



26th November 2017

Christ the King & Sunday next before Advent  
Morning Worship with Baptism

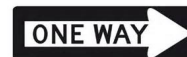
## Hope amongst the rubble - A journey with Habakkuk Watching

What have you done before? What are you doing now?

### Welcome to today's service!

It's always a joy to welcome a new member into God's family and this morning we celebrate Lacey's baptism, trusting in God's faithfulness to lead and guide her to true fulfilment and joy through her life, whatever else it may bring. This morning we also return to our series on Habakkuk, who helps us to see the benefit of trusting in the same faithfulness of God, even when everything around him was going sour. Habakkuk knows God's reputation as a God of justice and of mighty strength, and it's this that he remembers as he waits and watches events unfold around him. It's been said that "You can't just ask for 'something' of the Lord [like peace]. You either have the Lord, (and along with him, comes peace, courage, victory, the fear of the Lord, and joy all rolled together), or you don't have him. To know the real presence of the Lord is to feel the fear of the Lord and his goodness and power. When you experience those together, all other threats lose their power and fear. This is where freedom comes."

James Kennedy (Vicar)



During our 10.45 service, to serve our families, we run a supervised crèche, Ignite (for 3-5 year olds), OneWay (for children aged 6-11), and Ablaze (for youth aged 11-16). Everyone is welcome! 1

## THIS SUNDAY— 26 November 2017

**Christ the King & Sunday next before Advent**

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev James Kennedy  
Reading: Ephesians 1:15-end Matthew Carpenter

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

**St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship + Baptism (with Creche, Ignite, 'Oneway' & Ablaze)**  
Leading: Rev James Kennedy Preaching: Rev Richard Cunningham Ablaze)  
Reading: Habakkuk 2:15-3:15 (Lionel Rossington) Prayers: Bill Rees  
8.00pm Men's Curry Night at Spice of India

**Praying round the Deanery. This week: St Mary's Charlbury**

Please pray for Sally Welch, Jan Fielden and Tish Bird and the Church wardens Dine Glasgow & Paddy Gallagher.

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

**St Mary's Carol Service - December 17th at 6.00 p.m.**

Singers are invited to join the rehearsal for this service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 4.00-6.00pm in the Parish Rooms, as well as the run-through on the Sunday afternoon from 3.30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> December in the church when all instrumentalists are invited to join us. Please let Chris O'Shea know if you will be able to join in. (01608 676239 or [music@stmaryscnorton.com](mailto:music@stmaryscnorton.com))



**Mini Movers**, a new soft play session for under 5s started on Friday! Do come along to join the fun. Friday mornings from 8.35am until 10.15am in the school hall at St Mary's Primary School. We start the morning with breakfast together and then it's time to play! Everyone is welcome. If you'd like more information or want to get involved, please get in touch with Becca ([children@stmaryscnorton.com](mailto:children@stmaryscnorton.com)). We look forward to seeing you there!

**Men United Skittles Evening (social), Friday 8th December, 7.30pm**

The Sun Inn, Hook Norton. £15 per person – includes Finger Buffet and skittles (but not your beer!) Why not invite a friend or colleague to come along? Reserve places via Philip Sharman (07976 847305 or [philip.sharman2@btinternet.com](mailto:philip.sharman2@btinternet.com)) by 27/11 please.

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**CAP Christmas Hampers**

Once again we would like to bless 25 CAP clients with a Hamper which brings so much joy. If you would like to contribute to this, you will find a CAP Christmas Tree in church containing labels giving ideas for gifts which can then be placed in the box by the door, or delivered to the Church Office mornings only, by Friday 1st December.

Hampers will be packed and decorated on Sunday 3rd December. Any queries contact Thene Mitchell [athenemitchell@capuk.org](mailto:athenemitchell@capuk.org)

## Services Next Sunday— 3 December 2017

**Advent Sunday**

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev Jackie Jones  
Reading: Isaiah 64:1-6 Martin Jarratt

**St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev J Kennedy**

**St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with Creche, Ignite, 'Oneway' & Ablaze)**  
Leading: Rev James Kennedy Preaching: Rev Martha Simpson  
Reading: Habakkuk 3:16-19 (Christine Clinch) Prayers: to be arranged..

