

Services on Sunday 15 March 2020

3rd Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: David Salter
Reading: Romans 5:1-11 (Martin Jarratt) Gospel: John 4:5-42

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Common Worship Leading:
Sue Coyne

St Mary's 10.45 am Holy Communion (with Sparklers, Ignite, OneWay & Ablaze)
Leading: Martha Simpson Preaching: Toby Artis
Reading: Genesis 40 & 41 (John & Judith Marshall) Prayers: Sandra Cutting

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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

8th March 2020

2nd Sunday of Lent

Morning Worship

A Journey of Faith with Joseph: where is God when we are betrayed?

...the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did. Genesis 39:23

Welcome to today's service!

I wonder what we think that 'success' looks like. If we'd been betrayed, nearly murdered, sold into slavery by our brothers, then falsely accused of adultery and so thrown into prison for years, I think that most of us would come up with a thousand other words to describe our situation before we landed on the word 'success'. This morning, though, in our passage telling us about Joseph's journey of faith, the recurring theme is that 'God was with him', granting him favour, and responsibility and success. It's easy to perceive God's presence with us when everything is going well in our lives, but Joseph's experience here is rather different, and perhaps challenges us to reinterpret our own situations. Even when it feels like the Lord has left us, it is not so. Even through suffering, in fact - following the pattern that Jesus set for us - particularly through suffering it seems, God walks with us, shaping us more into the people he's made us to be. Joseph is certainly a different person to the spoilt and arrogant teenager we met last week. What kind of 'success' might God be leading us into as we learn to trust more and more in him through our own journeys of faith?

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: Sunday 8 March 2020

2nd Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Toby Artis
 Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (Andy Thomson) Gospel: John 3:1-17
 Followed by Parish Lunch at 12.45pm in the Parish Rooms

St Mary's 10.45 am Morning Worship (with Sparklers, Ignite, OneWay & Ablaze)
 Leading: Toby Artis Preaching: James Kennedy
 Reading: Genesis 39 (Mark Knight) Prayers: John Marshall

*****NOTICES*****

Lent Suppers: The Wonder of the Cross



4th March: **Adopted**
The Methodist Church

11th March: **Washed Clean**
Holy Trinity Church

18th March: **Put Right**
The Baptist Church

25th March: **Bought Back**
The Parish Rooms

1st April: **Changed Destiny**
The Baptist Church

Wednesday evenings 7pm – 9pm

Everyone is welcome but if possible let us know for catering purposes if you're planning on coming along: office@stmaryscnorton.com

Youth Weekend Away (6th-8th March)

You might be wondering where the youth are this morning! Jonny has taken about 15 of the young people in our church family away to Viney Hill Adventure Centre for a weekend of worship, teaching, fun and time together with God. Please do continue to pray for them, that each of them will move forward significantly in their walk with Jesus.

Confirmation Service in Kingham (26th April, 10:45am)

Confirmation is a special service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. Young people or adults are invited to take this important step, and in this way express their commitment to following Jesus Christ. In April there will be a confirmation service in Kingham, and if you are interested in taking this step, or would like to talk it through with someone, please speak to a member of clergy.

CHURCH DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK: 9— 14 March 2020

- Mon 9 Mar** **Prayer in The Old Bank** (12noon)
Come for Tea (2.30pm—4pm in the Parish Rooms)
- Tue 10 Mar** **Alpha Course** (7.30pm in the Parish Rooms)
- Wed 11 Mar** **St Mary's Minis** (10.00—11.30am in Parish Rooms)
Lent Supper (7-9pm, hosted by Holy Trinity Church)
- Thu 12 Mar** **Midweek Communion** (10am in Parish Rooms)
CAP Life Skills (11am—3pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 13 Mar** **Mini Movers** (8.30-10am in St Mary's School Hall)
Remix Youth Club (3.15-4.45pm in Glyme Hall)
- Sat 14 Mar** **Alpha Away Day**
Boy's Hike and Breakfast (Depart 9am from CN School coach park. Ends at the Parish Rooms for breakfast at 10.30am)

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Mon 16 Mar** **Worship Unplugged** (Youth event)
- Wed 18 Mar** **Lent Supper** (7-9pm, at The Baptist Church)
- Sun 22 Mar** **Mothering Sunday Service** (10:45am at St. Mary's Church)

For further information please contact the Church Office

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