

## Services on Sunday 6th January 2019

### Epiphany

**St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading:** Rev James Kennedy  
Reading: Colossians 1:1-2,15-20 (Martin Jarratt)

**St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion (BCP)**  
Leading: Rev Jackie Jones

**St Mary's 10.45am Family Communion (with Sparklers, Ignite, Oneway & Ablaze)**  
Leading: Rev James Kennedy Preaching: Rev Toby Artis & Ablaze)  
Reading: Colossians 1:1-2,5-20 (Sandra Cutting) Prayers: Nicola Riley

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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.

# St Mary's

Chipping Norton



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

## Notices for Christmas Period (23th-30th Dec)

### God's greatest gift revealed..

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"  
2 Corinthians 9:15

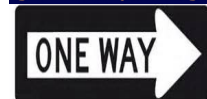


## Welcome to St Mary's!

Over this Christmas season, there will no doubt be countless gifts given and received. Those of us fortunate enough to receive beautifully wrapped gifts might be made happy by some of them, others might experience different emotions, especially if they haven't got large circles of family or friends around them. What God has given us in Jesus, though, isn't just a gift to bring passing happiness. When we receive his gift and truly understand its significance, God's Christmas gift brings something far greater than happiness, it brings joy: a deep, satisfying, lasting joy that - rightly received and handled - will also be infectious. "God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that whoever believes in him should not die, but have everlasting life". This Christmas, may you all receive and experience the joy, the peace and the sense of deep love and belonging that is found only in Him. I pray that you will be filled with JOY this Christmas!

James Kennedy (Vicar)

**SPARKLERS**



**ignite**

Christingle Rehearsal Ignite & One Way in Parish Rooms on 23 December. Then during the Christmas holidays there are no Children and Youth groups.

## Services This Sunday— 23 December 2018

### 4th Sunday of Advent

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev James Kennedy  
Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 (Martin Jarratt) Gospel: Luke 1:39-45[46-55]

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

**St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (Christingle rehearsal (see page 2) & Ablaze)**

Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson Preaching: Rev James Kennedy  
Reading: Luke 1:39-55 (Yolande van Wyk) Prayers: David/Susan Bishop

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

#### Sunday mornings at 10.45 for Children

On Sun 30th Dec we'll all be worshipping together for the whole service. Our regular provision for children and youth, Sparklers (age 0-3), Ignite (age 3-5) Oneway (age 6-11) & Ablaze (11-16) will resume after Christmas on **6th January**. Have a great Christmas!

#### 1st Priority Prayer (Wed 2nd January at 7.30pm in the church)

We'd love the whole church family to join us as we put prayer first—right at the heart of everything that we do as a church. Do please get this in your diaries!

**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 7th January. For information contact Amanda Gafford, on 641284. **Come and join us!**

#### Christmas cards

Please check to see if you have any in the box-folder on pew near the door as you leave the church.

#### Childrens Groups and Christingle

With Christmas coming, all our children's groups will be taking a break. Sparklers/Ignite/One Way finish **16th December** and restart **6th January**  
\*Christingle Rehearsal on **23rd December**- all children welcome!\*  
Popcorn Sunday on **30th December**  
Minis finishes with the Christmas celebration on **19th December** and will restart on **9th January**  
Mini Movers will return on **11th January**

**The Christingle Service** is the highlight of the year for so many people in the church and in the town. We can't have a nativity without children though! We'll be rehearsing on 23rd December during the service and then briefly before the service on Christmas Eve. If your child would like to be involved in the nativity, please let Becca or Catherine know as soon as possible (by 21st December) so roles and costumes can be allocated/arranged!

*Have a very merry Christmas. Every blessing, Becca*

## CHURCH DIARY

THIS FORTNIGHT (23 - 31 December 2017)

### Sunday 23 December

2.00pm Christingle making in the Church

### Monday 24 December (CHRISTMAS EVE)

2.30pm Christingle Rehearsal

4.00pm Christingle Nativity Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion Service

### CHRISTMAS DAY (Tuesday)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.45am Family Celebration

Thursday 27 December **NB No Midweek Communion this week**

### Sunday 30 December

8.00am (St Mary's) **NO Holy Communion on 5th Sunday**

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

10.45am (St Mary's) **Benefice Holy Communion**

*(N.B. to give our helpers a well-earned rest, there will be no crèche, Ignite, 'One Way' or Ablaze)*

Leading: Rev Jackie Jones Preaching: Rev Toby Artis

Readings: **Exodus24: 3-11** Christine Clinch Prayers: Peter/Jen Williams

### CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

#### 2019

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| <b>Wed 2 Jan</b>  | <b>1st Priority Prayer</b> (7.30pm in church)  |
| <b>Mon 7 Jan</b>  | <b>Come for Tea</b> (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)   |
| <b>Sun 13 Jan</b> | <b>Parish Lunch</b> (12.45pm in Parish Rooms)  |
| <b>Sun 20 Jan</b> | <b>Friends of St Mary's AGM</b> (12.30pm in Parish Rooms)  |
| <b>Sat 26 Jan</b> | <b>Burns' Night Dinner</b> (7.30pm in Parish Rooms) <i>[Friends' Event]</i>                                  |
| <b>Sun 27 Jan</b> | <b>United Service</b> (10.30am in Town Hall)   |
| <b>Sun 3 Feb</b>  | <b>Encounter Service</b> (5.30 for 6.00pm in the Church)   |
| <b>Wed 6 Feb</b>  | <b>1st Priority Prayer</b> (7.30pm in the church)  |
| <b>Mon 11 Feb</b> | <b>Come for Tea</b> (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)   |
| <b>Sat 16 Feb</b> | <b>Men's Fellowship Breakfast</b> (8.30am in Parish Rooms)<br>Followed by high level cleaning in the church. |

*For further information about any of these events, and to book places, please contact the Church Office.*