

Services Next Sunday— 26 March 2017

4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

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

Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 Andy Thomson

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

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship + Baptism (with crèche & One Way')

Leading: Rev James Kennedy Preaching: Rev Martha Simpson

Reading: Matthew 1:18-22 Thene Mitchell Prayers: Paula Smith

Men's Curry Night 8pm at Spice of India

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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 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.



Chipping Norton

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

19th March 2017
3rd Sunday of Lent
Holy Communion

I believe in God the Son: The Son who judges

“Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life”

John 5.24

Welcome to today's service!

This week I have the privilege of carrying on our sermon series based on the apostles creed, specifically thinking about Jesus as our Judge. It's something that has huge implications for us all. We are people who are wired for with a sense of what is right. We fight for justice from the little things in life, to the big. We all have a heart for justice to be served and that has been given to us by God.

Today I'm excited to be sharing God's word, looking at how Jesus as judge presents us with a huge problem, but because of Jesus' death and resurrection, he has provided a solution where love and justice meet. Jesus is both judge and saviour, how incredible!
Jesus calls us to hear and to believe and so I hope that as a church we will hear the very words of Jesus this morning, and believe them for ourselves.
Blessings.

Jonny Lowe (Youth worker)



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—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 Martha Simpson Preaching: Jonny Lowe
Reading: John 5:19-30 tbc Youth Prayers: John/Judith Marshall

Praying round the Deanery. This week: Holy Trinity, Ascott-u-Wychwood
Please pray for Mark Abrey and Marian Needham.

*****NOTICES*****



Please continue to pray for our guests and leaders on Alpha, for our last session at 7.30pm on Tuesday evening,.

Easter Gospel choir

Time to dust off your ooo's and ahh's again and join the St Mary's Gospel choir for Easter Sunday! We will be practising at 8.30am (coffee and croissants provided) on Sunday 26th March, 2nd and 9th April in the Parish Rooms. We have great fun together and just enjoy singing and worshipping God - all are welcome! Please let Martha Simpson know if you are interested—Martha.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com

Mothering Sunday celebration

Next Sunday (26th March), the Oneway children will be leading our Mothering Sunday service! It's an opportunity to celebrate all that God has been doing amongst our church family, particularly its younger members. There will be coffee, cake and flowers for all women. Do invite friends and neighbours to this special service.

Confirmation.

Are you interested in being Confirmed?
At St Mary's we want to give everyone who has a desire to be confirmed, the opportunity to do so. Please chat with James or Jonny if you are considering taking this step in your journey of faith or are simply exploring the idea.

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 20 - 25 MARCH 2017

- Tues 21 Mar Alpha – Week 8 Last session** (7.30pm in Parish Rooms. Set up from 6pm)
- Wed 22 Mar St Mary's Minis** (10am– 11.30am in Parish Rooms)
Lent Supper: Talk by Rev S Sinnathamby (7pm at Methodist Church Lower Rooms)
- Thurs 23 Mar Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 24 Mar Remix' Youth Club** (3.15-4.45 in Glyme Hall)
- Sun 26 Mar Gospel Choir practice** (8.30am in 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)
- Sat 20 May Garden Fete** (12—4pm in Old Vicarage garden) *Friends event.*
- Sat 1st July Paula Smith's Ordination** (10am at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. All are very welcome to attend.

For further information, please contact the Church Office

Congratulations to Judith Marshall.

Judith heard this week that she has been accepted for Ordination. She will start her training at Cuddesdon in the autumn.