

## Services on Sunday 1 March 2020

Sunday next before Lent

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev Martha Simpson  
Reading: Romans 5:12-19 (Matthew Carpenter) Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

**St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading:  
Rev Martha Simpson

**St Mary's 10.45 am Holy Communion (with Sparklers, Ignite, OneWay & Ablaze)**  
Leading: Rev James Kennedy Preaching: Tom Simpson  
Reading: tbc (Jo Graves) Prayers: Steven Schofield-Linnell

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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

23rd Feb 2020 Sunday next before Lent Morning Worship & Baptism

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

Conventional cleaning products are harmful to the environment and can affect human health - being linked with an increase in allergies and asthma. Why not get a bit creative and make your own? Easy and effective recipes here -

[www.learn.eartheasy.com/guides/non-toxic-home-cleaning/](http://www.learn.eartheasy.com/guides/non-toxic-home-cleaning/)

Let us know which works best!

### Faith in Action: Where the heart's at..

## Welcome to today's service!

Britain right now is not the happiest of places. Internet watchdogs are having to be ever more vigilant as folk use the relative anonymity of the web to criticise, shame and defame their on-line neighbours. Unrest persists about our splinter from Europe. Our levels of mental ill-health are high, and though we have wide choices in living as we please, compulsive behaviours and individual isolation are growing problems.

Although the context and technology is very different, Jesus' brother would recognise the human component at the heart of our society's issues. Writing to Christians only 30 years after the Resurrection, James offered practical guidance as they flailed around trying to integrate their faith with their daily behaviour - advice we are very much in need of today! The key message is to focus not on what we can grab from life to satisfy ourselves, but on God, the giver of true fulfilment.

  
Sue Coyne (LLM)



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: 23 February 2020

2nd Sunday before Lent

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev Victor Story  
Reading: Exodus 24:12-18 (Martin Jarratt) Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

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

**St Mary's 10.45 am Morning Worship with Baptism (with Sparklers, Ignite, Leading: Rev James Kennedy Preaching: Sue Coyne OneWay & Ablaze)**  
Reading: James 4:1-12 (Emma Fourie) Prayers: Jo Graves

**Praying around the Deanery. This week: All Saints, Spelsbury**  
Please pray for Mark Abrey and Ilona Cheynel and the Church Warden, Ken Wakefield

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

#### 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 Promise 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: [www.stmaryscnorton.com](http://www.stmaryscnorton.com) For further information contact [martha.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com](mailto:martha.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com)

#### Lent Gift for the Children

The children were so wonderfully engaged with the Creation Care series that we would like to give them all the gift. Today they will come back to church with a Lent study based on creation. We hope this will encourage you as a family to journey through Lent together looking at God's word and also continuing to reflect on the time we spent looking at God's creation. Enjoy!

#### Social Media at St Mary's

St Mary's now has Facebook and Instagram accounts. Anyone wishing to follow these here are the links:



[facebook.com/stmaryscnorton](https://facebook.com/stmaryscnorton)



[@stmaryscnorton](https://instagram.com/stmaryscnorton)

## CHURCH DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK: 24— 29 February 2020

- Mon 24 Feb Prayer in The Old Bank**
- Tue 25 Feb Alpha Course 4** (7.30pm in Parish Rooms. Set up from 6pm)
- Wed 26 Feb St Mary's Minis** (10.00—11.30am in Parish Rooms)  
**Funeral: Rebecca Holiday** (11am in the church)  
**Ash Wednesday Service** (2pm in Parish Rooms)
- Thu 27 Feb No Midweek Communion** this week.  
**CAP Life Skills** (11am—3pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 28 Feb Mini Movers** (8.30-10am in St Mary's School Hall)  
**Remix Youth Club** (3.15-4.45pm in Glyme Hall)

**Elizabeth Allen's Funeral** Elizabeth's funeral is on Friday 28th February up in Renington where she was in a Care Home near her brother Ant and his wife Sue for the last few years. If anyone would like to receive the Order of Service and Tributes please let Emma know in the Church Office.

#### Six Nations Rugby Match Showing on Saturday 7th March at 4.15pm

The England v Wales match will be shown in the Parish Rooms on a big screen Everyone welcome.

### 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*