

Services on Sunday 7 April 2019

5th Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev David Salter

Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 (Martin Jarratt) Gospel: John 12:1-8

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev Ursula Simpson

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

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

Reading: John 12:1-8 Jamie/Rachel Bell Prayers (Jonnie Weinberg)

Easter Gospel Choir Practice (4 –5.30pm in Parish Rooms)

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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

31st March 2019

Mothering Sunday

Morning Worship

We're all family

'Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.' Matthew 12:49-50

Welcome to today's service!

It's wonderful to be able to celebrate Mothering Sunday together. As we do that, it's important for us to remember that a focus on mothers can also be painful for some. This morning, though, as we look at how Jesus helps us to think about our true family, which is so much bigger than our immediate family, I hope that we'll all be able to draw together and celebrate the way that all of us have the opportunity to be brothers or sisters or mothers to each other. I hope also we can have our eyes opened to those near to us who might otherwise feel alone or isolated, and recognise how we can be true family to anyone when we centre our lives on Jesus and live in the way that he modelled for us. Equally, I hope that anyone who hasn't got close relatives around them might be able to find true mothers and brothers and sisters in the family that God has drawn together here. Let's aspire towards that goal as we seek to live out our calling as the body of Christ...

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: 31 March 2019

Clocks Go Forward 1Hour!

4th Sunday of Lent & Mothering Sunday

St Mary's 8.00am No Service on 5th Sunday.

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

St Mary's 10.45am All Age Service for Mothering Sunday

Leading: James & Emma Kennedy Preaching: Becca Sterry

Reading: Matthew 12:46-50 and Prayers (OneWay)

Easter Gospel Choir Practice (4 -5.30pm in Parish Rooms)

Praying around the Deanery. This week: St Peter's Cornwell

Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Ursula Simpson, Toby Artis, Martha Simpson & Jackie Jones, and the Churchwarden, Charles Colston.

*****NOTICES*****

Passover Meal on Maundy Thursday (18th April) in Parish Rooms at 6.30pm

This Easter we are repeating the Passover Meal of two years ago.

Pick up invitation cards from the back of the church and invite your friends.

Tickets suggested £3 per adult (children free) are available from Judith Marshall or Emma in the Church Office.

Lilies for Easter

You may be missing the flower displays in Church during LENT. This is the custom within our church. Then traditionally, at Easter we burst forth with light and colour and decorate the church with Easter Lilies for the Eastertide. I know that there are people who like to make a contribution towards the cost of the Easter Lilies in commemoration of loved ones. If you would like to make a donation please give your contribution to Emma in the Church Office or to Jo Graves tel.643976



Alpha - Got questions about faith, or know other people how might? Our upcoming Alpha course will provide a relaxed environment to be able to discuss all sorts of things from questioning the existence of God to thinking about what it means to live life as a Christian. Wherever you're at, it's a great opportunity to meet new people, enjoy a free meal together and talk about the big questions of life.

The launch date is 30th April in the Parish Rooms.

Course starts 14th May. Please do invite anyone along who you think might enjoy this! Contact Judith Marshall Email: judith.marshall@stmaryscnorton.com or Emma Bayley in the Church Office.

NEW WINE 2019 - We'd love you to join us!

Every year about 50-60 of us pack up our camping gear and head off to a field to join with 12.000 other Christians from around the country for a week of teaching, worship and fun! If you would like to join us then please make sure you book VERY SOON. The New Wine Early Bird prices end on 3rd April. For further details or to book please go to www.newwine.org (AS A CHURCH WE GO TO WEEK 2: 4-11th August 2019) If you have any questions, or need some gentle encouragement please talk to any of the staff team - we would love you to come and join the fun!

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 1—6 April 2019

- Mon 1 Apr **St Mary's Pilates** (6pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 3 Apr **St Mary's Minis** (10—11.30am in Parish Rooms)
Lent Supper (7—9pm in Methodist Church) Methodists hosting & speaking.
1st Priority Prayer (7.30pm in church)
- Thu 4 Apr **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
CAP Life Skills (11.30am—1.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 5 Apr **Mini Movers** (8.35 -10.15am in St Mary's School Hall)
Remix Youth Group (3.15—4.45pm in Glyme Hall)

Friends of St Mary's Church Garden Fete on Saturday 11th May 2019 in the Old Vicarage garden in Church Street from 12.00 noon to 4.00pm - put it in your diary please!

Everyone is most welcome to come and support us at this traditional Fete, with music, sideshows and traditional stalls - cakes, tombola and as always a cream tea!! We shall need some help please!!

Contact Jo Graves jograves46@aol.com or Kirsty Garrett kirsty.garrett@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- 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)
- Wed 10 Apr **Create@Kingham: Easter Evening of Cooking and Craft** (7.15-9.30pm at The Pavilion, Kingham Lodge, Kingham. Entry £5)
Please book as places are limited: Sally Salter (658852) or email Sally.m.salter@btinternet.com.
- Sat 13 Apr **Easter Holiday All Day Youth Hike** (10am—5pm). Depart from CN School coach park. Ends at Parish Rooms. Picnic lunch provided.
- 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** (5.30am assemble at Parish Rooms for 5.45am service)
- Sat 27 Apr **Women's Breakfast** (8.30-10am at Crown & Cushion Hotel)
Further information to follow.
- Tue 30 Apr **Alpha Launch** (in the evening in Parish Rooms) Further information to follow
- Sat 11 May **Friends of St Mary's Garden Fete** 12noon—4.30pm in Old Vicarage Garden
- Tue 14 May **Alpha Course starts** (7.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Sat 6 July **Pandemonium in the Park** Please note the date in your diaries!
Further information to follow.