

Services Next Sunday— 19 March 2017

3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Reading: John 5:19-30 Martin Jarratt

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Morning Worship: Paula Smith

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with crèche & One Way')

Leading: Rev James Kennedy Preaching: Jonny Lowe

Reading: John 5:19-30 Youth Prayers: Matt Deans



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

12th March 2017
2nd Sunday of Lent
Morning Worship

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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.

CAP Sunday

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."

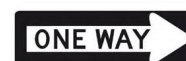
Proverbs 19:17

Welcome to today's service!

It's nearly two years since our CAP Debt Centre in Chippy was launched, and it has already made a tremendous difference to the lives of dozens of people in and around our town, serving the community and sharing the life changing love of Jesus. This morning, to keep us excited and actively enthused about what's going on, we'll be hearing from one or two people involved – both in the giving and receiving of this wonderful aspect of our church ministry. As well as that, we'll be reminding ourselves of God's heart for the poor and marginalised.

Social justice is not, as it has sometimes been regarded by the church, an optional extra for those who are particularly keen, it is a cardinal sign of the life of any individual and any church. James 2 reminds us that any claim to faith in Jesus that isn't matched by an active concern for 'a brother or sister without clothes and daily food' (v15) is not genuine faith. So if faith without deeds is useless (v20), what more encouragement do we need to throw ourselves actively into supporting our CAP team, practically, financially, and prayerfully? Let's celebrate the privilege that God has given us in being able to serve him in this way!

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— 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
12.45 Parish Lunch in Parish Rooms

Praying round the Deanery. This week: All Saints, Shorthampton

Please pray for Sally Welch & Jan Fielden and the Churchwardens Diine Glasgow and Louise Whitehead.

*****NOTICES*****



Please continue to pray for our guests and leaders on Alpha, for week 7 at 7.30pm on Tuesday evening, and also that God will really build on anything that he has started on the away day yesterday.



Welcome tea (The Vicarage, THIS SUNDAY, 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 12 March 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?

Glynn 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 : 13 - 18 MARCH 2017

- Mon 13 Mar **Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
St Mary's Pilates class (6-7pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tues 14 Mar **Alpha – Week 7** (7.30pm in Parish Rooms. Set up from 6pm)
- Wed 15 Mar **St Mary's Minis** (10am– 11.30am in Parish Rooms)
Lent Supper: Talk by Paul Meathrel (7pm at Baptist Church)
PCC Meeting (7.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Thurs 16 Mar **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 17 Mar **Remix' Youth Club** (3.15-4.45 in Glyme Hall)
Sound Team Meetig (7.30-9.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Sat 18 Mar **Marriage Preparation Course** (9.30am-4.00pm in Parish Rooms)
A Better Story, N Cotswold Partnership event (9.30am-1pm at St David's Centre, Moreton-in-Marsh)
Moonrakers Concert (7.30pm at St Mary's Church) *Friends event*
Tickets £12 from Jaffe & Neale Bookshop or on the door.
Men United 6 Nations Rugby Evening (4.30 for 5pm at Crown & Cushion Hotel in the Lounge)

Come for Tea is held every second Monday in the month in the Parish Centre - For information contact Amanda Gafford, on 641284.

Come and join us on Monday (13th March), when we will be back in the Parish Rooms.

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sat 1 Apr **Women's Breakfast** (8.30-10am Crown & Cushion Hotel)
Speaker: Jasmine Stansbury, a hopeful synchronised swimmer & Britain's Got Talent runner up. To book a place contact women@stmaryscnorton.com. with choice of Full English/Continental Breakfast Cost £8 on the day.
- 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** (7.30pm at St Mary's CN)
For further information, please contact the Church Office