



18th June 2017  
1st Sunday after Trinity  
Holy Communion

## Living God's way: Pleasing him

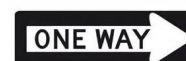
"God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life"  
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

## Welcome to today's service!

We've spent several months grounding ourselves in the central truths of the Christian faith that we find in the words of the Creed, but we changed gear last week for our Gift Day and started to think about some of the practical implications of living out our lives to reflect what we believe.

We thought then about giving ourselves and all that we have back to God in response to the way that he has given himself so completely and sacrificially to us. For the next few weeks, we'll continue along those lines, allowing ourselves to be both challenged and encouraged to live our lives God's way. We'll follow St Paul's practical wisdom and guidance in his first letter to the Thessalonian church - written to a small church to reassure them of the certainty of their destiny when Jesus comes again, but also to remind them of the expectation that God has for his people to live lives worthy of their calling. The early church was known for being radically different to the prevailing culture. In fact, that was the reason that the church survived when the background culture collapsed: because they had chosen to live in a radically different way, living to please God, rather than feeding their destructive worldly appetites. What will our choice be today? Will we give in to a prevailing cultural permissiveness and celebration of our right to self-determination, or will we again be prepared to be different, and choose actively to let Jesus rule as Lord of our lives? Ultimately, only the latter will bring us lasting reward and true joy, but we all have to make that choice for ourselves...

James Kennedy (Vicar)



During our 10.45 service, to serve our families, we run a supervised crèche, 'OneWay' (for children aged 3-11) and 'Ab7aze' (for youth aged 11-16). Everyone is welcome!

## This Sunday— 18 June 2017

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**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion** Leading: Rev Hugh Williams  
Reading: Romans 5:1-8 Martin Jarratt Gospel: Matthew 9.35 - 10.8

**St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion (CW)**  
Leading: Rev Jackie Jones

**St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with crèche, 'OneWay' and Ablaze)**  
Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson Preaching: Rev James Kennedy  
Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Yolande van Wyk Prayers: Fiona Rossington

**Praying round the Deanery. This week: St James' Over Norton.**  
Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Martha Simpson, Jackie Jones and Ursula Simpsn and the Churchwardens Linda Carpenter and Graham Povey.

### \*\*\*\*\*NOTICES\*\*\*\*\*



#### Welcome tea (15 Cross Leys, this afternoon at 3pm)

If you have joined in the last few months or feel new to St Mary's we'd love you to join us for our Welcome Tea at 15 Cross Leys this afternoon (Sunday 18 June 3-4.30pm). Please speak to Martha Simpson after the service or sign on Sign-Up sheet at the back of the church.

#### Town Festival (Sunday 25th June) - LAST CALL!

We have booked a stall for the Churches Together to be represented at the Town Festival this year, Clare Beasant from the Community Church is planning and co-ordinate things, but we would love to have St Mary's represented. Would you be willing to spend an hour or two at the stand 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](mailto: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.

## Services Next Sunday— 25 June 2017

2nd Sunday after Trinity

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev David Salter  
Reading: Romans 6:12-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: Jonny Lowe  
Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 Christopher Bond Prayers: Matt Deans

### Contacting St Mary's

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#### Clergy Team

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#### Office

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#### Church Wardens

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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](mailto: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 : 19-24 June 2017**

- Mon 19 June St Mary's Pilates class** (6-7pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 21 June St Mary's Minis** (10am– 11.30am in Parish Rooms)
- Thurs 22 June Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 23 June 'Remix' Youth Group** (3.15-4.45pm at Glyme Hall)
- Sat 24 June PCC Away Day**

**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. 01608 643344 [lfrossington@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lfrossington@hotmail.co.uk) (the first letter is a lower case L)

**CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS**

- 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** (1.30—5.30pm in Parish Rooms)  
 Further information to follow. *Women's sewing event*
- Sat 15 July Men United Breakfast** (8.30-10am in Parish Rooms)  
 Guest speaker: Roger Simpson.
- Fri 21 July Pilgrim Paths guided walk: Milton-u-Wychwood to Shipton**  
 10am meet at SS Simon & Jude, Milton-u-Wychwood (OX7 6LJ)  
 Bring your own food and drink. 3miles  
*For further information, please contact the Church Office*

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**PILGRIM PATHS –  
 CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY.**

The church communities, have joined together to develop a network of 'pilgrim paths' throughout the area. There are currently ten such paths, varying in length from three to seven miles. Each path will be accompanied by a booklet with information about the route and suggestions for prayer and meditation which reflect the surrounding landscape. These booklets will be found in the local churches. Three booklets are available so far – for pilgrim paths in Hook Norton, Chipping Norton and Charlbury. Also available is an adventure booklet for children and families.

**To launch this venture Guided Circular Walks will take place as follows:**

**Meet at the church at 10am.** Bring your own food and drink.

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July: SS Simon and Jude Milton under Wychwood (OX7 6LJ) to Shipton under Wychwood 3 miles
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August: St Mary's Chipping Norton (OX7 5NT) to Over Norton 6 miles
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September: St Mary's Charlbury (OX7 3PR) to Shorthampton 5 miles
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October: St Denys Little Compton (GL56 0SA) to Chastleton 4 miles.

**Pick up a flyer from the Pilgrim Paths information stand in the church.**

