

Services Next Sunday— 29 April 2018

5th Sunday of Easter - Benefice Sunday
St Mary's NO 8am Holy Communion

St James' Chapel Over Norton (No service on 5th Sunday)

10.45am Family Communion

Leading: Rev James Kennedy & Rev David Salter Preaching: Richard Cunningham

Reading: Matthew 6 25-34 Prayers (Jen/Peter Williams)

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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.

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N.B. Jonny takes his rest day on a Saturday

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Chipping Norton

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

22nd April 2018

4th Sunday of Easter

Morning Worship

Teach us how to pray: keep at it!

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." *Matthew 7:7*

Welcome to today's service!

We're looking at prayer because it's so important that we grasp it as being a fundamental ingredient of living for Jesus. He needed to pray, and he is God's Son—how any of us could think that we can get through life, living as God intends us to, is a mystery. The problem is, of course, that we find it so easy to fall back into thinking we've got to do things in our own strength and forgetting that we are invited and encouraged to bring all of our needs to our perfect, loving, heavenly Father.

Today our encouragement is to keep at it.—to keep on asking, to keep on knocking and to keep on seeking. The promise is that as we keep on drawing close to God in prayer, we won't be disappointed. The experience of Christians over the centuries bears out that promise. We have a lot that we want to see happen to share the life-changing love of Jesus as we serve our community, so let's get praying and keep praying!

James Kennedy (Vicar)



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 - 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 7:7-11 (Sandra Cutting) Prayers: Emma Fourie
Youth Alpha (6-8pm in Parish Rooms)
8.00pm Men's Curry at Spice of India

Praying round the Deanery. This week: St Peter's, Cornwell

Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones and Ursula & Roger Simpson and the Churchwarden, Charles Colston..

*****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



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 - Cycle Safety at St Mary's Primary School

We love the children in our town - and want to keep them safe. You probably did cycling proficiency at school... now it is run by volunteers and at St Mary's they are short of a volunteer to help them run this five week course. Are you free on a Tuesday afternoon 1-3pm and enjoy encouraging children? If so please contact Emma Kennedy 07900 976137 emma.kennedy@stmaryscnorton.com

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK - 23—28 April 2018

- Mon 23 Apr St Mary's Pilates** (6.00-7.00pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tue 24 Apr Funeral: Daphne Aries** (12noon at St Mary's CN)
Alpha Launch (7.30pm in Parish Rooms) Set up 6pm
- Wed 25 Apr St Mary's Minis (10—11.30am in Parish Rooms)**
ChipLitFest Children's event 5.00-7pm in Parish Rooms)
- Thurs 26 Apr Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 27 Apr Chip Lit Fest Workshops** (9am—6pm in Parish Rooms)
Remix Youth Club (3.15—4.45pm at Glyme Hall)
- Sat 28 Apr ChipLitFest Workshops** (9am—7.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Sun 29 Apr ChipLitFest Workshops** (12.30-5pm in Parish Rooms)

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.

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- 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 12 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)
- Sat 16 June CN Choral Society's Community Singing Day Performance**
Vivaldi's Gloria & Chilcott's The Voyage. (5.30pm at St Mary's)
- Sun 24 June Encounter Service** (6pm at St Mary's CN)

For further information, please contact the Church Office