Services Next Sunday—6 August 2017

8th Sunday after Trinity
St Mary’s 8am Holy Communion Leading: Rev Hugh Williams
Reading: Romans 9.1–5 Martin Jarratt Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

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 10.45am Holy Communion (with Popcorn Sunday)
Leading: Rev James Kennedy Preaching: Rev Roger Simpson
Reading: John 8: 12 Peter Williams Prayers: Coenraad van Wyk

I am: the bread of life
"I am the bread of life. Anyone who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never go thirsty"
John 6:35

Welcome to today’s service!

"It's wonderful to welcome the Goldup and Hex families this morning as we celebrate the baptisms of Reece, Joshua and Bryony.

We also embark on a new summer series looking at the 'I am' sayings of Jesus.

This morning we'll be considering what he meant when he presented himself as 'the bread of life'. Most of our lives are spent chasing after the material things that the world offers, thinking that they will satisfy and feed our appetites. Jesus knows that this is one of the greatest delusions that there is, and urges us to lift our eyes to see that, in fact, there is only one source of ultimate fulfilment and satisfaction.

As we welcome Reece, Joshua and Bryony into the family of the church, let's all grasp this fundamental truth, so that we can lead them into life.

The regular children’s and youth groups have a break during the summer holidays. However all children welcome to come to the Parish Rooms for ‘Popcorn Sundays. There is no separate creche though you are welcome to use the children’s area at the back of the church during the service.

30th July 2017
7th Sunday after Trinity
Benefice Service: Morning Worship and Baptism

Contacting St Mary's
Website: www.stmaryscnorton.com

Clergy Team
Team Rector of Chipping Norton Benefice:
Rev Dr James Kennedy
vicar@stmaryscnorton.com
Tel: 01608 642688
N.B. James takes his rest day on a Friday

Curate
Rev Martha Simpson
curate@stmaryscnorton.com
Tel: 01608 645668
N.B. Martha works part time and is not available on Tuesdays, Fridays or Saturdays

Team Vicar of Kingham & Churchill:
Rev David Salter
david.salter@stmaryscnorton.com
Tel: 01608 658852
N.B. David takes his rest day on a Friday

Team Ministers:
Rev Ursula Simpson
ursula.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com
Tel: 01608 674541
Rev Jackie Jones
jackie.jones@stmaryscnorton.com
Tel: 01608 658616

Youth Worker
Jonny Lowe
youth@stmaryscnorton.com
Tel: 01608 645668
N.B. Jonny takes his rest day on a Saturday.

Office
Church Office, St Mary’s Parish Rooms,
Church Street, Chipping Norton, OX7 5NT
(Office hours 09.00-11.30 weekday mornings)

Church Administrator
Emma Bayley
office@stmaryscnorton.com
Tel: 01608 646202

Finance Administrator
Emily O'Shea
finance@stmaryscnorton.com
Tel. 01608 645668

St Mary’s is a registered charity:
reference no. 1132070

Church Wardens
Linda Carpenter
Graham Povey
churchwarden@stmaryscnorton.com

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

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.
This Sunday—30 July 2017

7th Sunday after Trinity
St Mary’s NO Holy Communion on 5th Sunday

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

St Mary’s 10.45am Benefice Morning Worship + Baptism (with Popcorn
Leading: Rev David Saltre Preaching: Rev James Kennedy Sunday)
Reading: John 6:25-35 Emma Fourie Prayers: Chris/Thene Mitchell

***************NOTICES***************

“POPCORN SUNDAYS” for CHILDREN DURING THE SUMMER
In order to give all the volunteers a well-earned break during August, we will once
again be running limited groups for the children.
All children are welcome to join us in the Parish Rooms for “Popcorn Sundays”,
where after a short bible passage, and maybe a game, we will be enjoying a bag of
popcorn and a 35 min film based on a Bible story. There will be no
separate creche (although you are welcome to use the area at the back of church)
or youth. Groups will return to normal with a creche in the Trinity Room, OneWay
for primary aged children and Youth on Sunday 10th September.

