

Services next Sunday— 23 April 2016

2nd Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Hugh Williams
Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Barbara Ambrose

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

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (CW) (with Creche, 'One Way' & Ablaze)

Leading: Rev Jackie Jones Preaching: Very Revd Dr Justyn Terry
Reading: Ezekiel 37, 1 Cor 15:35-end Fiona Rossington Prayers: Graham Povey

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

16th April 2017

Easter Sunday

Family Celebration with Communion

Easter Sunday

I believe in God the Son: on the third day he rose again

'He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.'

John 20:9

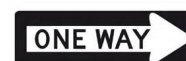
Welcome to today's service!

Happy Easter to you!

It's a great pleasure to be sharing this celebration day with you today— whether you are a regular member of our church family, a visitor, friend or newcomer. Welcome to the party!

There is no more joyful day in the year than Easter Sunday, the day when we remember and celebrate that Jesus is not in the tomb, crushed by the world, but alive and reigning even today. In the midst of a busy and often challenging world, we can so easily forget this central truth of the Christian faith. Like the disciples and women who saw Jesus crucified and then met him in the garden, we don't always *understand* the reality of what God did when he raised Jesus to life. Our hope and trust get deflated. That's partly why we need an annual reminder! When Jesus died, it appeared hopeless, the end. And yet, God did something EXTRAORDINARY. He transformed a hopeless situation in the biggest and most significant reason for hope, for all eternity. If Jesus is not dead, then God can do anything. And so as we remember and celebrate the truth of this today, I pray that you would allow God to raise your hope to life again as we meet and encounter the risen, living Jesus.

Martha Simpson (Curate)



This week, everyone will be staying in for the whole service, but usually, during our 10.45 service, we run a supervised crèche, 'OneWay' (for children aged 3-11) and 'Ablaze' (for youth aged 11-16). Everyone is welcome!

**THIS SUNDAY—16 April 2017
EASTER DAY**

St Mary's
6.00 for 6.15am Sunrise Prayer on the Hill above Chippy
Assemble outside Parish Rooms
8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Martha Simpson
Reading: Matthew 28.1-10 Martin Jarratt.

St James' Chapel Over Norton
9.15am Baptism + Easter Communion Leading: Rev James Kennedy

St Mary's 10.45am Family Celebration with Communion
Leading: Rev James Kennedy Speaking: Rev Martha Simpson
Reading: Matthew 28. 1-10 Intercessions: tbc

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NOTICES

Pentecost praise

On Sunday June 4th, as a church, we will remember and celebrate Pentecost—the day when God sent the Holy Spirit to his people. To allow more time to delight in God's spirit, seek him together, and pray for the gifts he promises through his Spirit we will be having a special evening service of praise and prayer, 7.30-9pm. It'll be relaxed, contemporary and informal so do come along if you would enjoy worshipping in this way. All across the Benefice are welcome! For more info ask Chris O Shea or Martha—martha.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com.

Men's and Women's Events Visit our website or contact men@..... or women@stmaryscnorton.com to find out more about what's coming up soon.

Come for Tea is open to all and is held every second Monday in the month in the Parish Centre - The next one is Monday 8th May. For information contact Amanda Gafford, on 641284. **Come and join us!**

**CHURCH DIARY
THIS WEEK - 17 — 22 April 2017**

Mon 17 Apr **BANK HOLIDAY**

Wed 19 Apr **NO St Mary's Minis** (resumes 26th April)

Thurs 20 Apr **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
ChipLitFest training 6-8pm in Parish Rooms

Sat 22 April **ChipLitFest training** (9.30am-2.30pm in Parish Rooms)

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

Tues 25 Apr **Licensing of Rev Ursula Simpson** (7.30pm at St Mary's CN)

Wed 3 May **1st Priority Prayer** (7.30pm at St Mary's CN)

Sat 6 May **Men United Breakfast** (8.30-10.00am in Parish Rooms)
Guest speaker: Peter Stephens, a senior employee of Nissan Cars and former Missionary in Namibia. Contact David Bishop if you'd like to come.davidbish5@phonecoop.coop

Mon 8 May **Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in the Parish Rooms)

Sat 20 May **St Mary's Garden Fete** (12noon-4pm in Old Vicarage Garden)
Friends event.

Sun 4 June **Pentecost praise** (7.30-9pm at St Mary's)

June (tbc) **Men United—'FootGolf' at Heythrop Park** (details to follow)

Sat 1 July **Paula Smith's Ordination** 10am at Christ Church, Oxford.)
All are very welcome to attend.

For further information, please contact the Church Office