

Services on Sunday 19 January 2020

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: 1 John 2:28-3:10 (Matthew Carpenter) Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Morning Worship Leading: Rev J Marshall

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

Leading: Rev Toby Artis Preaching: Rev Ursula Simpson

Reading: Romans 8:19-25 & Revelation 21:1-5 (Sue Coyne) Prayers: Fiona Rossington

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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.

St Mary's

Chipping Norton



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

12th January 2020

1st Sunday of Epiphany

Morning Worship

Creation Care—Beauty and the Beast

“The Earth in the Lord's and everything in it”. *Ps.24.1*

Eco-tip for the week...

Trying to reduce plastic? Using bar soap instead of liquid hand or body wash is one easy way to help.

Welcome to today's service!

The Bible has a radical view on ownership. It's a view so deeply at odds with the culture we live in that it's often hard, even for Christians, to live out. As we continue to explore the whole theme of caring for the world God has made, we need to ask ourselves the question - whose world is it anyway? Because the answer to that determines many of our choices and attitudes towards God, other people and the place that we call home. Let's pray God gives us new clarity as we look at this together this morning.

Martha Simpson (Curate)



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: 12 January 2020

1st Sunday of Epiphany

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Toby Artis

Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12 (Andy Thomson) Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

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

Leading: Rev James Kennedy Preaching: Rev Martha Simpson

Reading: Psalm 21:1-2 & Ezekiel 34:18-19 (David/Susan Bishop) Prayers: Jamie Bell

12.45 Church Lunch in Parish Rooms followed by Eco walk or Activity in Parish Rooms.

*****NOTICES*****

Creation Care at St Mary's

What an incredibly beautiful and complex place we live! In January we'll be focusing on the gift of God's creation and our role in joining the worship of all God has made. Then for the whole Spring term we're having an eco focus in our events and activities. We're also going to embark on a journey as a church to decrease our negative impact and promote excellent eco standards in all we do, through A Rocha's Eco Church scheme. If you're particularly interested in any of this, please contact Martha - there are lots of ways to get involved!

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Eco Engage Day

On Jan 12th we will be getting into Nature! Join us for Parish Lunch after the service, and then a wild walk or bug hotel making in the Parish Rooms. Either activity is open to all. There are three options for length of walk, the shortest being about an hour. Wellies needed! It's a lovely way to spend time together and our way of saying as a church that we care and we're interested, so I do hope you can come along! As lunch may be more full than normal, please could you let Martha know if you intend to come so we can set enough places. And do bring some food to share - vegan challenge anyone?!

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Youth Alpha week 2

Youth Alpha continues on **Sunday 12th January at 6-7.30pm in the Parish Rooms**. A great opportunity for our youth to share their faith with friends with food, games, and great conversations off the back of Alpha videos. Please be praying.

Alpha (Tuesdays 28th Jan - 31st March in the Parish Rooms)

If you've got questions about faith, or know other people who might, then Alpha is the perfect place to discuss anything from the existence of God, to suffering, to why life is worth living. Wherever you're at, you're welcome! Enjoy talking about the big ques-

CHURCH DIARY

FOR NEXT WEEK: 13—18 January 2020

- Mon 13 Jan **Prayer in The Old Bank** (12noon—1pm)
Come for Tea (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tue 14—Thu 16 Jan **Staff Team Away days. Office closed.**
- Tue 14 Jan **Out to Lunch** (1pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 15 Jan **St Mary's Minis** (10—11.30 in Parish Rooms)
- Thu 16 Jan **Midweek Communion** (10am in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 17 Jan **Mini Movers** (8.30-10am in St Mary's School Hall)
Remix Youth Club (3.35-4.45pm in Glyme Hall)

Encounter Sunday 9th February Doors & café open 5.30pm.

Service starts 6pm.

Our next evening service is coming up fast—a time of informal contemporary Worship! It's got a youthful feel, but everybody is welcome! Come at 5.30 to grab refreshments and get to know some friendly faces. Get it in your diaries now and invite your friends!

Transition Chipping Norton's Meeting on Wed 15 January 7.30pm in Lower Town Hall.

The theme of this meeting is to encourage and support you to reduce your **Ecological footprint**. Includes a short film about one family's journey to become a zero waste household. Everyone welcome to attend this Eco Meeting. Admission free, donations to cover costs welcome.

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sun 19 Jan **Friends of St Mary's AGM** (12.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Sat 25 Jan **Burns' Night Dinner** (7.30pm in Parish Rooms) [*Friends' Event*]
- Sun 26 Jan **United Service** (10.30am in Town Hall)
- Wed 6 Feb **1st Priority Prayer** (7.30pm in church)
- Sat 8 Feb **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** (8.30am in Parish Rooms)
Followed by high level cleaning in the church.
- Sun 9 Feb **Encounter Service** (5.30 for 6.00pm in the Church)
- Mon 10 Feb **Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)

For further information please contact the Church Office