

Services Next Sunday— 9 December 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev David Salter

Reading: Luke 3:1-6 (Andy Thomson)

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

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

Leading: Rev Toby Artis Preaching: Rev James Kennedy

Reading: Luke 3:1-6 (David/Susan Bishop) Prayers: Sandra Cutting

12.45pm Church Lunch in Parish Rooms + talk by James Kennedy on his China Visit In 2017.

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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.



Chipping Norton

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

2 December 2018

Advent Sunday

Holy Communion

Incarnation: willing to live in the mess... and saving us from it

'Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will never pass away.' Luke 21:33

Welcome to today's service!

Christmas is coming! I've been getting questions at home for the last 3 weeks about when the advent calendar goes up. The main draw here of course is the daily hit of chocolate that one or two smaller people have strong memories of and are particularly interested in. Advent is a time of preparation, watching, and waiting. It was so for Mary, as she entered the final stages of her pregnancy, waiting Jesus' first coming, which was in obscurity and poverty. Our passage today reminds us that there will be a second coming. There will be no obscurity when this happens - it will be a time both of distress and redemption - but it is all too easy to let the business of daily life fill our attention in the meantime. Jesus calls us to be ready. Get the turkey ordered in - and get our hearts focused on the time when the Son of Man will shake 'the powers of heaven'.

Tom 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— 2 December 2018

Advent Sunday

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson
Reading: Luke 21:25-36 (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

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

Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones, Toby Artis, Ursula Simpson and Roger Simpson and the Churchwardens Graham Povey and Timothy Woolcock.

*****NOTICES*****

St Mary's Carol service choir - calling all singers! As usual we are forming a choir for our carol service on December 16th at 6pm to lead the congregational singing and also to perform some songs during the service. We will meet to rehearse at 7:30pm in the parish rooms on Friday 7th and Friday 14th December. If you'd like to be involved do contact Chris O'Shea (chris.oshea@stmaryscnorton.com) for more information.

1st Priority Prayer (7.30pm, Wednesday 5th December)

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.

Church Lunch in Parish Rooms (Sunday 9th December 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 This month James will give a talk about his China visit in 2017 that was postponed last December due to snow!

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!

Christmas Services

We welcome many visitors from the community to our Christmas Services. Please consider if you can help with stewarding/welcome at any of the evening services: Sunday 16th December, Monday 24th December (Christingle at 4pm or Midnight Communion at 11.30pm) or on Christmas Day morning. Please let either Jane Butler or Linda Carpenter know if you can help or email: churchwarden@stmaryscnorton.com Thank you!

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 26 Nov—1 December 2018

- Mon 3 Dec** **Funeral: Jeryl Simmonds** (1.30pm in the Church)
Knit and Knatter (2– 4pm in Parish Rooms)
St Mary's Pilates (6pm in Parish Rooms)
- 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** **St Mary's Minis** (10-11.30am in Parish Rooms)
Funeral: Jim Prew (2pm in the Church)
1st Priority Prayer (7.30pm in the Church)
- Thu 6 Dec** **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 7 Dec** **Mini Movers** (8.35-10.15am in St Mary's School Hall)
Remix Youth Group (3.15-4.45pm in Glyme Hall)
Carol Service Rehearsal (7.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Sat 8 Dec** **Wedding: Helen Jenkins & Michael Cairns-Terry**
(12noon in the Church)

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

See *yellow insert for Christmas Services around the Benefice 2018*

- Mon 10 Dec** **Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 14 Dec** **Carol Service Rehearsal** (7,30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Sat 15 Dec** **Mens' Breakfast** 8.30-10am in Parish Rooms) Guest speaker- James Stamp, graphic designer for Open Doors and member of Children's ministry team at St Mary's.
- Sun 16 Dec** **St Mary's Carol Service** (6pm in the church)
- Mon 17 Dec** **Over Norton Carols on the Green** (6/6.30pm)
- Tue 18 Dec** **CN Schools' Carol Concert** (7pm in the church)
Rehearsing in the Church all day 9am—2.30pm
- 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 St Mary's School's Carol Service (6pm in the church) Parish Rooms)

For further information, please contact the Church Office