### Contacting St Mary's

Website: [www.stmaryscnorton.com](http://www.stmaryscnorton.com)

### Prayer Team

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**Church Office,**

### 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 - 27 November —2 December 2017

- Mon 27 Nov **St Mary's Pilates** (6.00-7.00pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 29 Nov **St Mary's Minis** (10.00-11.30am in Parish Rooms)
- Thurs 30 Nov **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 1 Dec **Remix Youth Club** (3.15—4.45pm at Glyme Hall)
- Sat 2 Dec **Ignite's Christmas Party** (10.30am in Parish Rooms)  
**Create @ Churchill** Advent wreath making (7.00-9.00pm )  
**Wychwood Chorale's Concert** (7.30pm in St Mary's Church)  
 'The Voyage' A new work by Bob Chilcot exploring our voyage through life, supporting the Campaign to End Loneliness.  
 Free admission & refreshments, with voluntary collection in aid of Age UK Oxfordshire and St Mary's Church.

### CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sun 3 Dec **CAP Hamper packing** (12.3-3.30pm in Parish Rooms)  
**Gospel Choir Practice** 4-5pm in Parish Rooms  
**Benefice Advent Carols** (6pm at St Andrew's Kingham)
- Tues 5 Dec **Christmas Create wreath making** (7.30-9.30pm at St Mary's)  
 Cost £7 all materials included *Women's event*  
 To book a place email [women@stmaryscnorton.com](mailto:women@stmaryscnorton.com) or  
 Contact the Church Office 01608 646202.
- Fri 8 Dec **Gospel Choir to sing at Chippy Christmas Event in Town Centre**  
 (6.30pm on stage in front of WH Smith)  
**Men's Skittles Evening** (7.30pm Sun Inn, Hook Norton)  
**CN Choral Society rehearsal** (6.30-9.30 in the church)
- Sat 9 Dec **Boy's Hike & Breakfast** (Start 9am CN School car park, ends at Parish Rooms for Breakfast) Contact John Marshall 07733036741  
 Or email [youth@stmaryscnorton.com](mailto:youth@stmaryscnorton.com)  
**CN Choral Society's Concert** (7.30pm at St Mary's Church)  
 Bach's Mass in B Minor. Tickets £15 from Jaffe & Neale or on the door .
- Mon 11 Dec **Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 15 Dec **Youth Christmas Party** (7-9pm in Parish Rooms)
- Sun 17 Dec **Carols by Candlelight** (6pm in St Mary's Church)
- Thurs 21 Dec **Midweek Communion followed by lunch** (11am Parish Rooms)
- Christmas Eve **NB No 8am & 10.45am services**  
**Christingle Nativity Service** (4pm in St Mary's Church)  
**Midnight Service** (11.30pm in St Mary's Church)
- Christmas Day **BCP Communion** (8am in St Mary's Church)  
**Family Celebration** (10.45am in St Mary's Church)

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AROUND THE BENEFICE

**NB For Services at St Mary's Chipping Norton**  
**See Calendar of Further Events on next page!**

- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 7-9pm **Create@Churchill** Advent wreath making  
 All Saints Church. Entry £5 (*CN Benefice event*)  
 Contact 658852 or [sally.m.salter@btinternet.com](mailto:sally.m.salter@btinternet.com)
- Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 6.00pm Kingham: Advent Carols
- Tues 5 Dec 7.30pm Christmas Create wreath making St Mary's CN
- Wed 6 Dec 6.00pm Kingham Primary School's Carol Service  
 at All Saints, Churchill
- Sun 10 Dec 6.00pm Little Compton Carol Service
- Tues 12 Dec 6.30pm: Over Norton Carols on the Green tbc
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 5.00pm Salford Carol Service
- Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.15am: St James' Chapel, Over Norton Carol Service  
 10.45am Churchill Nativity Service  
 11.00am: Cornwell Carol Service  
 4.00pm: Chastleton Carol Service  
 4.30pm Kingham Carols on the Green
- Wed 20 Dec 6.30pm: Little Compton Heythrop Hunt Carol Service
- Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 4.00pm: Christingle Service St Mary's CN  
 Christmas Eve 5.00pm: Kingham (Carols by Candlelight)  
 6.00pm: Little Rollright (Carols by Candlelight)  
 11.00pm: Churchill Midnight Communion  
 11.30pm Little Compton Midnight Communion
- Christmas Day 9.00am: Churchill Traditional Christmas Communion  
 10.30am: Salford Family Communion  
 10.30am: Chastleton Family Communion  
 10.30am: Cornwell Family Communion  
 10.45am Kingham: All Age Service