. We are nearing the end of our Nehemiah series and this week we are going to be discovering the people's celebrations as they completed the rebuild of the walls. With new hearts, they joyfully worship together on top of the walls and share in thankfulness for all God has done in their midst.

We will be thinking about how their experience can shape our worship. This week also has an 'Open Doors' theme as we think of how many persecuted Christians across the globe worship and celebrate joyfully in often difficult circumstances. My prayer is that this morning we will be thankful for who God is whatever our circumstances and we can let our worship be a witness to those around us as we glorify God's name.

Jonny Lowe



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).

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.

Services This Sunday: 17 November 2019

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St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev David Salter

Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 (Barbara Ambrose) Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Morning Worship. Leading: Sue Coyne

St Mary's 10.45am Youth led Morning Worship (with Sparklers, Ignite &

Leading: Youth Preaching: Jonny Lowe OneWay)

Reading: Nehemiah 12:27-43 (Youth) Prayers: (Youth)

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

Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Martha Simpson, Ursula Simpson, Toby Artis and Judith Marshall and the Church Wardens Nicholas and Sally Chambers.

*****NOTICES*****

Building to Serve - Consultation

This Sunday after the 10.45 service there will be an opportunity to hear an update on the Building to Serve project and the vision for the church and the Old Bank. This will take place in the church at about 12.20pm, shortly after coffee following the close of the service. You are warmly invited to bring your coffee and come and see the plans and share your thoughts with us.

Praying for the Old Bank

The doors of the Old Bank, 16 Market Place, will be opened for prayer every Monday from 12 to 1pm, Starting on **Mon 18 November**. Please feel free to come in for a time of informal and independent prayer, to pray into God's vision for redeveloping the bank to serve the community from the heart of the community and share Jesus's life changing love with the people of Chipping Norton and beyond.

Encounter Service (Sunday 1st December at 6pm, Café Doors open 5.30pm)

Join us on Sunday for a our contemporary informal service 'Encounter', with the cafe opening at 5.30pm, serving pigs in blankets and mince pies. We will kick off our worship at 6pm, with a Christmas theme! It promises to be a great evening where you can come and Encounter the living God, hear from His word and share in friendship with His people. Young or not so young, it would be great to see you

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection 2019.

The boxes are being collected from St Mary's School on Monday 18 November. The last chance for delivering boxes is on **Sunday 17th** at the morning service.

CHURCH DIARY

FOR NEXT WEEK: 18— 23 Nov 2019

Mon 18 Nov Prayer in The Old Bank (12noon—1pm)

Wed 20 Nov Mary's Minis (10—11.30am in Parish Rooms)

PCC Meeting (7.30pm in Parish Rooms)

Thu 21 Nov Midweek Communion + coffee (10am in Parish Rooms)

CAP Life Skills (11.30-3pm in Parish Rooms)

Fri 22 Nov Minis Movers (8.30-10am in St Mary's School Hall)

Remix Youth Club (3.15-4.45pm at Glyme Hall)

Remembrance Thank you

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed in so many ways to the smooth running of last Sunday's Remembrance Service. A special thanks and congratulations to the Technical team who for the first time at the Remembrance service used the new cameras to show the words and also wreath laying, standard bearers and sermon. Many compliments have been received from those who attended.

Christmas Cards for 'Team Anna'

As part of the Fundraising for Anna Drysdale's cancer treatment in New York (see flyers in the church) Christmas cards will be on sale after the service on the next few Sundays.

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

Sat 30 Nov Men's Breakfast 8.30-10.00am in Parish Rooms)

Sun 1 Dec Encounter Service (5.30pm Café opens.6pm Service in church)

Kingham Advent Carol s (6pm at St Andrew's Kingham)

Tue 3 Dec Christmas Create Wreath Making (7.30-9.30 in the church)

Wed 4 Dec 1st Priority Prayer (7.30pm in the church)

Fri 6 Dec Carol Service Practice (7.30pm in Parish Rooms)

Sat 7 Dec Boy's Hike & Breakfast (9am depart from CN School coach park 10.30am Breakfast in Parish Rooms)

Wychwood Chorale Christmas Concert (7.30pm in the Church)

Sun 8 Dec Christmas Parish Lunch (12.45pm in Parish Rooms)

Mon 9 Dec Come for Tea (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)

Tue 10 Dec Out to Lunch (1pm in Parish Rooms)

Fri 13 Dec Carol Service Practice (7.30pm in the Church)

For further information please contact the Church Office