

Services Next Sunday— 30 July 2017

7th Sunday after Trinity

St Mary's NO 8am Holy Communion on 5th Sunday

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

St Mary's 10.45am Benefice Communion + Baptism (with Popcorn Sunday)

Leading: Rev David Salter Preaching: Rev James Kennedy

Reading: John 6:35 Emma Fourie Prayers: Chris/Thene Mitchell



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

23rd July 2017
6th Sunday after Trinity
Morning Worship

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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.

Living God's way: Worship

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Welcome to today's service!

...especially if you are visiting us today. We hope you will be able to stay for refreshments after the service.

It's a great pleasure to get together to worship God today - and that is what we are looking at today. We've been exploring 'Living God's Way' from 1 Thessalonians 4 & 5 and this is the last in our series. Last week, Martha said that we are 'hard-wired' for Community. We can say exactly the same about 'Worship'! It is part of the DNA that God has put within each of us. As C.S. Lewis wrote in his well-known quote, 'The world rings with praise - lovers praising their mistresses...players their favourite games...' The psalmist cannot stop extolling God: 'O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures for ever.' But, we don't always feel like worshipping God. What can we do then? Have you ever been asked, as I have, 'Isn't it egotistical of God to want our praise?' Paul has some helpful pithy 'little' encouragements for the Thessalonians as he concludes his letter - which I hope you will also find encouraging - as we seek to 'live God's way'.

Rev Ursula Simpson



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—23 July 2017

6th Sunday after Trinity

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Victor Story
Reading: Romans 8:12-23 Matthew Carpenter

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

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (with Creche and 'Oneway')

Leading: Rev Martha Simpson Preaching: Rev Ursula Simpson
Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-28 Sylvia Hawkins Prayers: Jen/Peter Williams

8.00pm Men's Curry Club at Spice of India.

*****NOTICES*****

Small Groups - at the heart of St Mary's. Do you want to be a part of a Small Group?

When I look back at my years in different churches, the people who I know best, have the fondest memories of and bring a smile to my heart are those whom I have been in groups with. It's true!! We've had fun times together, laughed, cried, read the Bible and prayed together. I'm gathering the names of people who've asked to be in a Small Group at St Mary's. It's exciting to see so many wanting to be a part of this core life of the church. We will be starting new groups (Roger and I are looking forward to leading one); some existing groups may need a little 'giggling' to make room for new people. *And, we are starting this process now!* Would you like to be a part of a Small Group? Please let me know today if you possibly can, come and talk, ring me (01608674541) or email me ASAP.

ursula.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com. A little phrase I use when creating a new group is that there must be 'enough of a feel-good factor' for each person. We want you to enjoy your group... Best wishes, Ursula

POPCORN SUNDAYS" for CHILDREN DURING THE SUMMER

In order to give all the volunteers a well-earned break during August, we will once again be running limited groups for the children.

All children are welcome to join us in the Parish Rooms for "Popcorn Sundays", where after a short bible passage, and maybe a game, we will be enjoying a bag of popcorn and a 35 min film based on a Bible story. There will be no separate creche (although you are welcome to use the area at the back of church)

OUR BABIES NEED YOU!

We have had a bit of a baby boom in recent months, and the demand for creche has increased. We would love to recruit new helpers to staff the Creche. No qualifications needed, just enjoy playing and chatting with 0-2 year olds. The commitment is about once every 5 weeks. If you would like to serve in this way and bless our families, please speak to Emma Kennedy or email emma.kennedy@stmaryscnorton.com. Thank you.

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK - 24—29 July 2017

- Wed 26 July **St Mary's Minis** (10.30-12am meeting in the park during the school holidays)
PCC Meeting (7.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Thurs 27 July **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)

Youth Work Newsletter Summer 2017 -

Jonny has produced a newsletter giving us an update on his work. This has been sent to people who have requested to be on the circulation list. If you would like to be added to this list please contact Linda Carpenter.

linda.carpenter50@yahoo.co.uk. There are a few hard copies on the welcome desk if you wish to take one home.

ANY VOLUNTEERS?

If you have any free time over the summer holidays there are always odd jobs to do in the church and Parish Rooms—painting cleaning etc. Please contact the Church Wardens, Linda or Graham. Thanks. churchwarden@stmaryscnorton.com

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sun 30 July - Sat 5 Aug **New Wine** (week 2)
- Fri 11 Aug **'Take a Hike' for Youth Ages 11+** (9.30am-4.00pm Start & finish at St Mary's Church). All Day Hike & Picnic: food provided. Contact John Marshall: 07733 036741.
- Mon 14 Aug **Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 18 Aug **Pilgrims Paths guided walk: Chipping Norton to Over Norton** 10am meet at St Mary's church (OX7 5NT) (6 miles) Bring your own food and drink.—we plan to make a day of this longer walk.
- Sat 9 Sept **Men United Guest Event: Men's Breakfast** (8.30-10am at Crown & Cushion Hotel with Guest Speaker Bill Prevette)
- Sat 30 Sept **Cotswolds Men's Convention** (9.00-3.30, Warwick Hall, Burford. Speaker: Vaughan Roberts 'A Battle for the Heart')
- Sat 7 Oct **Women's Breakfast** (8.30-10am at Crown & Cushion Hotel)
The **Speaker** to share her testimony is **Rev Ursula Simpson**
- For further information, please contact the Church Office*