

Services Next Sunday— 16 December 2018

2nd Sunday of Advent

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Victor Story
Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 (Barbara Ambrose) Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Carol Service Leading: Rev Toby Artis

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

Leading: Rev Toby Artis Preaching: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Luke 3:7-18 (Sue Coyne) Prayers: Emma Fourie

6.00pm Candlelit Carol Service followed by mulled wine & mince pies

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

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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

9 December 2018
2nd Sunday of Advent
Morning Worship & Baptism

Incarnation: willing to live in the mess... making straight paths

"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him"
Luke 3:4

Welcome to today's service!

We're looking forward... Christmas is getting closer, and excitement is rising in many households as we prepare to celebrate the birth of a baby boy in a manger over 2000 years ago - a birth that would change the face of human history. God came in the shape of that baby, Jesus, to live as one of us; to be exposed to the same mess as we are, but then also to make everything right in a way that we could never have done without him. For that reason, we keep looking forward to the time that he will come again and bring that work to its final conclusion. Before Jesus was born, preparing the way for his first coming, John the Baptist called people to 'a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins'. Today, helping Evony towards being prepared, herself, for when Jesus comes again, Lucy and Adam have brought her to baptism, and we're delighted to be able to welcome her onto that journey of faith. In the end, of course - just as we all do - Evony will need to make her own decisions. When the time comes when the whole of humanity will see God's rescue from the mess that we've made of this life, do we want to be a part of it? If we do, let's be sure to look forward and prepare the way in our own lives, starting right now!


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— 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 2017

Praying around the Deanery. This week: St Andrew's Great Rollright.

Please pray for Wendy Cunningham and the Churchwarden Sarah Durham.

*****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.

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!

Daily Bible Reading Notes

If anyone is interested in taking out a subscription for Every Day with Jesus a really superb daily Bible reading guide then please contact Jo Graves 643976. There are a range of publications available for children and adults. Please speak to me."

See blue insert re Children's Society Boxholders and Christingle Making

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 10—15 December 2018

- Mon 10 Dec** **Come for Tea** (2.30– 4pm in Parish Rooms)
St Mary's Pilates (6pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tue 11 Dec** **Funeral: Kerry Shepard** (12noon at Banbury Crematorium)
- Wed 12 Dec** **St Mary's Minis** (10-11.30am in Parish Rooms)
Funeral: Jim Prew (2pm in the Church)
- Thu 13 Dec** **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 14 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 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.

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sun 16 Dec** **St Mary's Carol Service** (6pm in the church)
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies
- Mon 17 Dec** **Over Norton Carols on the Green** (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)
- Sun 23 Dec** *No 8am Communion*
Christingle Making (2-3.30pm in St Mary's Church)
- Mon 24 Dec** **Setting Up for Christingle Service** (12noon in Church)
- Christmas Eve** **Christingle Run through** (2pm in Church)
Christingle Service (4pm in Church)
Midnight Communion Service (11.30pm in Church)
- Tue 25 Dec** **Christmas Day**
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.45am Family Celebration