

# Services Next Sunday— 14 January 2018

## 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev John Coyne  
Reading: Revelation 5:1-10 Andy Thomson

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

**St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (with Creche, Ignite, 'Oneway' & Ablaze)**

Leading: Rev Martha Simpson Preaching: Rev Ursula Simpson  
Reading: Romans 1:8-13 (Mark Knight) Prayers: Jamie Bell

**12.45pm Church Lunch in Parish Rooms**

7th January 2018

Epiphany

Holy Communion

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## The Power of God: Declared to be Jesus

*"...who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 1.4)*

## Welcome to today's service and Happy New Year!

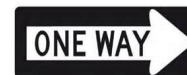
It's good to be entering a new year as a church family together this week, no matter how long you've been around for! As the excitement and glitz of the Christmas season finally comes to an end, it is a great joy to still be meeting together to worship and delight in our unending God and to anticipate the growth that we know he will cause to happen in each one of us over the coming year as we do so. The birth of Jesus is never the end of the story of course.

This week we're starting a new sermon series on Romans 1-3, looking at the Power of God which will take us all the way up to Lent. Though the spotlight of the world moves rapidly away from the baby in the manger, we know that Jesus was born to *do* something, to *show* us something and to *change life* forever. The baby grew up and became the Lord and Saviour that we worship this morning. So as we get stuck in to the incredibly rich theology of Romans, I pray that each of us will know again the power of Jesus who came to be with us, the Father who sent him and the Spirit that still makes him known amongst us. And that, as Paul prays for his community of believers, you will know Grace and Peace in the year ahead.

Martha Simpson (Curate)

### 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.



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

## Services This Sunday— 7 January 2018

### Epiphany

**St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev Victor Stor y  
Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 Martin Jarratt

**St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
Leading: Rev Martha Simpson

**St Mary's 10.45am Family Communion (with crèche, Ignite, OneWay & Ablaze)**  
Leading & Preaching: Rev Martha Simpson  
Reading: Romans 1: 1-7 Jo Graves Prayers: Nicola Riley

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



**Have you got questions about faith?  
Why not join us for Alpha in 2018...**

#### **Youth Alpha:**

A chance for young people to ask life's big questions along with friends and see what the Christian faith has to say in answer to them... Starting 21st January, from 6-8pm on Sunday evenings we'll be getting together for good food, games, great banter and

to discuss some of the most important things in life. Alpha will run for 10 weeks— a great chance to build some lasting relationships with friends. If you're 11-18, we'd love to see you. Check out the Youth Alpha Trailer our website [stmaryscnorton.com/youth-at-st-marys.php](http://stmaryscnorton.com/youth-at-st-marys.php). To sign up, contact Jonny—[youth@stmaryscnorton.com](mailto:youth@stmaryscnorton.com)

#### **Adults: Tuesday nights—starting right after Easter**

If you've got questions (however provocative / daft / awkward you think they are), or just want to find out more, look out for more details on our website.

## THANK YOU!

It wouldn't be right to move on into the New Year without first acknowledging the amazing amount of hard work and energy that so many put in to our Christmas services and events. A huge **thank you** to those who gave in so many different ways to an enormous and wonderful variety of things that made Jesus known within our church family and wider community. The staff team would like to thank each one of you and let you know how much we appreciate and enjoy serving with you!

## CHURCH DIARY

### THIS WEEK - 8 - 13 JANUARY 2018

- Mon 8 Jan** **Come for Tea** (2.30—4pm in Parish Rooms)  
**St Mary's Pilates** (6.00-7.00pm in Parish Rooms)  
**LHNT function** (7 –9.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 10 Jan** **St Mary's Minis** (10.00-11.30am in Parish Rooms)
- Thurs 11 Jan** **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 12 Jan** **Remix Youth Club** (3.15—4.45pm at Glyme Hall)  
**Youth Weekend Away** (6pm at The Poplars, nr Ledbury until Sun 14 Jan pm).

## CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sun 14 Jan** **Parish Lunch (12.45pm in Parish Rooms)**  
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](mailto:jenwilliams366@gmail.com)
- Sun 21 Jan** **Youth Alpha Course starts** (6—8pm in Parish Rooms)
- Sat 27 Jan** **Burns' Night Dinner (7.30pm in Parish Rooms)** [*Friends' Event*]
- Sun 28 Jan** **United Service** (10.30am in Town Hall)
- Sat 3 Feb** **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** (8.30am in Parish Rooms)

*For further information, please contact the Church Office*