

Services Next Sunday— 2 December 2018

Advent Sunday

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson

Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11 (Matthew Carpenter)

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion (CW) Leading: Rev U Simpson

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with Sparklers, Ignite, One Way & Ablaze)

Leading: Rev James Kennedy Preaching: Tom Simpson

Reading: Luke 21:25-36 (Jamie/Rachel Bell) Prayers: Jonny Weinberg

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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.



St Mary's

Chipping Norton

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

25th November 2018

Christ the King/Sunday next before Advent

Morning Worship with Immersion Baptisms

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

'The Lord would speak to Moses face-to-face as one speaks with a friend' Exodus 33.11

Welcome to today's service!

Today is very special! Three people are choosing to be baptised - Kerry, Bianca and Charlotte! They are saying publicly that they are following Christ and have come to him as their Saviour and Lord. What a privilege for us to share this event with them. When I first started to follow Christ as a student, I thought I was choosing him. But, as I look back over nearly 50 years as a Christian, I am so grateful to God for drawing me to himself and not letting me continue to ignore him. I recognise that it was God's initiative. For Charlotte, Bianca and Kerry this is a significant step in their journey of a relationship with God, relationships which we pray will grow in depth and intimacy as they walk in trust and obedience with Christ.

This is the last in our autumn series when we have followed the story of how God drew the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt because he wanted to draw them into a relationship with him. We have particularly seen Moses grow in intimacy with God, knowing that without God he was powerless. Today we catch a deeper glimpse into what the Bible calls his 'friendship' with God. What an amazing thing - to be a friend of God! Jesus calls us his friends - and his brothers and sisters. Wow!

Ursula Simpson



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— 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

Praying around the Deanery. This week: St Mary's Charlbury.

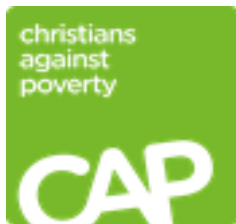
Please pray for Sally Welch, Jan Fielden and Tish Bird and the Churchwardens

Dine Glasgow and Paddy Gallagher.

*****NOTICES*****

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

Choir & Instrumentalists for St Mary's Carol Service on Sun 16 December

Anyone wishing to sing or play an instrument is welcome to come along to two practices on Friday 7th & 14th in the Parish Rooms at 7.30pm. Reading music not required, just come along and have fun. If you can't make the practices there will be a run through on the day. If interested please let Chris O'Shea know. Email: chris.oshea@stmaryscnorton.com

Foodbank Donations

Thank you to everyone who supports this worthy cause. A special request for donations of the following: UHT milk, Fruit Juices, Tinned Fruit and Vegetables, Custard and Rice Pudding - but NO pasta or baked beans!

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 26 Nov—1 December 2018

Mon 26 Nov **Funeral: Jean Johnson** (11am at Banbury Crematorium)
St Mary's Pilates (6pm in Parish Rooms)

Wed 28 Nov **St Mary's Minis** (10-11.30am in Parish Rooms)

Thu 29 Nov **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)

Fri 30 Nov **Mini Movers** (8.35-10.15am in St Mary's School Hall)

Remix Youth Group (3.15-4.45pm in Glyme Hall)

Advent Wreath making (7.30-9.30pm at All Saints Church, Churchill)

Entry £5. To book your place contact sally.m.salter@btinternet.com

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

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

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.

SOLD OUT!

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

Fri 7 Dec **Carol Service Rehearsal** (7,30pm in Parish Rooms)

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)

Fri 14 Dec **Carol Service Rehearsal** (7,30pm in Parish Rooms)

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

Wed 19 Dec **St Mary's Minis Christmas Service & Party** (10am in church and
10.30am in Parish Rooms)

Thu 20 Dec **Thursday Communion Christmas Service & lunch** (11am in
Parish Rooms)

For further information, please contact the Church Office