

Services Next Sunday— 4 March 2018

3rd Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Romans 3: 21-31 (Matthew Carpenter)

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

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with Creche, 'OneWay' Ignite & Ablaze)
Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson Preaching: James Kennedy
Reading: Romans 3:21-31 (Jen/Peter Williams) Prayers: (Coenraad/Yolande VanWyk)

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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. 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

25th February 2018
2nd Sunday of Lent
Morning Worship

The Power of God: before whom no-one can stand.

"...no-one will be declared righteous in [God's] sight by observing the law" Romans 3:20

Welcome to today's service!

As we continue our walk through Romans 1-3 to learn about why it was that Jesus needed to come to live among us and to save us, Paul has been showing us step-by-step that any reason that we think we might have for being in God's good books out of our own merit, family background, moral or religious accomplishment, is completely false. This morning he brings us, unreligious and religious together, firmly towards his uncomfortable conclusion (in verse 20) that, whatever good the law might bring us, no-one will be declared righteous before God by observing the law. We—every one of us alike—stand convicted before God on account of the wrong that we have done him. We are all lost... or at least, we would all be lost if God had not himself come as our only possible rescue. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus... O Praise the name of the Lord our God!

James Kennedy (Vicar)



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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 - 25 February 2018

2nd Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev David Salter
Reading: Romans 4: 13-end 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: Emma Kennedy Preaching: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Romans 3:1-20 (Sylvia Hawkins) Prayers: Matt Deans
8.00pm **Men's Curry at Spice of India**

Praying round the Deanery. This week: All Saints, Spelsbury

Please pray for Mark Abrey and the Churchwarden, Ken Wakefield.

*****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?

1st Priority (7.30pm, Wed 7th March)

When prayer is at the centre of our church life, then we can expect to see God working most powerfully. Are you and your Small Group making your 1st Priority to come together to pray on the 7th March? Let's not allow other competing agendas to lead us astray from putting first things first. We look forward to seeing as many of you as can possibly be there to worship and pray together. Don't miss out!

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

Youth Alpha:

Please continue to pray for those who are part of our youth Alpha as they move into week 5 (of 10) (6-8pm on Sunday evenings).

Adults: Tuesday nights—launch on 24th April

Keep praying for the person you're going to invite. If you've got questions yourself, (however provocative / daft / awkward you think they are), or just want to find out more, look out for more details on our website.

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK - 26 February—3 March 2018

- Mon 26 Feb St Mary's Pilates** (6.00-7.00pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 28 Feb St Mary's Minis (10—11.30am in Parish Rooms)**
Lent Supper (7—9pm in Parish Rooms. Set up from 6pm)
Community Church hosting. Talk on The Power of Evangelism
- Thurs 1 Mar Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
Fabric Committee (7.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 2 Mar Remix Youth Club** (3.15-4.45pm at Glyme Hall)
Wedding Rehearsal (5pm in church)
- Sat 3 Mar Wedding: Grant Dean & Portia Devine** (12noon at St Mary's)

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Wed 7 Mar 1st Priority Prayer** (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** Help needed for Welcoming and serving Refreshments throughout the week. Please see Christine Clinch in church to sign up on the rota.
- 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

