

Services on Sunday 9 February 2020

3rd Sunday before Lent

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: James 2:14-26 (Andy Thomson) Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (with Sparklers, Ignite, OneWay & Ablaze)
Leading: Rev Judith Marshall Preaching: Rev James Kennedy

Reading: James 2:14-26 (Sandra Cutting) Prayers: Sue Coyne
Church Lunch 12.45 in Parish Rooms. Visitors welcome to join us for our 'Bring and Share' lunch. Children welcome.

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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.

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St Mary's

Chipping Norton



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

2nd February 2020

Presentation of Christ

Holy Communion

Eco-tip for the week...

Our broken consumer economy generates tonnes of waste every year. Britons throw away 1.5m tonnes of electrical items every year alone. Could you BORROW rather than buy? It's one of the benefits of living in a church family!

Faith in Action: When the going gets tough.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance". (James 1. 2-3)

Welcome to today's service!

There are times when it's hard to be a Christian. James knew this, so he wrote a guidebook to help both the first Christians and each believer since. There are also times when the Bible is hard to understand, and today's passage could be counted as that. Joy in the face of trial and suffering - are you serious James?! But as struggle and difficulty are a life-long reality, what James gives us is absolute treasure. He offers us a way to understand God's loving and generous purposes in the lows, as well as the highs, that will not only get us through, but bring us to greater and deeper faith. It's not easy, but it is good!

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: 2 February 2020

Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Hebrews 2:14-end (Andy Thomson) Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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

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

Leading: Rev Toby Artis Preaching: Rev Martha Simpson

Reading: James 1:1-18 (Christine Clinch) Prayers: Rachel Sharman

Praying around the Deanery. This week: St Michael & All Angels, Leafield

Please pray for Paul Mansell and the Church Warden Simon Salome- Bentley.

*****NOTICES*****

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

Our next evening service is coming up fast—a time of informal contemporary 6pm. 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!



Alpha Week 2 Tuesday 4th Feb at 7.30pm 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 questions of life over a meal with others who are asking their own questions. Get in touch:

alpha@stmaryscnorton.com

Church Cleaning on Saturday 8th February

Help needed on Saturday 8th February 10.30am to clean the church following the Men's high level cleaning. It should only be one hour and coffee will be available. Bring a vacuum from home if you wish brushes, mops and dusters will be available. Please contact Linda Carpenter: linda.carpenter50@yahoo.co.uk if you can help.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

The next Men's Fellowship full English Breakfast is on **Saturday 8th February** after which we will do high level cleaning in the church. Please contact David Bishop if you would like to join us—davidbish5@phonecoop.coop.

1st Priority Prayer (7.30pm, Wednesday 5 February)

On the first Wednesday of each month, we meet together for a time of passionate worship and to pray together. As well as being a biblical imperative, you'll find it to be an exhilarating time when we are uplifted by the experience of God at work as he leads us. If you've not joined us before, please do come along and be a part of what fuels the life of the church.

CHURCH DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK: 3—7 February 2020

- Mon 3 Feb Prayer in The Old Bank** (12noon—1pm)
- Tue 4 Feb Alpha Course** (7.30pm in Parish Rooms. Set up from 6pm)
- Wed 5 Feb St Mary's Minis** (10—11.30 in Parish Rooms)
- Thu 6 Feb Midweek Communion** (10am in Parish Rooms)
CAP Life Skills (11am—3pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 7 Feb Mini Movers** (8.30-10am in St Mary's School Hall)
Remix Youth Club (3.35-4.45pm in Glyme Hall)
- Sat 8 Feb Men's Fellowship Breakfast** (8.30am in Parish Rooms)
followed by high level cleaning in the church.
Boy's Hike (Depart 9am from CN School coach park)
Ends at Parish Rooms for Breakfast at 10.30am)

Car Parking at St Mary's on Sunday Mornings

The 10.45 congregation is growing, which is always a cause for celebration, but it does mean that parking at the church has become increasingly tight. As a consequence, for the safety of our children in particular, we now need to reserve our limited parking for the 10.45 service to those who either, for reasons of mobility, are unable to walk down from the town or those who are providing transport for others with impaired mobility. We would be extremely grateful for everybody else's cooperation in parking either in New Street Car Park or the Market Square, both only a 4 minute walk from the church. Thank you so much for your understanding!

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sun 9 Feb Church Lunch** (12.45pm in Parish Rooms).
Encounter Service (5.30 for 6.00pm in the Church)
- Mon 10 Feb Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tue 11 Feb Out to Lunch** (1pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 4 Mar Lent Suppers start** (7—9pm—this week hosted by Methodist Church)
- Sat 7 Mar NCGP Meeting** (7.30-9.30 at Holy Ascension, Oddington)
- Sun 8 Mar Six Nations Rugby showing** (from 4.15pm in Parish Rooms).
- Mon 9 Mar Church Lunch** (12.45 in Parish Rooms)
- Mon 9 Mar Come for Tea** 2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tue 10 Mar Out to Lunch** (1—3pm in Parish Rooms) Set up from 12noon
- Sat 14 Mar Boy's Hike and Breakfast** Depart 9am from CN School coach park) Ends at Parish Rooms for Breakfast at 10.30am)

For further information please contact the Church Office