

Services Next Sunday 22nd March 2020

4th Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: James Kennedy

Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 (Matthew Carpenter) Gospel: John 19:25b-27

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

Leading: Gareth Harper **Preaching:** Martha Simpson

Reading: TBC (Christine Clinch) **Prayers:** Bill Rees

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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

15th March 2020

3rd Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

A Journey of Faith with Joseph: forgotten?

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Welcome to today's service!

Joseph, like us, experiences times when things seem to be going well, as well as unexpected twists and turns which take him to some really low points. As Christians whatever we face we know we have a God who is good, and who promises to be with us, as he promises Joseph. But what do we do when this no longer feels a reality? What do we do when we feel like God has given up on us, forgotten us, or put us on the backburner of his plans?

In this part of Joseph's story, Joseph has to go through this process. God has been using Joseph in some incredible ways even in prison, and all Joseph asks is that some good for him might come out of it. But Joseph has to deal with two years of waiting in the unknown and it seems as though everyone has forgotten about him.

However, when we see the big picture, we know that God is fully in control and his timing is perfect. Not only does Joseph get out of prison, but he is also elevated and highly respected for his extraordinary God-given gifts.

When we feel forgotten or lost without God, we must place our hope in Jesus, who for us was punished, who felt forsaken as Joseph did. He even went through death yet came out as our risen king, transformed into Glory. Our encouragement is to trust God in his power and plans, placing everything into his hands that we too might rise to far greater things.

Toby Artis
Assistant Curate

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 15th 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

*****NOTICES*****

Coronavirus and church

We're receiving regular updates from the Diocese reflecting government advice on the precautions we should take to respond to Coronavirus. Please keep checking our website and your email inbox, as it's possible we may have to postpone or cancel events at short notice as advice changes.

Annual Church Meeting (APCM), Parish Rooms, 12.30pm, Sunday 29th March

Please do join us, if you are able, at our Annual Church Meeting, when we'll be taking the chance to celebrate all that God has been doing in our midst over the last year and looking forward in anticipation of what he has in store for us in 2020. We look forward to seeing

Encounter, Sunday 29th March, 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 get to know some friendly

Mothering Sunday Service, 22 March at 10.45am

We would love you to join us for our service to celebrate Mothering Sunday. Please do invite any friends along too - all women will leave with a gift. We hope to see you there!

iSingPOP, St. Mary's School Easter Service, Thursday 2nd April, 6pm

This Easter the primary school children will be holding a very special Easter event, to which the whole church family is invited. At school the children are going to be learning dances and songs with a Christian theme to perform at church on the Thursday. Do come along to

CHURCH DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK: 16— 21 March 2020

- Mon 16 Mar Prayer in The Old Bank** (12noon)
- Tue 17 Mar Alpha Course** (7.30pm in the Parish Rooms)
- Wed 18 Mar St Mary's Minis** (10.00—11.30am in Parish Rooms)
No Lent Supper (Sadly this event has been cancelled.)
- Thu 19 Mar No Midweek Communion** (Sadly we will need to cancel this event.
We will let you know when it's back on.)
CAP Life Skills (11am—3pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 20 Mar Mini Movers** (8.30-10am in St Mary's School Hall)
Remix Youth Club (3.15-4.45pm in Glyme Hall)

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sun 22 Mar Mothering Sunday Service** (10.45am)
- Sun 29 Mar APCM** (12.30pm)
- Sun 29 Mar Encounter** (doors at 5.30pm, service at 6pm)
- Thur 2 Apr iSingPOP—Primary School concert** (6pm)

For further information please contact the Church Office

Social Media at St Mary's

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



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