



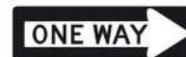
27th May 2018
Morning Worship with Baptism
Trinity Sunday

I am sending you: A culture of invitation

“Go out onto the roads and country lanes and make
them come in so that my house will be full.”
Luke 14:23

We celebrate Trinity Sunday this week, which reminds us that – from before the beginning of time – at the very core of God’s being has been eternal ongoing relationship. We are created in his image to be in relationship too – with God and with one another. The whole sweep of the Bible then goes on to remind us that our faith in God has never been and can never truly be personal and private – it has to be open and relational and invitational. God invites us into an eternal intimate relationship with him, and the parable that we’ll be looking at this morning makes clear just how much it grieves him, and how serious the implications are when we shun him and neglect the personal and relational side of our faith in him. Baptisms (like Florence’s this morning) are always joyful occasions because they symbolise our acceptance of God’s invitation to belong to his family and to join his great banquet. The church family, though, needs also to recognise our part in God’s plan – it’s our responsibility now to go out and do the inviting... Our whole culture needs to be one of constant, deliberate and joyful welcome, invitation and hospitality so that we can play our part in gathering God’s people into the party – and we have such an incredible invitation to deliver!


James Kennedy (Vicar)



During our 10.45 service, to serve our families, we run a supervised crèche, Ignite (for 3–5 year olds), OneWay (for children aged 6–11), and Ablaze (for youth aged 11–16). Everyone is welcome! 1

THIS SUNDAY—27 May 2018

Trinity Sunday

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Victor Story
Reading: Romans 8:12-17 (Martin Jarratt)

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

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship + Baptism (with Creche, OneWay, Impact & Ablaze)
Leading & Preaching Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Luke 14:15-21 & Romans 15:7-13 (Mark Knight)

Praying round the Deanery. This week: St Nicholas, Heythrop

Please pray for Ginny Thomas and the Church warden John Sword.

*****NOTICES*****



Marriage Course (Starting Monday 4th June)

We're running a Marriage Course at St Mary's on Monday evenings from the 4th June —please see the larger note towards the end of the service sheet for more details (or



Gift Day (Sunday 10th June)

On the 10th June we'll have an opportunity to be a blessing to others as we give generously towards five specific projects, covering needs locally as well as internationally. Please make sure



Welcome tea

If you have joined in the last few months or feel new to St Mary's we'd love you to join us for our Welcome Tea in the Vicarage Garden on Sunday 1st July 3-4.30pm). Please speak to James or Emma K after the service or sign on Sign-Up sheet at



Alpha takes a break during Half-term week. Session 5 is on 5 June.

Please continue to pray for all those who are involved—either as helpers or guests.



Chastleton teas: We raised £900 for Christian Aid by selling teas to visitors to Chastleton House on Saturday 12th May and Thursday 17th! Thank you to all who helped or baked cakes. Fiona.

Services Next Sunday— 3 June 2018

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Matthew 5:21-26 Andy Thomson

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev J Kennedy

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with Creche, Ignite, 'Oneway' & Ablaze)
Leading: Tom Simpson **Preaching:** Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Matthew 5:21-26 (Athene Mitchell) Prayers: Nicola Riley

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Pray in

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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.

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CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK - 28 May—3 June 2018

- Mon 28 May **BANK HOLIDAY**
- Tues 29 May **Alpha Course Session 5** (7—9pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 30 May **NO St Mary's Minis during Half term**
- Thurs 31 May **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 1 June **NO Remix Youth Club**
- Sat 2 June **Alan Shaw's Classical Guitar Concert** (6.30 for 7pm in the Church. Tickets on the door £12 (£10 concessions))
- Sun 3 June **Pilgrims Paths Guided Walk: Finstock to Ramsden** (2pm depart from Holy Trinity, Finstock).

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Mon 4 June **Marriage Course begins** (7.45pm in the Parish Rooms)
- Sat 9 June **Summer Floral Demonstration & Cream tea** (2pm at St Mary's CN) *Friends event in conjunction with Chippy Flower Club.*
Tickets £10 from Jaffe & Neale, Elaine Parsons (07833 522592) or Emma in Church Office.
- Sun 10 June **Gift Day** (at 10.45am service).
- Sun 17 June **Confirmation Service** (6pm in the church).
- Wed 20 June **Pilgrimage Paths Guided Walk Charlbury to Shorthampton** (10am depart from St Mary's Charlbury)
- Sun 24 June **Men's Curry Night** (8 pm in Spice of India, CN)
- Sun 1 July **Welcome Tea** (3—4.30pm in Vicarage Garden)
- Sat 7 July **Men's Breakfast** (8.30-10.00 in Parish Rooms)
Caerphilly Mens' Voice Choir concert (7.30pm in the church)
Friends event
- Tues 10—Sun 15 July **'Explore Life' - a mission week in the North Cotwolds**
- Thurs 12 July **Healing seminar and service (with John Woolmer)** (6.30—9.30pm in the church)
- Sat 14 July **Chippy Fun Day** (12-3pm on The Common)
- Sun 15 July **Guest Service (with Warren Furman—'Ace' from Gladiators)** (10.45am in the church).



The Marriage Course runs over seven evening Sessions and helps couples to invest in their relationship and build it to be stronger.

Who is it for?

It's for couples who are married or in long-term committed relationships. It offers practical ideas and the tools to help you keep your relationship strong - whether you need urgent help, or just wanting to build something better. May be you want to spend time investing in your marriage or you have a friend or relative who is struggling in their relationship - this might be a way of reaching out and offering them practical support.

What can you expect?

You'll have your own table for two, and be served a delicious meal before listening to a practical talk and having time for private discussion between you and your partner. Background music ensures that you can chat in complete privacy and you never have to share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your partner. The Marriage Course is based on Christian principles, but everyone is welcome and the course is designed for all couples with or without a Christian faith or church background.

When?

Monday Evening 7.45-9.45pm in The Parish Rooms, starting on **Monday 4th June, 2018** for 7 weeks

If you would like to book on or have more details please email: marriagecourse@stmaryscnorton.com