

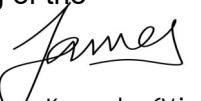
15th April 2018
3rd Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion

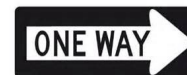
Teach us how to pray: a model

'This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name' *Matthew 6:9*

Welcome to today's service!

In the three weeks leading up to Easter, we looked at 'the Beatitudes' in which Jesus gives a remarkable, concise summary of what true Christian living looks like. He then went on to expand and give more detail in the 'Sermon on the Mount' (Matthew 5-7) and that's where we are going to turn our attention for the coming term, starting with his teaching about prayer. We're starting there in part because none of us thinks that our prayer life is 'good enough' and yet we all wish that we were closer to God—in other words, we all need encouragement to grow in our prayer lives! But we're also focusing first on prayer because from the 10th to the 20th May, we want to prepare ourselves to engage wholeheartedly with the global prayer initiative 'Thy Kingdom Come'. In those 10 days leading up to Pentecost, millions of Christians around the world will be praying specifically for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit throughout the church to empower us to witness to the living hope of the saving grace that Jesus brings. As our Archbishops wrote in their invitation to us to join with that initiative, "when Jesus teaches his disciples to pray, he puts the cry, 'Thy Kingdom Come' on their lips. When we pray for the coming of the Kingdom, we are praying for the difference Jesus makes. Bring it on!


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— 15 April 2018

3rd Sunday of Easter:

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Acts 3: 12-19 (Barbara Ambrose)

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

St Mary's 10.45am All Age Family Communion
Leading: Bill Rees Preaching: James Kennedy
Reading: Matthew 5: 21-26 (David Bishop) Prayers: (Sandra Cutting)

Youth Alpha (6—8pm in Parish Rooms)

*****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



Marriage Course (Starting Monday 4th June)

We'll be running another Marriage Course at St Mary's on Monday evenings in the Summer Term—please see the larger note towards the end of the service sheet for more details (or e-mail marriagecourse@stmaryscnorton.com)

Outreach Opportunity - Dog Walker Required!

We have had a request to help a gentleman in our community (Dunstan Avenue) who is awaiting a hip replacement and in the meantime unable to walk his 18 month old Red Setter.

If you were available to occasionally help out taking this dog out please contact Emma Kennedy emma.kennedy@stmaryscnorton.com / 07900 976137

Would you like to be confirmed?

On Sunday 17th June, we have Bishop Colin coming to St Mary's to lead a service of confirmation. If any of you, young or old, have been thinking about being confirmed, please do talk to or e-mail James Kennedy.

Services Next Sunday— 22 April 2018

4th Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev David Salter
Reading: Acts 4:5-12 (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: Rev Roger Simpson
Reading: Matthew 6:16-18 (Sandra Cutting) Prayers: Emma Fourie
8.00pm Men's Curry at Spice of India

Contacting St Mary's

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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 - 16 -21 April 2018

- Mon 16 Apr St Mary's Pilates** (6—7pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 18 Apr St Mary's Minis** (10.00-11.30am in Parish Rooms)
- Thurs 19 Apr Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
ChipLitFest Training (6—9pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 20 Apr Remix Youth Club** (3.15—4.45pm at Glyme Hall)
- Sat 21 Apr ChipLitFest Training** (9.39am—12.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Sun 22 Apr Youth Alpha** (6—8pm in Parish Rooms. Set up from 5pm)
Men's Curry Night (8pm at Spice of India)

Gerald Forse RIP.

Members of the church family will be sad to hear of the death of Gerald Forse on Monday following failing health. Gerald served as Church Warden at St Mary's for 2 years before Graham Povey. The funeral is arranged for **Wednesday 2nd May** when there will be a Cremation at Banbury Crem for family only, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Church **at 2.30pm**. After that Eileen and family invite you to join them in the Parish Rooms for refreshments.

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- 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)
- Wed 2 May North Cotswold Group Prayer** (7.30pm at St Mary's CN)
- Sat 5 May Men United Breakfast** (8.30-10am in Parish Rooms)
Speaker: Jules Clarke. Contact David Bishop if interested
Tel: 01608 676113, Email: davidbish5@phonecoop.coop
- Wed 9 May Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
- Sat 16 May LHNT Singing Day with Rob Chilcott** (10am-6pm in the church
& Parish Rooms)
- Mon 4 June Marriage Course begins** (7.45pm in the Parish Rooms)

For further information, please contact the Church Office



The Marriage Course is a series of seven sessions, designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a stronger marriage.

Who is it for?

It is designed for couples who are married or cohabiting and seeking to strengthen their relationship and offers practical ideas and the tools to help you keep your relationship strong - whether you need urgent help, or just wanting to build something better. May be you want to spend time investing in your marriage or you have a friend or relative who is struggling in their relationship - this might be a way of reaching out and offering them practical support.

What can you expect?

At The Marriage Course you are seated at your own table for two, served a delicious meal before a practical talk and time for private discussion between you and your partner. Background music ensures that you can chat in complete privacy and you never have to share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your partner. The Marriage Course is based on Christian principles, but everyone is welcome and the course is designed for all couples with or without a Christian faith or church background.

When?

Monday Evening 7.45-9.45pm in The Parish Rooms, starting on **Monday 4th June, 2018** for 7 weeks

If you would like to book on or have more details please email: marriagecourse@stmaryscnorton.com