

Services Next Sunday— 12 March 2017

2nd Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy

Reading: Romans 4:1-5,13-17 Andy Thomson Preaching: Ali Kinneard

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

St Mary's 10.45am CAP Sunday (with crèche, One Way' & Ablaze)

Leading & Preaching: Rev James Kennedy

Reading: Proverbs 19:17 & Acts 20:35 Jo Graves Prayers: Rachel Sharman

12.45pm Church Lunch in Parish Centre. All are welcome to join us at our 'Bring and Share' lunch and to invite friends and family—children welcome! Please inform Jen Williams if bringing guests. Tel: 01608 686366 or Email: jenwilliams366@gmail.com

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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 un-



Chipping Norton

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

5th March 2017
1st Sunday of Lent
Holy Communion

I believe in God the Son: God's only Son, our Lord

"he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!"
Philippians 2:7-8

Welcome to today's service!

Lent is traditionally a season for self-examination, allowing God to show us those aspects of our lives that are yet to be surrendered to him, so that when Easter comes, we can truly rejoice, knowing that we really have bowed the knee to Jesus and can live in the certain hope of sharing in his resurrection. During Lent, we'll be continuing our focus on the Creed, developing our vocabulary of faith, but moving on specifically to focus on what it is that we, as Christians, believe about God the Son.

Today, we're looking at the wonderful 'Philippian Hymn' in which Paul reminds us of how Jesus surrendered his status and privilege that he could have held onto as God's only Son, being obedient to his Father's will so that he might ultimately bring with him to glory all those who accept him as their true Lord. What is your mindset? Is Jesus your Lord, or are there still things that God wants to show you that you still need to lay down?

James Kennedy (Vicar)



During our 10.45 service, to serve our families, we run a supervised crèche, 'OneWay' (for children aged 3-11) and 'Ablaze' (for youth aged 11-16). Everyone is welcome!

This Sunday— 5 March 2017

1st Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Jackie Jones
Reading: Romans 5:12-19 Martin Jarratt

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion
Leading: Rev Martha Simpson

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with crèche, One Way' & Ablaze)
Leading & Peaching: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Philippians 2:1 -11 Mark Knight Prayers: Matt Deans

Praying round the Deanery. This week: St Denys, Little Compton
Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones & Martha Simpson
and the Churchwarden Susie Cooper. .

*****NOTICES*****



Please continue to pray for our guests and leaders on Alpha , for week 6 at 7.30pm on Tuesday evening, and also that God will really work among us on the away day on Saturday.)



Welcome tea (The Vicarage, Sunday 12th March 3pm)

If you have joined in the last few months or feel new to St Mary's please make a note of the date of our next Welcome Tea in The Vicarage on Sunday 2nd October 3-4.30pm. We'd love you to join us. Please contact emma.kennedy@stmaryscnorton.com or sign on Sign-Up sheet at the back of the church.

A Better Story (God, Sex and Human Flourishing)

9.30am – 1pm, Saturday March 18th, St David's Centre, Moreton-in-Marsh
A North Cotswold Gospel Partnership Event

The last few decades have witnessed a radical and far-reaching transformation of western attitudes to sex, marriage, and gender. Caught off-guard... Christians often react defensively, rather than offering a compelling vision of their own. Glynn Harrison will ask how Christians can recover their confidence in the biblical vision for flourishing in the sphere of sex and relationships. How can they revitalise a vision capable of winning the hearts and minds of a new generation? And what will that better story look like?

Glyn Harrison was formerly Professor and Head of Department of Psychiatry, University of Bristol. His new book 'A Better Story: God, sex and human flourishing' is published by IVP.

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 6 - 11 MARCH 2017

- Mon 6 Mar **Knit and Knatter** (2.30pm in Parish Rooms)
St Mary's Pilates class (6-7pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tues 7 Mar **Alpha – Week 6** (7.30pm in Parish Rooms. Set up from 6pm)
- Wed 8 Mar **St Mary's Minis** (10am– 11.30am in Parish Rooms)
Lent Suppers begin (7pm in Holy Trinity School)
- Thurs 9 Mar **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
British Legion Service for Ladies Section handing Over their Standard. (11.30am in Church)
Public Consultation on NHS Provision in Oxfordshire (6—9pm in St Mary's Church)
- Fri 10 Mar **Remix' Youth Club** (3.15-4.45 in Glyme Hall)
- Sat 11 Mar **Alpha – Day Away** (9.30am, Warwick Hall, Burford)

LENT SUPPERS

Wed 8 March - Wed 5 April. 7-9pm Held in Chipping Norton Churches
Theme: Suffering: Part of the Reality of Discipleship. For further information and venues pick up a yellow flyer.
Please sign on the Sign-up sheet in church if attending the 1st Supper on 8th March at Holy Trinity School.

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sun 12 Mar **Welcome Tea** (3.30pm at The Vicarage)
- Sat 18 March **A Better Story (God, Sex and Human Flourishing)** (9.30am-1pm, St David's Centre, Moreton-in-Marsh)
A morning with Glynn Harrison (*NCGP Event*)
Men United 6 Nations Rugby: England v Ireland (venue tbc)
Moonrakers Concert (7.30pm in Church) (*Friends event*)
- Sat 1 Apr **Women's Breakfast** (8.30-10am Crown & Cushion Hotel)
- Sun 2 Apr **APCM Meeting** (12.30 in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 5 Apr **Easter Create @ Kingham - An evening of cooking and Craft.** (7.15-9.30pm at Kingham Lodge) Entry £5
Places limited:to book contact Sally Salter (658852) or Email: Sally.m.salter@btinternet.com
- Tues 25 Apr **Licensing of Rev Ursula Simpson** (7pm at St Mary's CN)

For further information, please contact the Church Office