

2nd April 2017  
5th Sunday of Lent  
Holy Communion

**I believe in God the Son:  
Whose resurrection was foretold.**

"Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise  
it again in three days"  
John 2:19

**Welcome to today's service!**

We're still looking at the Creed, using its different aspects to strengthen the foundations of our faith, and in the run-up to Easter we're keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.

On Easter Sunday itself, because the resurrection is the very basis for our confidence in Jesus, we'll celebrate that 'on the third day he rose again', but today we're picking up on the words that follow on from that in the Nicene Creed: 'according to the Scriptures.'

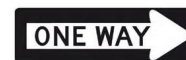
When something is prophesied and then is seen to come into being, that event takes on a new level of significance, and that's exactly what happened with Jesus' life, death and resurrection. The fact that they were all predicted draws our attention to God's purpose in bringing them about.

While we're thinking about prophecy, we'll also take note of the fact that Jesus himself also predicted the gift of the Holy Spirit, whom we'll be thinking about in more detail after Easter.

As we recognise together the way in which God so clearly reveals his purposes to us in Scripture, I hope that your faith will be truly raised!



James Kennedy (Vicar)



During our 10.45 service, to serve our families, we run a supervised crèche, 'OneWay' (for children aged 3-11) and 'Ab7aze' (for youth aged 11-16). Everyone is welcome!

## This Sunday— 2 April 2017

### 5th Sunday of Lent

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev James Kennedy  
Reading: John 2:18-22,14:18-26 Barbara Ambrose

**St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion: Rev J. Kennedy**

**St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with crèche, 'One Way' & Ablaze)**  
**Leading:** Rev Martha Simpson **Preaching:** Rev James Kennedy  
Reading: John 2:18-22,14:18-26 Helen Pooley Prayers: John Marshall

### Praying round the Deanery. This week: St Peter's Cornwell

Please pray for James Kennedy, David Salter, Jackie Jones & Martha Simpson and the Churchwarden Charles Colston.

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

**East Africa Crisis Appeal** — As a church, we will be sending all of our offering this Sunday (2nd April) to our church partner Tearfund's Crisis Appeal. If you would like this to be part of your personal response, please give generously.

**Good Friday...** Following a broad consensus that the Churches Together 'Good Friday March of Witness' no longer generates the positive statement of witness that it once did, we will not be marching this year. We are instead considering something with greater contemporary relevance such as a **creative static street art installation**, which we hope might intrigue and draw people in to look rather than cause them to cross the road to avoid us. If this is something that appeals to you, or if you have any ideas, please contact James Kennedy.

### Rev Ursula Simpson's Licensing Service on Tuesday 25th April at 7.30pm

If you are available to help with stewarding at the Licencing service, or are able to help with welcome and distributing refreshments after the service, or if you could offer to provide a plate of "finger food (either sweet and savoury) for this event, please see Nicola Riley or Linda Carpenter (email: [churchwarden@stmaryscnorton.com](mailto:churchwarden@stmaryscnorton.com))

### Passover Meal on Thursday 13th April 6.30-8pm in Parish Rooms.

Following the success of last year's event, we are having a Passover Celebration Meal again this year in the Parish Rooms. Tickets are available from the Church Office until 7th April and after that from 8 Church Street. Suggested £3 per adult contribution to cost of meal. Please get your tickets early (limited number) for catering purposes.

## Services Next Sunday— 9 April 2017

### Palm Sunday

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev Victor Story  
Reading: Philippians 2:5-11 Andy Thomson

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

**St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (with crèche, One Way' & Ablaze)**

**Leading:** Rev James Kennedy **Preaching:** Tom Simpson  
Reading: John 18:28-19:16 Jo/Bill Rees Prayers: David/Susan Bishop

**12.45pm Church Lunch in Parish Centre.** All are welcome to join us at our 'Bring and Share' lunch and to invite friends and family—children welcome! Please inform Jen Williams if bringing guests. Tel: 01608 686366 or Email: [jenwilliams366@gmail.com](mailto:jenwilliams366@gmail.com)

## Contacting St Mary's

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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 un-

**CHURCH DIARY**  
**THIS WEEK : 3 - 8 APRIL 2017**

- Mon 3 Apr**    **Knit and Knatter** (2.00pm in Parish Rooms)  
**Funeral of Joan Fletcher** (1pm at Banbury Crematorium)  
**St Mary's Pilates class** (6-7pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 5 Apr**    **St Mary's Minis** (10am– 11.30am in Parish Rooms)  
**Lent Supper: Talk by Joyce Rice** (7pm at Baptist Church)  
**Easter Create @ Kingham - An evening of cooking and Craft.** (7.15-9.30pm at Kingham Lodge) Entry £5  
 Places limited: to book contact Sally Salter (658852 ) or Email: Sally.m.salter@btinternet.com
- Thurs 6 Apr**    **St Mary's School's Easter Service** (9.45am in the Church)  
**Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)  
**Fabric Committee Meeting** (7.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 7 Apr**    **'Remix' Easter special** (3.15-4.45 in Glyme Hall)

**Come for Tea** is held every second Monday in the month in the Parish Centre - For information contact Amanda Gafford, on 641284.

**Come and join us next Monday (10th April), in the Parish Rooms.**

**CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS**

- Mon 10 Apr**    **Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
- Thurs 13 Apr**    **Passover Meal** (6.30-8pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 14 Apr**    **Good Friday Service of Reflection & Prayer** (12noon—3pm  
 In Church)
- Sun 16 Apr**    **Easter Services:**  
 6.00 for 6.15am Sunrise prayer on hill above Chipping Norton  
 (Assemble & depart from Parish Rooms)  
 8am Holy Communion, St Mary's Church  
 9.15am Holy Communion, St James' Chapel Over Norton  
 10.45am Family Celebration with Communion, St Mary's
- Tues 25 Apr**    **Licensing of Rev Ursula Simpson** (7.30pm at St Mary's CN)
- Sat 20 May**    **St Mary's Garden Fete** (12noon-4pm in Old Vicarage Garden)  
*Friends event.*

*For further information, please contact the Church Office*

\*\*\*\*\*NOTICES CONTD.\*\*\*\*\*

**The burst of Easter Flowers after Lent**

We shall be decorating the Church on **Easter Saturday 15th April 2017**. The Flower Ladies will be bringing their skills to beautify the church but if there is anyone – adult or child or family who would like to decorate the church with an Easter Garden on a tray to add to our Easter Tomb in church then please join us on Saturday morning.

**Lilies for Easter**

Traditionally, at Easter we decorate the church with Easter Lilies. I know that there are people who like to make a contribution towards the cost of the Easter Lilies in commemoration of loved ones. If you would like to make a donation please give your contribution to Emma in the Church Office or to Jo Graves tel.643976

**Request**

Is anyone able to offer a room to a 19 year old new Christian lady?  
 Please contact Judith Marshall : joulesmarshall53@gmail.com