

## Services Next Sunday— 18 February 2018

### 1st Sunday of Lent

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy**  
Reading: 1 Peter 3: 18-3end (Martin Jarratt)

**St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am: Morning Worship**  
Leading: Rev Jackie Jones

**St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with Creche, 'OneWay' Ignite & Ablaze)**  
Leading: Rev James Kennedy Preaching: Bill Rees  
Reading: Romans 2:17-3:4 (Fiona/Lionel Rossington) Prayers: (Matt Deans)

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*N.B. James takes his rest day on a Friday*

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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.



Chipping Norton

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

11th February 2018  
Sunday Next before Lent  
Morning Worship

## The Power of God: to judge impartially

### Welcome to today's service!

There's a remarkable story about what happened after the mutiny on the *Bounty*, in 1789. The mutiny is most famous for the epic voyage to safety of over 4,000 miles made by Captain Bligh in an open-decked boat, from the Pacific Islands to Indonesia. The story of the mutineers is rarely told. After some months of searching, nine of the original mutineers, with a small group of Tahitian women and men, settled on Pitcairn Island. Alcohol and jealousy over women led to a succession of murders among the men, until there were just two mutineers left. Discovering the ship's Bible, and wanting to practise their English, they started to read at Genesis. They read through the law in the Old Testament, and knew that it spoke of the wrongs they had done, and the just judgment they deserved. Reaching the New Testament, they learnt of the possibility of forgiveness, and put their trust in Jesus. The whole island community was changed as a result. This morning Paul turns and challenges us to recognise what each of us, individually, have done wrong – and where to look for forgiveness.

Tom 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 - 11 February 2018

## Sunday next before Lent

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev David Salter  
Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Matthew Carpenter Preacher: Jon Chan

**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 John Coyne **Preaching:** Tom Simpson  
Reading: Romans 2:1-16 (Jo Rees) Prayers: Graham Povey  
**12.30pm Church Lunch in Parish Rooms**  
**NO Youth Alpha during Half-term.**

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

Please pray for John Acreman and Wendy Cunningham and the Churchwardens Jennifer Tustian and Charles Campion,...

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

### 'Encounter' Evening Service - Launch 18th March

We are excited to announce the launch of our new contemporary evening service called 'Encounter' on the 18th March at 6pm.  
Our hope and prayer is that many people will encounter God through this vibrant and exciting new opportunity to worship together.  
There will be a cafe on arrival, great worship and a relevant talk from God's word, along with an opportunity to chat, pray and minister to each other. We would love to attract both familiar and new faces, especially seeking to welcome young people from our community and other local churches. What an amazing opportunity to gather to encounter the living Lord Jesus, the Holy Spirit and His people....  
Will you be a part of it?

### Women's Breakfast - 24th February 8.30-10am, Crown & Cushion

**Lindsay Melliush will be speaking on "Finding peace in an Anxious World"**  
Lindsay lives in West London where she is part of the staff team at St Paul's Ealing and also works as a family therapist within an NHS service. She will speak on ways to overcome and manage anxiety - a great opportunity to invite along a friend. Please sign up at the end of church, book online ([women@stmarycnorton.com](mailto:women@stmarycnorton.com)) or 01608 646202  
Let us know whether you would like a full English breakfast, or continental (which will be croissant, fruit salad, granola & yoghurt)

**Come for Tea** is open to all and is held every second Monday in the month in the Parish Centre - The next one is Monday 12th February. For information contact Amanda Gafford, on 641284. **Come and join us!**

### Babysitting for Kenya

As part of our fundraising for Kenya we are offering a babysitting service. If you are interested, please contact Isobel Kennedy, 07493 305570

## CHURCH DIARY

### THIS WEEK - 12—17 February 2018

#### (Half Term week)

- Mon 12 Feb** **Come for Tea** (2.30-4.00pm in Parish Rooms)  
**St Mary's Pilates** (6.00-7.00pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tues 13 Feb** **Funeral: Eileen Phillips** (3pm at Banbury Crematorium)
- Wed 14 Feb** **No St Mary's Minis during Half-Term**  
**Ash Wednesday Communion Service** (10am in Parish Rooms)  
**Lent Suppers start** (7—9pm in Parish Rooms. Set up from 6pm)  
**Theme: Spiritual Discipline.** Talk by Jackie Jones on The Power of Fasting/Abstinence.
- Thurs 15 Feb** **No Midweek Communion + coffee**  
**Funeral: Leonard (Len) Reynolds** (11.30am in the Church)
- Fri 16 Feb** **No Remix during Half-Term**

## CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sun 18 Feb** **Youth Alpha resumes** (6—8pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 21 Feb** **Lent Supper** (7—9pm at Holy Trinity School Hall)  
**Talk by Fr Paul Berrett: The Power of Prayer**
- Sat 24 Feb** **Women's Breakfast** 8.30-10am, Crown & Cushion Hotel  
Lindsay Melliush will be speaking on "Finding peace in an Anxious World"
- Wed 3 Mar** **Town Prayer Meeting** (7.30pm at St Mary's)
- Sun 18 March** **'Encounter' Evening service** (6pm in Church)
- Mon 26 Mar** **Journey to Easter interactive displays at St Mary's**  
**- Sun 1 Apr** *Further information to follow*
- Sun 1 April** **EASTER DAY**
- Sun 22 Apr** **APCM Meeting** (12.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tues 24 Apr** **Adult Alpha Course starts** (7.00-9.30pm in Parish Rooms.  
Set up from **5.30pm**)
- Wed 25 Apr** **Colin Buchanan Live** (5pm at St David's, Moreton-in-Marsh)

*For further information, please contact the Church Office*