

# Services Next Sunday— 25 November 2018

Christ the King/Sunday next before Advent

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Jackie Jones

Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8 (Martin Jarratt)

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

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship with Immersion Baptism (with Sparklers, Ignite,

Leading: Rev James Kennedy Preaching: Rev Ursula Simpson One Way & Ablaze)

Reading: Exodus 33:1-23 (Lorraine Smith) Prayers: Bill Rees

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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](mailto: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.



Chipping Norton

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

18th November 2018

Second Sunday before Advent

Holy Communion with focus on Open Doors

## The Persecuted Church and our mission partner Open Doors.

### Welcome to today's service!

Across the Globe around 200 million Christians are persecuted for their Christian faith in Jesus Christ. In 2018 alone 3000 were reported to have been killed for their faith. That's double the number from 2017. This figure is both shocking and sobering yet, for us living in the UK, it often seems like a very distant reality. In the UK, Christians are increasingly challenged by politics and contemporary culture, but we still have the privilege to be able to meet in incredible places of worship and freely enjoy Christian fellowship, at home, at work and in our communities. It's hard to imagine what it would be like to suddenly lose that freedom. To have to worship in secret and accept that in continuing to practise our faith, we put our lives and our families at serious risk, is a scary prospect. Today we'll be thinking about the suffering that some of our Brothers and Sisters around the globe must face. But I hope we will too be encouraged by their tremendous faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ, in all the trials and tribulations that come their way. I pray it that we will be encouraged to pray for our suffering brothers and sisters but also encouraged to boldly and joyfully live out our faith in Jesus, in all we may have to face and endure in the times ahead.

*Toby Artis*  
Curate



We love having families of all ages in our 10.45am service. All children and youth are welcome to join our groups: Sparklers (under 3s), Ignite (3-5 years), One Way (6-11 years) and Ablaze (youth aged 11-16 years).

## Services This Sunday— 18 November 2018

Second Sunday before Advent

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev Victor Story

Reading: Hebrews 10:11--25 (Barbara Ambrose)

**St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Morning Worship** Leading: Rev Jackie Jones

**St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion with focus on Open Doors (with Sparklers,**  
**Leading:** Rev Toby Artis Guest speaker: Con van Wyk **Ignite & One Way)**

Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 (Jen/Peter Williams) Prayers: Ann Lewis

**Praying round the Deanery. This week: St Mary's Salford.**

Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones, Toby Artis, and Ursula Simpson, and the Church wardens Nick and Sally Chambers.

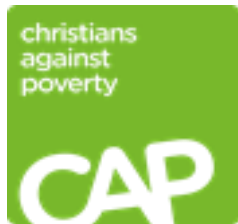
### \*\*\*\*\*NOTICES\*\*\*\*\*

**Men's Guest Curry Night on Sunday 25th November** (8pm at Spice of India)

From successful jazz drummer on cruise ships, to suffering a personal breakdown and crisis, Paul Myers, Parish evangelist at St Michael le Belfrey, York is coming to share an incredible story of his life, finding a new found love and restoration in Jesus. Come and enjoy a curry and a beer, and chance to hear Paul and chat with him. Contact davidbish5@phonecoop.coop for more info.

**Encounter (Sunday 2nd December, 5.30 for refreshments 6pm start at St Mary's)**

Our next evening service is coming up fast—a time of informal contemporary worship, this time with a Christmassy theme! It's got a youthful feel, but everybody is welcome! Come at 5.30 to grab a mince pie and get to know some friendly faces. Get it in your diaries now and invite your friends!



### CAP Christmas Hampers

Once again we would like to bless 30 CAP clients with a Hamper which brings so much joy. If you would like to contribute to this, you will find a CAP Christmas Tree in church containing labels giving ideas for gifts which can then be placed in the box by the door for Sunday services, or delivered to the Church Office in mornings only, by Friday 30th November.

Hampers will be packed and decorated on Sunday 2nd December. Any queries contact Mark Burbridge Email: markburbridge@capuk.org

## CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 19—24 November 2018

**Mon 19 Nov New Wine Network Leaders Meeting** (11am-2pm in Parish Rooms)  
**Mary Newman's Funeral** (2.30pm in the Church)  
 Followed by wake in the Church  
**St Mary's Pilates** (6pm in Parish Rooms)

**Wed 21 Nov St Mary's Minis** (10-11.30am in Parish Rooms)  
**Prayer Team Lunch** (12.30-2.30pm in Parish Rooms)  
**PCC Meeting** (7.30pm in the Parish Rooms)

**Thu 22 Nov Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)  
**Funeral: Colin Andrews** (12noon at Oxford Crematorium)

**Fri 23 Nov Mini Movers** (8.35-10.15am in St Mary's School Hall)  
**Funeral: Brenda Oliver** (1pm in the Church)  
**Remix Youth Group** (3.15-4.45pm in Glyme Hall)

### CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

**Sun 25 Nov Men's Guest Curry Night** (8pm at Spice of India ) Guest speaker: Paul Myers, Parish evangelist at St Michael le Belfrey, York.

**Fri 30 Nov Advent Wreath making** (7.30-9.30pm at All Saints Church, Churchill)  
 Entry £5. To book your place contact sally.m.salter@btinternet.com 01608 658852 or kinghamsam46@gmail.com 01608 652888

**Sat 1 Dec Boys' Hike & Breakfast** (9am—12noon) For ages 11+  
 Start at Chipping Norton School. Finish at St Mary's Church

**Sun 2 Dec CAP Hamper packing** (12.30-3pm in Parish Rooms)  
**Encounter Service** (5.30 for 6pm in the Church)  
**Benefice Advent Carols** (6pm at St Andrew's Kingham)

**Tue 4 Dec Christmas Create @ Chipping Norton: Wreath making**  
 (7.30-9.30pm in St Mary's Church) Costs £8 all materials included.  
 Please book by email: women@stmaryscnorton.com or phone: Church Office 01608 646202.

**Wed 5 Dec 1st Priority Prayer** (7.30pm in the church)

**Sun 9 Dec Parish Lunch + talk by James on his China Visit in 2017**  
 (12.45pm in the Parish Rooms)

**Mon 10 Dec Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)

**Sun 16 Dec St Mary's Carol Service** (6pm in the church)

*For further information, please contact the Church Office*