

Services Next Sunday— 16 July 2017

5th Sunday after Trinity

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev David Salter
Reading: Romans 8: 1 –11 Barbara Ambrose

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Morning Prayer

Leading: Judith Marshall

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with crèche, & 'One Way')

Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson Preaching: Rev Martha Simpson
Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15 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. 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.



Chipping Norton

Sharing the life-changing love of Jesus
serving our whole community

9th July 2017

4th Sunday after Trinity
Morning Worship

Civic Service

"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Welcome to today's Civic service...

...when we come together, in particular, to acknowledge and give thanks for the dedication of those who offer up so much to serve our wider community. Loving service to others will always be at the heart of a Spirit-filled life. At the same time, though, it can come as a tremendous comfort to be reminded that true rest and true peace do not have to be earned through our actions—they do not depend upon our success, our productivity or on anything else that we can do ourselves, but are found in someone far more dependable and permanent.

The background to Jesus' ministry was a culture in which teachers of the law were presenting the people with a 'yoke' of ever more complex demands and expectations. They taught that everyone needed to meet these expectations to enjoy God's favour. The 'yoke' of the teachers then was heavy—in fact it was crushing the people.

Today, the backdrop to our culture is rather different, but we actually have much in common with the people back then. The dominant voices in our own culture may not acknowledge God, but in many ways they place even more unreasonable and unrealistic expectations on us. Electronic communication and social media demand our instant attention 24/7. Our media piles further pressure on us when it comes to our appearance and body image, the demands of work expect our commitment 7 days per week. We are expected to fit our family commitments around all of that... and that's before we even begin to think about serving others out of kindness!

Little wonder we can often feel weighed down by the expectations placed upon us by ourselves or by others, but let's use this morning to be refreshed and reminded of the only source of true rest...

James Kennedy (Vicar)



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

THIS SUNDAY— 9 July 2017

4th Sunday after Trinity—

St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson
Reading: Romans 7: 15-25a Andy Thomson

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

St Mary's 10.45am CIVIC SERVICE (with crèche, One Way' & Ablaze)
Leading & Preaching: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Matthew 11: 25-30 The Mayor Prayers: Jo Graves
NB New Wine Meeting in Chancel after the service.

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! In absence of Peter and Jen on holiday, request for COLD food only this month.

Praying round the Deanery. This week: Chipping Norton Deanery
Please pray for Sally Welch, the Area Dean.

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NOTICES

NEW WINE MEETING - Sunday 9th July

It would be great to gather those of you who are joining us at NEW WINE this year. We will meet after Church on Sunday 9th July - grab a coffee and then make your way to the chancel area. Any questions in the meantime email emma.kennedy@stmaryscnorton.com

Small Groups - at the heart of St Mary's. Do you want to be a part of a Small Group?

When I look back at my years in different churches, the people who I know best, have the fondest memories of and bring a smile to my heart are those whom I have been in groups with. It's true!! We've had fun times together, laughed, cried, read the Bible and prayed together. I'm gathering the names of people who've asked to be in a Small Group at St Mary's. It's exciting to see so many wanting to be a part of this core life of the church. We will be starting new groups (Roger and I are looking forward to leading one); some existing groups may need a little 'giggling' to make room for new people. *And, we are starting this process now!* Would you like to be a part of a Small Group? Please let me know today if you possibly can, come and talk, ring me (01608674541) or email me (ursula.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com) ASAP. A little phrase I use when creating a new group is that there must be 'enough of a feel-good factor' for each person. We want you to enjoy your group... Best wishes, Ursula

Men United Breakfast

The next Men United full English Breakfast is on **Saturday 15th July** when Roger Sinclair will be sharing his testimony. Please contact David Bishop if you would like to join us—davidbish5@phonecoop.coop.

CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK - 10—15 July 2017

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| Mon 10 July | Come for Tea (2.30-4.00 pm in Parish Rooms) |
| Wed 12 July | St Mary's Minis (10am in Parish Rooms) |
| Thurs 13 July | Midweek Communion + coffee (10.00am in Parish Rooms) |
| Fri 14 July | 'Remix' Youth Club (3.15-4.45pm in Glyme Hall)
Last meeting before summer holidays. |
| Sat 15 July | Men United - Fellowship Breakfast (8.30-10am, Parish Rooms.
Guest speaker: Roger Sinclair. |

Gift Day Update...

Thank you so much to all of you who have given so generously to our Gift Day Appeal. Thanks to your sacrificial giving, we have again reached our Gift Day target (of £13,750) and can look forward excitedly to sharing God's blessings even more widely at home and abroad.

Paula's Ordination. Pauls has phoned and asked me to convey **A HUGE THANK YOU** to all those who attended her Ordination last Saturday. She is very touched that so many people came to support her from St Mary's.

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

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| Fri 21 July | Pilgrim Paths guided walk: Milton-u-Wychwood to Shipton
10am meet at SS Simon & Jude, Milton-u-Wychwood (OX7 6LJ). Bring your own food and drink. 3miles |
| Wed 26 July | PCC Meeting NB date changed (7.30pm in Parish Rooms) |
| Sun 30 July - Sat 5 Aug | New Wine (week 2) |
| Fri 18 Aug | Pilgrims Paths guided walk: Chipping Norton to Over Norton
10am meet at St Mary's church (OX7 5NT) (6 miles) Bring your own food and drink.—we plan to make a day of this longer walk. |
| Sat 9 Sept | Men United Guest Event: Men's Breakfast (8.30-10am at Crown & Cushion Hotel with Guest Speaker Bill Prevette) |
| Sat 30 Sept | Cotswolds Men's Convention (9.00-3.30, Warwick Hall, Burford.
Speaker: Vaughan Roberts 'A Battle for the Heart') |

For further information,, please contact the Church Office.