

Services Next Sunday— 23 September 2018

17th Sunday after Trinity

St Mary's 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev David Salter
Reading : James 5:13-end (Martin Jarratt)

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am (No service on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays)

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (with Sparklers, Ignite, OneWay & Youth)

Leading: Rev Toby Artis Preaching: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Exodus 13:1-14 (Mark Knight) Prayers: Linda/Mark Carpenter
Men's Curry Club (8am at Spice of India)

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N.B. James takes his rest day on a Friday

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N.B. Toby takes his rest day on a Saturday

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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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N.B. Jonny takes his rest day on a Saturday

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

16th September 2018
16th Sunday after Trinity
Holy Communion

Exodus - Drawing us out to draw us in: God frees...

"The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you"
Exodus 12:13

Welcome to today's service!

We continue to explore Exodus and to consider the way that God calls each one of us, drawing us out of any distractions that threaten to enslave us in our lives, to draw us into true life in relationship with him. This week, though, we come to an absolutely pivotal part of our story. If the people of Israel had not first received God's grace at the 'Passover' in Egypt, we would have had no model by which to understand what Jesus did for us, and why he had to do it to enable us to walk freely into the blessing of God's embrace. The the blood of the lamb was essential to mark out the people who both loved God and had thrown themselves at his mercy. Only the people who put their trust in the blood of the lamb would be passed over when God's judgment fell. It may seem like a remote story from the history books, but make no mistake - nothing has changed... except that God himself has now provided the lamb for us, so let's never stop putting our trust in him and his blood shed on the cross so that we may be passed over and spared God's just judgment...

James Kennedy (Vicar)



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— 16 September 2018

16th Sunday after Trinity

St Mary's 8.15am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Jackie Jones
Reading : James 3: 1-12 (Barbara Ambrose)

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Harvest Service Leading: Judith Marshall

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with Sparklers, Ignite, OneWay & Youth)
Leading: Rev Toby Artis Preaching: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Exodus 12:1-30 (Jo Graves) Prayers: Fiona Rossington

*****NOTICES*****

Standing Strong—Open Doors Celebration Birmingham (Sat 17th November, 10am-4pm)

Our mission partner, Open Doors, is holding their Annual Celebration in the Bethel Convention Centre in Birmingham on Sat 17th November. Anyone who went last year reported what an amazing event it was. You'll be joined by persecuted Christians from North Korea, Egypt and India who will share their stories and it will be both a moving and uplifting experience.

Don't delay in booking as there are only a few hundred spaces left.

www.opendoorsuk.org/news/events/standing-strong. To get a Partner Church discount on your ticket use the code Family 2018, and then when required to do so St Mary's Chipping Norton. 20 people have expressed interest in going. Re transport if you have tickets please let Clare MacInnes know—She is looking into hiring a coach, or failing that she can ensure everyone has a lift. Contact her for any queries you may have: clare@macinnes.org.uk

Encounter (Sunday 30th September, 6pm at St Mary's)

Our next evening service is coming up fast—a time of informal contemporary worship, led by and aimed towards the younger among us, but everybody is welcome! Get it in your diaries now and invite your friends!

ZOE Mission Trip—Autumn 2019

We are planning for a group from St Mary's to visit our Tearfund Connected Church in Zimbabwe (ZOE) later next year, but it's time to start making plans now. If you'd like to think about being a part of that, please pickup the yellow flyer and contact Peter Williams (steeshouse6gmail.com)

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK - 17—22 September 2018

- Mon 17 Sep **Funeral: Thanksgiving Service for Eileen Forbes**
(2pm in church)
Funeral of Sheila Miles (2pm at Banbury Crematorium)
St Mary's Pilates (6—7pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 19 Sep **St Mary's Minis** (10—11.30am in Parish Rooms)
PCC meeting (7.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Thurs 20 Sep **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 21 Sep **Remix Youth Group** (3.15-4.45pm in Glyme Hall)
- Sat 22 Sep **Canoeing on the River Wye** (Men United event—but open to all...see separate flyer for details)

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sun 23 Sep **Men's Curry Club** (8.30pm in Spice of India)
- Sun 30 Sep **Encounter** (5.30 for 6.00 pm in the church)
- Sat 6 Oct **Barn Dance (Friends event)** (7.30-11.30pm in Town Hall)
Tickets £22 (to include supper) on sale from September.
- Sat 13 Oct **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** (8.30-10am in Methodist Church Lower Hall, West St CN) Guest speaker Vicar of St Peter's Brockley
- Sun 14 Oct **Harvest Service (with ZOE focus)** (10.45am in the church)
- Sun 4 Nov **Welcome Tea** (3.30-5.00pm in the Vicarage)
- Sat 10 Nov **England v New Zealand rugby on the big screen** (3.00pm KO in the Parish Rooms)
- Sun 11 Nov **Remembrance Service and parade** (10.30 for 10.45am in church)
- Mon 12 Nov - **Prayer Space in St Mary's School** (9am-3pm daily)
- Fri 16 Nov
- Sat 17 Nov **'Standing Strong' Open Doors Celebration** (10am-4pm at Bethel Convention Centre, Birmingham.....see separate notice)

For further information, please contact the Church Office