

## Services Next Sunday— 10 September 2017

### 13th Sunday after Trinity

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion** Leading: Rev Victor Story  
Reading: Romans 13:8-end Andy Thomson

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

### St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (with Creche, OneWay, Impact & Ablaze)

**Leading:** Rev James Kennedy **Preaching:** Rev Ursula Simpson

Readings: Mark 10:456-52 & Colossians 2:6-7 Jo/Bill Rees Prayers: Jamie Bell

**12.30pm Church Picnic on the Common after the service.**

### 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 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

3rd September 2017

12th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

## Vision Sunday

“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matthew 9:38

## Welcome to today's service!

When we align our passions and goals with those that God has in mind for us - if God is for us - then who can stand against? (Rom 8:31)

That's why, as we gear up towards a new season in the life of the church, it's important that we all take time to listen to what God is saying to us collectively and, as part of that bigger picture, to discern what it is that He's calling each and every one of us into as individuals. We have been remarkably blessed over the course of the last three years, with God bringing sustained growth and energy to our congregation. During that time we have been consciously investing time and energy into engaging families, youth and men, but this year the PCC and church leadership have once again been looking ahead and considering what it is that God might want us to prioritise now.

It will be very much a journey that we'll need to travel together - each playing our own God-given part and, in order that we can each have the chance to take it on board and consider carefully our own particular place within the whole, this morning I will paint a picture of some of the clear priorities that have emerged as we've prayed together, and which we hope will form the focus of our vision for the next five years. At the end of our 10.45 service, there'll also be a chance, over coffee and cake, for a Q&A session in the church, so please don't be in a hurry to disappear... If you think of this as your church, then you'll be essential to bringing this vision into being!

James Kennedy (Vicar)



The regular children's and youth groups have a break during the summer holidays, but please see inside for details of our summer holiday 'Popcorn Sundays in the Parish Rooms.'

## This Sunday— 3 September 2017

### 12th Sunday after Trinity

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev Jackie Jones  
Reading: Romans 12: 9-end Martin Jarratt

### St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Morning Prayer

Leading: Rev James Kennedy

### St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion Vision Sunday (with Popcorn Sunday)

Leading: Judith Marshall Preaching: Rev James Kennedy  
Reading: Matthew 9: 35-38 Helen Pooley Prayers: Nicola Riley

12.15-12.40pm Q&A in the church about our Vision

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

### Prayer Room at St Mary's Primary School Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

PLEASE think about whether you could offer a morning or afternoon during this week to help the children learn more about God's love for them and about praying to Him. At least 4 people are needed in each slot and only a few people have committed themselves so far. Full instructions are given for each prayer activity. Please email me at [lfrossington@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lfrossington@hotmail.co.uk) (the first character is a lower case L, not a one) or phone 01608 643344. I will not be in church on Sep 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Fiona Rossington.

### Church Picnic (for all ages)

Not ready to let go of summer? Want to have some more fun together & meet new people? Come and join our church picnic! On **Sept 10th** we'll be heading down to the Common after the 10.45 service for lunch and games (or just watching if you're feeling less active!). Bring a picnic and rug and enjoy some time together digesting the delights of the summer. There'll be plenty of shelter/shade and chairs provided, so please come even if you'd prefer not to sit on the ground! Please contact Mar-

### "POPCORN SUNDAYS" for CHILDREN - last one this week

We will be resuming a normal pattern of children's and youth activities next week, but today all children are welcome to join us in the Parish Rooms for our last "Popcorn Sunday". There will be the usual a bible passage / game and bag of popcorn, but this morning's Bible-based film will be longer than usual so that parents can stay on after the service for the Q&A. If you have to leave straight away, though, please do feel free to make your way over to the Parish Rooms and collect your child. Again, there is no separate creche (although you are welcome to use the area at the back of church).

### OUR BABIES NEED YOU!

We have had a bit of a baby boom in recent months, and the demand for creche has increased. We would love to recruit new helpers to staff the Creche. No qualifications needed, just enjoy playing and chatting with 0-2 year olds. The commitment is about once every 5 weeks. If you would like to serve in this way and bless our families, please speak to Emma Kennedy or email [emma.kennedy@stmaryscnorton.com](mailto:emma.kennedy@stmaryscnorton.com). Thank you.

## CHURCH DIARY

### THIS WEEK : 4—9 September 2017

- Mon 4 Sept **Knit and Knatter** (2-4pm in Parish Rooms)  
**St Mary's Pilates class** (6-7pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 6 Sept **St Mary's Minis** (10am– 11.30am in Parish Rooms)  
**1st Priority Prayers** (7.30-9pm in Church)
- Thurs 7 Sept **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 8 Sept **Remix Youth Club** (3.15—4.45pm at Glyme Hall)
- Sat 9 Sept **Men United Guest Event: Men's Breakfast** (8.30-10am at Crown & Cushion Hotel with Guest Speaker Bill Prevette)

**Come for Tea** is open to all and is held every second Monday in the month in the Parish Centre - The next one is Monday 11th September. For information contact

## CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sat 30 Sept **Cotswolds Men's Convention** (9.00-3.30, Warwick Hall, Burford. Speaker: Vaughan Roberts 'A Battle for the Heart')
- Sat 7 Oct **Women's Breakfast** (8.30-10am at Crown & Cushion Hotel)  
The **Speaker** to share her testimony is Rev Ursula Simpson
- Sun 8 Oct **Harvest Festival**
- Sat 14 Oct **Barn Dance (Friends event)** 7.30-11.30pm in Town Hall  
Tickets £22 to include supper NOW available from Church Office

*For further information, please contact the Church Office*