

## Services on Sunday 16 February 2020

2nd Sunday before Lent

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

Reading: James 3:1-12 (Matthew Carpenter)

**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 Martha Simpson      Preaching: Rev Toby Artis

Reading: James 3:1-12 (Robin Hayden)      Prayers: Graham Povey

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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](mailto: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

9th February 2020

3rd Sunday before Lent

Morning Worship

### Eco-tip for the week...

7.3 million tonnes of food is wasted in the UK every year. As well as being a horrendous waste, that all adds to land-fill and CO2 emissions. Reduce your food waste by meal planning, getting creative with leftovers and having tupperware with see through lids so your leftovers never go off in secret!

### Faith in Action: Dead or alive

"You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did."  
James 2:22

### Welcome to today's service!

As we roll on towards Lent, we're also walking together through James - a letter written by Jesus' own brother to encourage and spur onwards the scattered new Christians in the first decades after Jesus had been raised. In the opening verses, Martha helped us to see how James was plain and frank about how we need to keep stepping closer to the God of goodness in times of hardship. Again, this week, we find no soft peddling from the Apostle about what genuine faith looks like. True faith, he tells us, is always evident in the believer's life. If it's not evident, he challenges us to realise, then it's 'useless' - 'dead'. Let's come to Jesus willing to be shaped by these words, and willing - like Abraham - to be urged ever closer towards having our faith made complete.

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 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 (No service on 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays)**

**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.**

**Encounter Service 6pm in church. Café Doors open at 5.30pm.**

**Praying around the Deanery. This week: St Mary's Swerford**

Please pray for Janet Faull, Janet Collins, Wendy Cunningham & Keith Disney and the Church Wardens Jennifer Tustian and 'Charles Campion.

### \*\*\*\*\*NOTICES\*\*\*\*\*

#### FURNITURE WANTED!!!

As you probably know, we have a store of furniture and white goods to help those who are moving into Chippy, often out of refuges or with very little. This week we have been asked to help 4 families ... so we are running out of items! We are looking for chest of drawers, bedside tables, wardrobes and rugs - if you have any of these, or any other items you would like to offer please contact Emma Kennedy ([emma.kennedy@stmaryscnorton.com](mailto:emma.kennedy@stmaryscnorton.com)). Thank you.

#### Alpha Week 3 Tuesday 11th 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](mailto:alpha@stmaryscnorton.com)

#### Women's Breakfast

You are invited to join us for our next Women's Breakfast on **Saturday March 7th**. It's an opportunity to meet other women in a relaxed and encouraging environment, and hear from an inspiring speaker. Sue Prisk is joining us this time. Sue is the founder of Promises in Store, A Social Enterprise where people come first! They source and sell beautiful gifts designed, made, produced or packaged by incredibly talented people with learning difficulties, disabilities or life challenges. Sue has 3 children - Olivia, Tom and Amy. Tom, 23, has Down Syndrome and was the inspiration behind Promise In Store. Check out their beautiful gifts here - [www.promiseinstore.org](http://www.promiseinstore.org). Join us at 8.30am at the Crown and Cushion Hotel. Tickets £8, through our website. [martha.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com](mailto:martha.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com)

## CHURCH DIARY

### FOR NEXT WEEK: 3—7 February 2020

- Mon 10 Feb** **Prayer in The Old Bank** (12noon—1pm)  
**Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tue 11 Feb** **Out to Lunch** (1pm in Parish Rooms)  
**Alpha Course 3** (7.30pm in Parish Rooms. Set up from 6pm)
- Wed 12 Feb** **St Mary's Minis** (10—11.30 in Parish Rooms)
- Thu 13 Feb** **Midweek Communion** (10am in Parish Rooms)  
**CAP Life Skills** (11am—3pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 14 Feb** **Mini Movers** (8.30-10am in St Mary's School Hall)  
**Remix Youth Club** (3.35-4.45pm in Glyme Hall)

#### Lent Suppers

Join us as the churches come together on Wednesday evenings during Lent for a light supper and a thought-provoking talk. Everyone is welcome, but if possible please do let us know for catering purposes if you're planning to come along ([office@stmaryscnorton.com](mailto:office@stmaryscnorton.com)). They start on **Wednesday 4th March 7-9pm**, the first one at the **Methodist Church**. Theme: The Wonders of the Cross (5 different perspectives). Blue flyers with details of venues and speakers are at the back of the church.

#### Bank Cleaning

A huge thank you to all those who gave up their lunchtime last Sunday, rolled up their sleeves and helped us to scrub floors, sweep, Hoover and dust the Old Bank. It has been transformed! Thank you too for Lona and her delicious lunch!

## CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Wed 4 Mar** **Lent Suppers start** (7—9pm—this week hosted by Methodist Church)  
**NCGP Meeting** (7.30-9.30 at Holy Ascension, Oddington)
- Fri 6 Mar** **World Day of Prayer A women led, global, ecumenical movement** (10am at Methodist Church)
- Sat 7 Mar** **Women's Breakfast** (8.30-10am at Crown & Cushion Hotel).  
**Six Nations Rugby showing** (from 4.15pm in Parish Rooms).
- Sun 8 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