

Services Next Sunday— 21 JANUARY 2018

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Jackie Jones
Reading: Revelation 19:6-10 (Matthew Carpenter)

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am: Morning Worship
Leading: Judith Marshall

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with Creche, 'OneWay' Ignite & Ablaze)
Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson Preaching: Sue Coyne
Reading: Romans 1:13-17 (Judith/John Marshall) Prayers: (Fiona Rossington)

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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.



Chipping Norton

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

14th January 2018
2nd Sunday of Epiphany
Morning Worship

The Power of God: we long to share

'I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you...'
Romans 1.8

Welcome to today's service!

Last week Martha kicked off our new series in Romans which will take us to Lent. We've called the series, 'The Power of God' and last week we saw how Paul's passion and calling was to share the glorious gospel of God. The gospel *is* the resurrected Jesus Christ, says Paul. He had been called by God's grace and mercy to follow Jesus - or as he puts it 'to the obedience that comes from faith'. And that is what all of us have been called to - a loving, obedient, trusting relationship with God who loves us.

Now, in these few verses we catch something of Paul's heart for the Christian community in Rome. Though Paul has never been able to visit them, he has heard so much about them because their faith is 'being reported all over the world'. Paul thanks God for them, prays for them and longs to visit them.

As we look at Paul's heart for these Christians-that-he's-never-met, we get glimpses of how Paul ticks - his prayerful concern for believers, his longing to see them strong and growing, the importance of encouragement that comes through fellowship and his incessant desire to open up new opportunities for the gospel.

It's a great picture of what God wants to do (and is doing!) among us here at St Mary's.

Rev Ursula Simpson



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!

This 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
12.30pm Church Lunch in Parish Rooms

Praying round the Deanery. This week: St Kenelm's Enstone

Please pray for Mark Abrey.

*****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. To sign up, contact Jonny—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.

Christians Against Poverty vacancy

The CAP Debt Centre that has been wonderfully set up and run by Thene Mitchell is looking for someone else to join the team. Thene is handing over the role of Debt Centre Manager in March which leaves space for a new Debt Coach. Debt Coaches are key facilitators in the work of CAP - bringing together the professional financial services of head office, the support of willing befrienders, and the needs of each individual client. Could God be calling you to this role? The key qualities needed are a heart for working with those in poverty and availability to meet with clients on a flexible basis. Full training and support is given, but you would also need access to a car, to be IT literate and not daunted by working with budgets. For further info, please contact Thene - athenemitchell@capuk.org

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK - 15—20 January 2018

- Mon 15 Jan St Mary's Pilates** (6.00-7.00pm in Parish Rooms)
Prayer Ministry Training (7.30-9pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 17 Jan St Mary's Minis** (10.00-11.30am in Parish Rooms)
- Thurs 18 Jan Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 19 Jan Remix Youth Club** (3.15—4.45pm at Glyme Hall)
- Sat 20 Jan Boys Hike + Breakfast** (9am depart from CN School coach park) (ending at 10.30am in Parish Rooms)

United Service 2018

Once a year we join with the other churches in Chippy to worship together and affirm our unity in Christ. This year's United Service is on Jan 28th, in the Town Hall at 10.30am and replaces our usual 10.45am service here. There will be a children's group and unsupervised crèche and our own Roger Simpson will be speaking. Normal 8am communion service here at St Mary's.

Men United Breakfast

Our next full English Breakfast is on Saturday 3rd February at 0830 at the Church Centre, followed by a short time of fellowship before commencing high level cleaning in St Mary's Church. If plenty of men turn up, we should finish by 1100. Please come prepared by wearing old clothes or overalls and bring extending brushes or long handled brooms if you possess them. You will not be expected to climb ladders if you suffer from vertigo. Contact David Bishop (email da-vidbish5@phonecoop.coop, tel no. 01608676113) if you would like to join us.

Saturday 3rd February - Cobweb Day

After the Men's Breakfast we have volunteers to climb ladders and bring down dust from window sills etc. There will be coffee served at 11am when others will Hoover, mop and dust the floors and pews. With enough helpers this should only take an hour so we can all carry on with our day.

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- 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