

Services on Sunday 17 March 2019

2nd Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Martha Simpson
Reading: Phillipians 3:17-4:1 (Matthew Carpenter)

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Morning Worship Leading: Rev Martha Simpson)

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

Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson **Preaching:** Rev Toby Artis

Reading: Luke 13:31-end (Sue Coyne) Prayers: Coenraad & Yolande vanWyk

APCM Meeting 12.30pm in Parish Rooms. All welcome!

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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

10th March 2019
1st Sunday of Lent
Morning Worship

Lent: Learning from Jesus - Our Trials

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit... answered "It is written..."
Luke 4:1,4

Welcome to today's service!

There are different ways to look at the season Lent, but however we approach it, let's not be gloomy! Those who follow Jesus are Easter people, and we need to be sure that we're still doing all that we can to live and witness to the world around us that Jesus came not to burden us with more obligations, but to free us from guilt, to fill us with his love, and to give us an unending source of joy and hope. Jesus himself expects that there'll be times when we fast to draw closer to God, but he reminds us that - when we do choose to do so - we mustn't undermine the benefit by parading our fasting before other people. So - may I put out a plea? Following Jesus' encouragement, let's not be known for making a fuss about what we're giving up for Lent... rather, let it be our lives and our self-giving, underpinned by prayer, that invite the praise of a watching world?. As we build up towards the greatest celebration of the year at Easter, we can certainly take Lent as a prompt to examine ourselves. After all, it's only when we keep our hearts humble before God, recognising our total dependence upon him, that we can actually embrace the promise that he holds out to us. Equally, great good can also come from using it as a season to focus intentionally on some of those disciplines that help us to stay close to Jesus, even when the going gets tough. In our passage this morning, when Jesus himself goes through a testing time, it's the power of the Spirit and the power of God's Word that strengthens him. If I can encourage you to do anything for Lent - let it therefore be to give yourselves, as much as you possibly can, to prayer - drinking in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit - and to reading your Bibles each day? It those both sustained Jesus, we'd be fools to think that anything less will sustain us.


James Kennedy (Vicar)

SPARKLERS

ONE WAY 

ignite

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: 10 March 2019

1st Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Martha Simpson
Reading: Romans 10: 8b—13 (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 Martha Simpson Preaching: Rev James Kennedy

Reading: Luke 4: 1-13 (Athene Mitchell) Prayers: Athene/Chris Mitchell
Parish Lunch 12.45 in the Parish Rooms. All welcome!

Praying around the Deanery. This week: All Saints, Shorthampton

Please pray for Sally Welch, Jan Fielden & Tish Bird and the Churchwardens, Dine Glasgow and Paddy Gallagher.

*****NOTICES*****

First Lent Supper on Wed 13th March is CANCELLED.

Sadly the first Lent Supper hosted by the Baptist Church has had to be cancelled due to illness.

Welcome Tea rescheduled to Sunday 17th March 3.0-4.30pm in Parish

If you're new to St Mary's (or still feel new), we'd love you to join us for **Rooms** our next Welcome Tea at 3.00pm, **next** Sunday 17th March. Please sign up at the back of church if you'd like to come.

Annual Church Meeting (APCM) in the Parish Rooms, 12.30pm, Sunday 17th

Please do join us, if you are able, at our Annual Church Meeting, when **March** we'll be taking the chance to celebrate all that God has been doing in our midst over the last year and looking forward in anticipation of what he has in store for us in 2019. If you need any encouragement to celebrate, there'll be Prosecco (and Guinness - it is on St Patrick's Day!). We'll also be seeking support for a resolution to allow Graham Povey to extend his term of office as Churchwarden, as he has very generously offered to continue to serve in that role for another year. We look forward to seeing you there.

Gospel Choir at Easter

The Gospel Choir will be meeting again to raise the roof in joyful singing and practice for Easter Sunday Morning Service at St Mary's. All welcome. No sight reading needed - you just need to enjoy singing! Practices on Sunday 31 March, 7 April and 14 April from 4pm - 5.30pm in the Parish Rooms. Friends, neighbours and colleagues are welcome to join us - have a think if there is anyone you know who would value being included. More info from Ben W or Rachel C in the worship team (or email rachel.chai@btinternet.com)

PLEASE SEE BLUE INSERT : A PETITION FOR PRAYERS IN PARLIAMENT.

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 11 -16 March 2019

- Mon 11 Mar** **Come For Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
St Mary's Pilates (6pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tue 12 Mar** **Prayer Course** (6.30pm for meal, 7.15pm starts at 8 Church Street)
- Wed 13 Mar** **St Mary's Minis** (10—11.30am in Parish Rooms)
Lent Supper CANCELLED
PCC Meeting (7.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Thu 14 Mar** **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
CAP Life Skills (11.30am—1.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 15 Mar** **Mini Movers** (8.35 -10.15am in St Mary's School Hall)
Remix Youth Group (3.15—4.45pm in Glyme Hall)
- Sat 16 Mar** **England v Scotland Rugby Match** to be shown in the Parish Rooms from 5pm with haggis and refreshments. This event is open to all. Please email David Bishop by March 14th if you would like to attend - davidbish5@phonecoop.coop
- Sun 17 Mar** **APCM** (12.30pm in Parish Rooms)

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Thu 21 Mar** **St Mark's Gospel Live!** (7.30pm at All Saints Church, Churchill)
A dramatised recital by Gerald Osborne with Colin Hever-Percy.
Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. Interval refreshments.
Suggested £5 a ticket—pay at the door. (See poster at back of church)
- Sat 23 Mar** **Take a Hike (Boys aged 11+)** (9am start from CN School coach park. 10.30am ends at Parish Rooms for Breakfast)
- Sun 24 Mar** **Encounter Service** (5.30pm Doors Open & Café. 6pm Service)
Men's Curry Night (8pm at Spice of India)
- Sun 31 Mar** **(Clocks go Forward 1 hr)**
Gospel Choir Practice (4.0—5.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 3 Apr** **1st Priority Prayer** (7.30pm in church)
- Sun 7 Apr** **Gospel Choir Practice** (4.0—5.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Mon 8 Apr** **Come For Tea** (2.30—4.0pm in Parish Rooms)
- Sun 14 Apr** **Gospel Choir Practice** (4.0—5.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Thu 18 Apr** **Passover Meal** (6.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 19 Apr** **Good Friday Meditation** (12noon—3pm in the church)
- Sun 21 Apr** **EASTER DAY: Sunrise Service on the hill** (Time tbc)
- Sat 27 Apr** **Women's Breakfast** (8.30-10am at Crown & Cushion Hotel)
Further information to follow.