

CHURCH DIARY—MID-WEEK SERVICES

Thursdays: 10am Communion in Parish Rooms followed by Coffee
2/8 Leading: Rev James Kennedy
9/8 Leading: Rev Victor Story
16/8 Leading: Rev Jackie Jones
23/8 Leading: Canon Robin Howard
30/8 Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson

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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.



AUGUST 2018: 10th– 13th Sundays after Trinity

Wisdom:

Sunday 5th Aug—...How to live it

Sunday 12th Aug—...Where does it come from?

Sunday 19th Aug—...Knowing God

Sunday 26th Aug—...What kind of fool are You?

Welcome to our Summer services!

'Make the bad people good, and the good people nice', is supposed to have been a child's prayer: it makes the point (with the kind of short, pithy turn of phrase that we find in Proverbs) that much of the fine detail of our character is beyond the specific detail that we find in the law, and harder to pin down than the direct words of the prophets, but still extremely important to the way that we live and experience life.

Over the summer, we're looking together at some of the themes that emerge from this collection of wisdom, credited to King Solomon. Throughout it all, the wise person (one who knows God and follows his guidance) is contrasted with the fool (the person who lacks knowledge of God and insight into his perfect plans for us. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...

Until we begin to recognise just who God is, and how critical it is that we take heed of his counsel, we'll never find true wisdom or fulfilment, so I hope that you enjoy delving into this fountain of wisdom together.

James Kennedy (Vicar)



The regular children's and youth groups have a break during the summer holidays. However all children welcome to come to the Parish Rooms for 'Popcorn Sundays'. There is no separate crèche though you are welcome to use the children's area at the back of the church during the service.

THIS MONTH—August 2018

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion

- 5/8 **Leading:** James Kennedy **Reading:** Prov 4:5-9,14-27 - Matthew C
12/8 **Leading:** James Kennedy **Reading:** Prov 8:10-16,22-31 Andy Thomson
19/8 **Leading:** Victor Story **Reading:** Ephesians 5:15-120 Barbara Ambrose
26/8 **Leading:** Victor Story **Reading:** Ephesians 6:10-20 Martin Jarratt

St James Chapel, Over Norton, 9.15am

- 5/8 **Holy Communion—Leading:** James Kennedy **Reading:** Prov 3:1-8,11-12
19/8 **Morning Worship—Leading:** Judith Marshall **Reading:** Eph 5:15-20

St Mary's 10.45am (with Popcorn Sunday—see notice below)

- 5/8 **Holy Communion —Leading:** Toby Artis
Preaching: James Kennedy
Reading: Proverbs 4:5-9,14-27 Sue Coyne **Prayers:** Jonny Weinberg
- 12/8 **Morning Worship —Leading & Preaching:** James Kennedy
Reading: Prov 8:10-16,22-31 Yolande VanWyk **Prayers:** Sandra Cutting
- 19/8 **Holy Communion—Leading:** Ursula Simpson
Preaching: Toby Artis,
Reading: Prov 3:5-6, 9:10, 16:6, 19:23, 20:9, 23:17-18, 28:14 Christine Clinch **Prayers:** Emma Fourie
- 26/8 **Morning Worship —Leading:** Toby Artis
—Preaching: Tom Simpson
Reading: Prov 1:22, 8:27-32, 14:15, 15:5 16:25, 19:25, 21:24 Athene Mitchell
Prayers: David/Susan Bishop

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"POPCORN SUNDAYS" for CHILDREN DURING THE SUMMER

Popcorn Sundays are a great way for the children to still spend time together but in a bit more of an informal fashion and all children are welcome, whether you've been here years or are here for the first time! Over summer we don't run our children's groups as usual. It gives our term-time leaders a chance to rest and be refreshed before starting back in September. The children head to the Parish Centre to play a game or two, then settle down with some popcorn to watch a Bible-based DVD. We won't have an official Creche but feel free to use the area at the back of the church. Normal children's groups will resume on 9th September. Have a wonderful summer!

Colour Club

This year we are launching Colour Club: a free holiday club for 5-11 year olds! It's happening on 14th and 16th August from 9.45am-1.30pm. at Glyme Hall (next to the Leisure Centre). We want children to know they can embrace the way that they are all made because they are totally loved by God no matter what! It's free of charge and includes lunch for the whole family when the children are picked up. Numbers are limited this year so sign up quickly! Email children@stmaryscnorton.com for more information.

Come for Tea is continuing to meet every second Monday in the month in the Parish Centre. **Next meeting is on Monday 13th August at 2.30pm-** Come and join us on ! For information contact Amanda Gafford, on 641284.

Christianity Explored — Autumn 2018 at St Mary's

If you've got questions about God or about what it really is that's at the heart of Christianity, then we'd love to help you explore those questions further. In the Autumn we'll be running 'Christianity Explored', looking at questions like 'Who is Jesus?' 'Why did he come?' and 'What's in it for us?'. If you've interested in finding out more, please contact: Judith Marshall (judith.marshall@stmaryscnorton.com).

1st Priority Prayer (7.30pm, Wed 1st August & 5th September)

On the first Wednesday of each month, we meet together for a time of passionate worship and to pray together. As well as being a biblical imperative, you'll find it to be an exhilarating time when we are uplifted by the experience of God at work as he leads us. If you've not joined us before, please do come along and be a part of what fuels the life of the church.

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sat 4 Aug **Stuart & Sandra Cutting's Golden Wedding celebrations** (12noon in the Church) Church family warmly invited to service and to celebrate in the Parish Rooms afterwards.
- Sun 5 Aug **New Wine 'United'** (Shepton Mallett)
-Sat 11 Aug
- Mon 13 Aug **Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tu 14 Aug & **Colour Club for primary school aged children**
Th 16 Aug (9.45am—1.30pm includes free lunch at Glyme Hall)
Places limited: contact Becca to book—see notice for details)
- Wed 15 Aug **Minis Colour Club (for under 5s)** (10-11.30am in Parish Rooms)
- Tues 21 Aug **Youth event: Experience Exotic Animals** (2-4pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 24 Aug **August Bank Holiday Pilgrimage Walks**
-Mon 27 Aug *For further details pick up a leaflet from the church*
- Fri 31 Aug **All day Youth Hike** (age 11+) of around 10 miles with picnic
or Sat 1 Sep provided. *Further information to follow.*
(date tbc) *Contact John Marshall 07733 036741*
- Wed 5 Sep **1st Priority Prayer** (7.30pm in the church)
- Mon 10 Sep **Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
- Sat 22 Sep **Canoeing on the Wye** (Men United event—but open to all...see separate flyer for details)
- Sat 6 Oct **Cotswolds Men's Convention** (7.30pm at Warwick Hall, Burford) Speaker: James Robson (CEO Keswick Ministries)
Barn Dance (Friends event) (7.30-11.30pm in Town Hall)
Tickets £22 (to include supper) on sale from September.

For further information,, please contact the Church Office.