

Services Next Sunday— 16 September 2018

16th Sunday after Trinity

St Mary's 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Jackie Jones
Reading : James 3:1-22 (Barbara Ambrose)

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Harvest Service Leading: Judith Marshall

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with Sparklers, Ignite, OneWay & Youth)

Leading: Rev Toby Artis Preaching: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Exodus 12:1-30 (Jo Graves) Prayers: Fiona Rossington

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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.



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

9th September 2018
15th Sunday after Trinity
Morning Worship

Exodus - Drawing us out to draw us in: God draws out...

'God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

Exodus 3:14

Welcome to today's service!

As we journey through life, we undoubtedly face times of real need and sometimes desperation. We hit low points and may even ask the question, what is life really all about? Even if life seems good and smooth going, the mundane kicks in and we ask, what's our real purpose, our calling even? We're embarking on a series through some key parts of the story of Exodus, and we start to see that both the Israelites and Moses find themselves in these situations. The Israelites are enslaved to a life of misery without their God. Moses who, was at one point doing very well under the care of Pharaohs daughter, is forced to flee and settle into a very ordinary mundane life of work and family. But, in Chapter 3 we see the extraordinary intervention of God. A God who sees the needs and misery of his people, and who chooses to make himself known to a very ordinary human being like you and me, getting on with his day job. Gods purposes for his people are revealed. God wants to draw near to us, to come into our very presence so that we may be drawn out from the misery into the joy of true life with him. Whatever stage you're at in life, this truth is for you too. God calls us be obedient to Him, to trust in Him and to follow him. It is through this way of life that we fulfil our true calling.

Toby Artis
Curate



During our 10.45 service, to serve our families, we run a supervised crèche Sparklers, 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— 9 September 2018

15th Sunday after Trinity

St Mary's 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy
Reading : James 2;1010,14-17 (Andy Thomson)

St James' Chapel Over Norton (No service on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sun day)

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (with Sparklers, Ignite, OneWay & Youth)

Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson Preaching: Rev Toby Artis
Reading: Exodus 3:1-22 (Emma/Johan Fourie) Prayers: Nicola Riley
12.45 Church Lunch in Parish Rooms.

*****NOTICES*****

Standing Strong—Open Doors Celebration Birmingham (Sat 17th November, 10am-4pm)

Our mission partner, Open Doors, is holding their Annual Celebration in the Bethel Convention Centre in Birmingham on Sat 17th November. Anyone who went last year reported what an amazing event it was. We'd love for a party to go from Chipping Norton this year—there's a bus going from Witney, which could be routed via Chippy if there is a need. You'll be joined by persecuted Christians from North Korea, Egypt and India who will share their stories and it will be both a moving and uplifting experience. Don't delay in booking as there are only a few hundred spaces left. www.opendoorsuk.org/news/events/standing-strong

Encounter (Sunday 30th September, 6pm at St Mary's)

Our next evening service is coming up fast—a time of informal contemporary worship, led by and aimed towards the younger among us, but everybody is welcome! Get it in your diaries now and invite your friends!

Men United publicity

Please make sure you pick up a postcard with all of the events and activities that we're planning for 2018-19 so that you can pass them on by way of invitation to anyone who might like to join us. Some of the events are open to all (not just men!) so do please have a look at the posters for that information too!

[Please note the following amendments:

1. Since going to print, the Cotswold Men's Convention planned for 6th October in Burford has sadly been cancelled.
2. The Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 8.30am on Saturday October 13th will be held at the Methodist Church Lower Hall, not the Parish Rooms.

ZOE Mission Trip—Autumn 2019

We are planning for a group from St Mary's to visit our Tearfund Connected Church in Zimbabwe (ZOE) later next year, but it's time to start making plans now. If you'd like to think about being a part of that, please pickup the yellow flyer and contact Peter Williams (steeshouse6@gmail.com)

Church Lunch in Parish Rooms (Sunday 9th September at 12.45pm)

All are welcome to join us at our 'Bring and Share' lunch and to invite friends and family—children welcome! Please inform Jen Williams if bringing guests. 01608 686366 / jenwilliams366@gmail.com

Come for Tea is open to all and is held every second Monday in the month in the Parish Centre - The next one is **Monday 10th September**. For information contact Amanda Gafford, on 641284. Come and join us!

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK - 10—15 September 2018

- Mon 10 Sep** **Come for Tea** (2.00-4.30pm in Parish Rooms)
St Mary's Pilates (6—7pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 12 Sep** **St Mary's Minis** (10—11.30am in Parish Rooms)
Visiting Bell Ringers (10-11am in the church)
- Thurs 13 Sep** **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 14 Sep** **Remix Youth Group** (3.15-4.45pm in Glyme Hall)

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Mon 17 Sep** **Funeral: Thanksgiving Service for Eileen Forbes**
(2pm in church)
Funeral of Sheila Miles (2pm at Banbury Crematorium)
- Sat 22 Sep** **Canoeing on the Wye** (Men United event—but open to all...see separate flyer for details)
- Sun 23 Sep** **Curry Club** (8.30pm in Spice of India)
- Sun 30 Sep** **Encounter** (6.30pm in the church)
- Sat 6 Oct** **Barn Dance (Friends event)** (7.30-11.30pm in Town Hall)
Tickets £22 (to include supper) on sale from September.
- Sat 13 Oct** **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** (8.30-10am in Methodist Church Lower Hall, West St CN) Guest speaker Vicar of St Peter's Brockley
- Sun 14 Oct** **Harvest Service (with ZOE focus)** (10.45am in the church)
- Sat 10 Nov** **England v New Zealand rugby on the big screen** (3.00pm KO in the Parish Rooms)
- Mon 12 Nov** **Prayer Space in St Mary's School** (9am-3pm daily)
- Fri 16 Nov