



18th March 2018
5th Sunday of Lent
Holy Communion

The Beatitudes: Contemplation

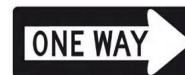
'He says, "Be still and know that I am God."' *Psalms 46:10*

Welcome to today's service!

Last week, exploring the Bishop of Oxford's encouragement towards a joint vision for the Diocese, we looked at how Jesus urges his church, through the Beatitudes, to shape our lives to be like him and to be Compassionate (Blessed are the merciful, the peacemakers and those who hunger and thirst after justice/righteousness). Today we'll be reflecting together on how Jesus equally wants us to be a Contemplative church, and thinking about what he means when he celebrates those who are 'poor in Spirit', 'meek', and 'pure in heart'.

To 'contemplate' is to 'gaze attentively' or to 'mark out a space for considering', and it's so important in the life of a believer because how close we are to Jesus has a tremendous bearing on how we view him and we'll never get close to loving him in the way that he longs for us to love him unless we are marking out the space in our lives for us to do that. The rewards are immeasurable—so let's be ready in these remaining days before Easter to take whatever steps we can towards carving out that space and time to gaze upon his beauty and inquire of him... (Ps 27:4)

James Kennedy (Vicar)



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— 18 March 2018

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St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev David Salter
Reading: Hebrews 5: 5-510 (Martin JHarratt)

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am: Morning Worship
Leading: Rev James Kennedy

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with Creche, 'OneWay' Ignite & Ablaze)
Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson Preaching: James Kennedy Ablaze)
Reading: Psalm 46 (Jamie/Rachel Bell) Prayers: (John Marshall)
6pm 'Encounter' Service

Praying round the Deanery. This week: Holy Trinity, Ascott under Wychwood
Please pray for Mark Abrey.

*****NOTICES*****



Alpha... BIG LAUNCH with 'Ace' from 1990's TV show 'Gladiators'! —7.30pm, Tues 24th April , Parish Rooms

Do you ever ask those big questions: Why am I here?; What is the purpose of life?; Where am I heading?; What has Christianity got to offer? Why not come along and join us for Alpha after Easter? Alpha offers a wonderful opportunity, following a shared meal, for you to ask them (however awkward or daft you think they might be) in a relaxed, informal setting that makes no demands on the individual. At our launch on 24 April, we have a special guest, Warren Furman – “Ace” of the 1990s tv show, Gladiators, which should be a lot of fun. We'd love to see you there. It would also be a great evening to bring a friend along: why don't you simply pray and ask God to prompt you with a name or a face, and then ask him for the courage to invite them along & let God do the rest! For more info, pick up a flyer or e-mail Judith Marshall (alpha@stmaryscnorton.com)
Please also continue to pray for those who are part of our **Youth Alpha** on Sunday evenings, especially as they prepare for their day away next Sunday

Electoral Roll Revision With the APCM coming up on Sunday 22 April if you regard St Mary's as your spiritual home, we'd love you to show that by making sure your name is on our Electoral Roll. Forms are available at the back of the church. Please complete one and return it to Emma in Church Office..

Lilies for Easter

Traditionally, at Easter we decorate the church with Easter Lilies. People often like to make a contribution towards their cost in commemoration of loved ones, so if you'd like to do that, please direct it to the Church Office or Jo Graves tel.643976

Rev Hugh William's Funeral. Following the sudden death of Hugh Williams last week, his funeral has been arranged to be held on **Tuesday 27th March at 2.30pm at Long Compton Church.** Please hold Rosemary and her family in your prayers at this time while they come to terms with their loss.

Services Next Sunday— 25 March 2018

Palm Sunday (NB Clocks go forward 1 hour)

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Victor Story
Reading: Mark 11: 1-11 OR John 12: 12-16 (Matthew Carpenter)

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: James Kennedy Preaching: David Cranston
Reading: 2 Chronicles 32:7-8 & Matthew 5:1-9 (David/Susan Bishop) Prayers: Ann Lewis
8.00pm **Men's Curry at Spice of India**

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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.

CHURCH DIARY
THIS WEEK - 19—24 March 2018

- Mon 19 Mar St Mary's Pilates** (6—7pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tues 20 Mar Funeral: Karen Moorcroft** (2pm at St Mary's CN)
- Wed 21 Mar St Mary's Minis** (10.00-11.30am in Parish Rooms)
Funeral: Dr Bruce Parker (2pm at St Mary's CN)
Lent Supper (7—9pm at CN Baptist Church)
Talk by Joyce Rice: The Power of Rest (Sabbath)
PCC Meeting (7.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Thurs 22 Mar Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
Funeral: Marian Marstan (2pm at St Mary's CN)
- Fri 23 Mar Remix Youth Club** (3.15—4.45pm at Glyme Hall)

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Wed 21 Mar Easter Create @ Kingham** (7.15-9.30pm at Kingham Lodge) An Easter evening of cooking and craft.. Entry £5 Places limited so contact Sally Salter asap to book your place sally.m.salter@btinternet.com, 01608 658852).
- Mon 26 Mar Journey to Easter interactive displays at St Mary's**
to Sun 1Apr Help needed for Welcoming and serving Refreshments throughout the week. Please contact Christine Clinch 01608643923 or Email-christineclinch@gmail.com
- Thurs 29 Mar Maundy Thursday Communion Service** (10am Parish Rooms)
- Fri 30 Mar Good Friday Reflections on the Cross** (12—3pm in Church)
- Sun 1 April EASTER DAY Services**
6.15am Assemble & depart from Parish Rooms for
6.30am Sunrise Prayer on the hill above Chipping Norton
8am Holy Communion (BCP), St Mary's
9.15am Holy Communion at St James' Chapel, Over Norton
10.45am Family Celebration with Communion, St Mary's
- Fri 13 Apr Women's World Day of Prayer (new date)**
10am & 7pm Services at CN Methodist Church
All Day Youth Hike (Depart 9.30am and ends at Parish Rooms)
- Sun 22 Apr APCM Meeting** (12.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tues 24 Apr Alpha 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

Easter Services in the Benefice

- Maundy Thursday 29 March** 10.am Holy Communion in St Mary's Parish Rooms
7.30pm Passover & Holy Communion at St Andrew's Kingham
- Good Friday 30 March** 12noon Meditative Service with hymns at Little Compton
12noon—3pm Reflections on the Cross at St Mary's CN
2pm Hour by the Cross at Kingham
- Easter Day (For Chipping Norton & Over Norton services see Calendar of Further Events)**
- 1 April** 9am Holy Communion at St Andrew's Kingham
9.30am Easter Communion at Salford
Easter Communion at Little Compton
Easter Communion at Chastleton
10.45am All Age Communion at All Saints, Churchill
11am Easter Communion at Cornwell
Easter Communion at Little Rollright