



4th June 2017
Pentecost
Holy Communion

I believe in the Holy Spirit: who wants us to be filled by him

Jesus said, "...Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." John 7:37

Welcome to today's service!

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. From Romans 14:5, we know that it's not that today itself is special in any particular way, but at the same time, what we are commemorating is indeed very special. On the first Pentecost after Jesus resurrection, God fulfilled his promise to pour out his Holy Spirit on all people, and he did so in a dramatic way when the disciples were first 'filled' with the Spirit. On that occasion (as at other times) the immediate effects were certainly evident - unmissable in fact, but throughout Scripture it's apparent that what's important is not so much the outward signs when the Holy Spirit falls on people and they first experience him in their lives (sometimes it's dramatic, at other times it's not). What's important is how our hearts and behaviour towards God and one another are changed when we surrender control of our lives to him. In Ephesians, Paul instructs us to 'go on being filled with the Holy Spirit'. Being filled is not the same as receiving specific gifts (which are given as God chooses), it refers to the joy in our worship, the integrity in our relationships, and the boldness and power in our witness that we cannot muster in our own strength, but can only receive from him when we keep on handing him the reins of our lives. So - this Pentecost - let's very deliberately give ourselves again to being filled by the Holy Spirit!

James Kennedy (Vicar)



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

This Sunday— 4 June 2017

Pentecost

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion Leading: Rev Victor Story
Reading: Acts 2:1-21 Martin Jarratt

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion (CW)
Leading: Rev David Salter

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with crèche, 'OneWay' and Ablaze)
Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson **Preaching:** Rev James Kennedy
Reading: John 7:37-39 & Ephesians 5:18-20 David/Susan Bishop
Prayers: Jamie Bell

7.30pm Pentecost Praise.

Praying round the Deanery. This week: St Philipp's Little Rollright

Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Martha Simpson, Jackie Jones and Ursula Simpsn and the Churchwardens Jo and Richard Simpson.

*****NOTICES*****

Pentecost praise

This evening (Sun June 4th), as a church, we will further 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 to 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!

1st Priority Prayer—Wychwood Baptist Church (7.30pm, Wed 7 June)

Join us this month as we worship and pray together with other churches from around the North Cotswolds. It would be wonderful to see as many of us from St Mary's as can be there—if you haven't come along to one of these before, then now's your chance! We may not understand precisely how prayer works, but it's what Jesus did and what God calls us to do too... it's only when we all make it our priority to pray together that we'll begin to see what God really has in store for us!

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 12th June. For information contact Amanda Gafford, on 641284. **Come and join us!**



Welcome tea (15 Cross Leys, Sun 18th June 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 at 15 Cross Leys on Sunday 18 June 3-4.30pm. We'd love you to join us. Please contact Martha.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com or sign on Sign-Up sheet at the back of the church.

Services Next Sunday— 11 June 2017

Trinity Sunday & Gift Day

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end Andy Thomson

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

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (with crèche, One Way' & Ablaze)

Leading: Rev James Kennedy **Preaching:** Rev Martha Simpson
Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 tbc Prayers: Nicola Riley

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. 01608 686366 / 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 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.

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 5—10 June 2017

- Mon 5 June** **Knit and Knatter** (2.00pm in Parish Rooms)
St Mary's Pilates class (6-7pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 7 June** **St Mary's Minis** (10am– 11.30am in Parish Rooms)
Funeral: Dorothy Williams (2pm at Banbury Crematorium)
North Cotswold Group Prayer (7.30pm at Wychwood Baptist Church)
- Thurs 8 June** **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
Funeral: John Megson (12noon in Church)
Funeral: Ted Deakin (2.30pm in Church)
- Fri 9 June** **'Remix' Youth Group** (3.15-4.45pm at Glyme Hall)
- Sat 10 June** **Men United—'FootGolf'** (3pm at Heythrop Park)
For further information and to book a place contact
Jonny Lowe youth@stmaryscnorton.com

Friends of St Mary's Church say Thank you.

Despite a somewhat showery day, a good time was had by all at the Garden Fete held by the Friends of St Mary's Church on Saturday 20th May. Nearly £2,000.00 was added to our funds. We would like to say a special thank you to all those members of St Mary's Church and the community who came along to help on the day and also helped on the Friday evening previously. A particular thank you goes to the Air Cadets for their support and to the young people of the band from Chipping Norton School, together with their music teachers. We are extremely grateful to Giles and Kirsty for offering their garden in this way. See you next year!!!

Jo Graves, Chairman, Friends of St Mary's Church

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sun 11 June** **Gift Day service**
- Sun 18 June** **Welcome Tea** (3pm at 15 Cross Leys—Martha's house)
- Sun 25 June** **Chipping Norton Town Festival** (Churches Together stall)
- Sat 1 July** **Paula Smith's Ordination** 10am at Christ Church, Oxford.)
All are very welcome to attend. Donations towards leaving gift (stole) to Peter Williams or Emma in Church Office.
- Sun 2 July** **Dress a Girl around the World** (1.00—5.00pm in Parish Rooms)
Further information to follow. **Women's sewing event**
For further information, please contact the Church Office

*****NOTICES CONTD.*****

Town Festival (Sunday 25th June)

We have booked a stall for the Churches Together to be represented at the Town Festival this year, As yet, we have nobody from St Mary's to plan and coordinate things. Would you be willing to do that for us so that we can have a presence again this year? If so, please **contact James Kennedy asap.**
Thank you!

Dress A Girl Around The World (Sun 2nd July, 1.30pm – 5.30pm in the Parish Rooms)

An opportunity for mothers and daughters, sisters, aunts and aunties to come together and make dresses for young girls living in extreme poverty in the developing world.

Girls who are well dressed and look like someone cares for them are less likely to be abused or trafficked. So please come and help make a dress and share God's love for them. This might be the only new dress the girls ever receive. Let these girls know we value them and they are loved.

We need your time and any skill you have hand sewing or machining

Bright good quality cotton and sewing machines also needed.

Please contact Nicola Riley by email nicolariley@btinternet.com if you have either to donate / lend Or text / phone her on 07876231749

It's going to be a joyful afternoon making, talking, drinking tea and eating cake!

Sign up sheets in church as well...so we can keep track of who is able to come.

Please drop cotton off to Emma /Emily in the office or call Nicola to collect it.

Christian Aid

In Chipping Norton, Over Norton and Chadlington we raised £2,800.29 for Christian Aid. Thank you to all who helped in any way and to those who donated. Fiona Rossington.

Prayer Space:

Two members of staff from St Mary's Primary have agreed to run this year's Prayer Space in October, but they urgently need someone to organise the rota of helpers from the churches. I have the contact details of the many who have helped in the past. Please will you consider whether this is something you could do. Fiona Rossington.

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