Men United Guest Event—MEN’S BREAKFAST (Saturday 9th Sept,
8.30-10am in the Crown and Cushion) Guest Speaker: Bill Prevette
This event is specifically intended as a guest event, so please invite your friends
and neighbours to come and enjoy a full English Breakfast before hearing about
the incredible way that God has turned Bill’s life around. Hear how God burst in and
took a one-time anarchist, caught up in money laundering and gun-running (and
more) for The Mob, transforming him in an instant, and setting him on a new and
exciting path in which he’s since helped young offenders, gang members and youth
with drug problems, as well as fighting people trafficking and helping to prevent the
sexual exploitation of children in India, Cambodia and Thailand. You and your
guests can’t fail to be inspired by this example of redeeming the power of God!

Small Groups - at the heart of St Mary’s. Do you want to be a part of a
Small Group?
When I look back at my years in different churches, the people who I know best,
have the fondest memories of and bring a smile to my heart are those whom I have
been in groups with. It’s true!! We’ve had fun times together, laughed, cried, read
the Bible and prayed together. I’m gathering the names of people who’ve asked to
be in a Small Group at St Mary’s. It’s exciting to see so many wanting to be a part of
this core life of the church. We will be starting new groups (Roger and I are look-
ing forward to leading one); some existing groups may need a little ‘jiggling’ to make
room for new people. And, we are starting this process now! Would you like to be a
part of a Small Group? Please let me know today if you possibly can, come and
talk, ring me (01608674541) or email me ASAP.
(ursula.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com). A little phrase I use when creating a new
group is that there must be ‘enough of a feel-good factor’ for each person. We want
you to enjoy your group… Best wishes, Ursula

CHURCH DIARY
THIS WEEK - 31 July—5 August 2017

Tues 1 Aug Funeral of John Hunt (3pm at St Mary’s)
Bell ringing Branch Practice (7.30-9pm in church)
Wed 2 Aug St Mary’s Minis (10.30-12am meeting in the park during the
school holidays—weather permitting!)
Thurs 3 Aug Midweek Communion + coffee (10am in Parish Rooms)

OUR BABIES NEED YOU!
We have had a bit of a baby boom in recent months, and the demand for creche has
increased. We would love to recruit new helpers to staff the Creche. No
qualifications needed, just enjoy playing and chatting with 0-2 year olds. The
commitment is about once every 5 weeks. If you would like to serve in this way and
bless our families, please speak to Emma Kennedy or email
emma.kennedy@stmaryscnorton.com. Thank you.

ANY VOLUNTEERS?
If you have any free time over the summer holidays there are always odd jobs to do in
the church and Parish Rooms—painting cleaning etc. Please contact the Church
Wardens, Linda or Graham, churchwarden@stmaryscnorton.com Thanks

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS
Fri 11 Aug ‘Take a Hike’ for Youth Ages 11+ (9.30am-4.00pm Start & finish
at St Mary’s Church). All Day Hike & Picnic: food provided.
Contact John Marshall: 07733 036741.
Mon 14 Aug Come for Tea (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
Fri 18 Aug Pilgrims Paths guided walk: Chipping Norton to Over Norton
10am meet at St Mary’s church (OX7 5NT) (6 miles) Bring your own
food and drink.—we plan to make a day of this longer walk.
Sat 9 Sept Men United Guest Event: Men’s Breakfast (8.30-10am at
Crown & Cushion Hotel with Guest Speaker Bill Prevette)
Sat 30 Sept Cotswolds Men’s Convention (9.00-3.30, Warwick Hall, Burford.
Speaker: Vaughan Roberts ‘A Battle for the Heart’)
Sat 7 Oct Women’s Breakfast (8.30-10am at Crown & Cushion Hotel)
The Speaker to share her testimony is Rev Ursula Simpson

For further information, please contact the Church Office.