

Services on Sunday 31 March 2019

Clocks Go Forward 1Hour!

4th Sunday of Lent & Mothering Sunday

St Mary's 8.00am No Service on 5th Sunday.

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

St Mary's 10.45am All Age Service for Mothering Sunday

Leading: James & Emma Kennedy Preaching: Becca Sterry

Reading: Matthew 12:46-50 and Prayers (OneWay)

Easter Gospel Choir Practice (4 –5.30pm in Parish Rooms)

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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

24th March 2019
3rd Sunday of Lent
Morning Worship

Lent: Learning from Jesus - Our repentance

"I tell you... unless you repent (turn back to God), you too will all perish" (Luke 13:5)

Welcome to today's service!

We're continuing our walk towards Easter, both looking at ourselves and looking at Jesus, learning from him about what's needed for us to know his promise: to live fulfilled lives now and to enjoy eternal life. In that context, this week's passage comes as a blunt wake-up call. Whatever shape our lives are in, whether we feel as though we're riding the crest of a wave, or wading through mud, whatever we may need in the short term, or however much we think we've got everything sorted, there is only one thing that will have eternal consequence, and that's whether or not we've turned our lives towards God. In his compassion, through Jesus, God reaches out to us time and time again, doing all that he can to nurture and encourage our trust in him, but in the end he allows us to choose for ourselves. Will we turn and seek to live for him, or will we keep going on our own trajectory without him? The choice is ours, but that choice will have eternal consequence. Let's head towards Easter knowing the assurance of having placed our trust in him and so having received the gift of eternal life.

James Kennedy (Vicar)

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: 24 March 2019

3rd Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Luke 13:1-9 (Matthew Carpenter)

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

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (with Sparklers, Ignite, One Way & Leading: Rev Toby Artis Preaching: Rev James Kennedy Ablaze)
Reading: Luke 13:1-9 (Jen/Peter Williams) Prayers: Jo Graves.
Encounter Service: 6pm in church. Cafe open 5.30 for refreshments
Men's Curry Night 8pm at Spice of India

Praying around the Deanery. This week: St Giles, Wiggington.

Please pray for Wendy Cunningham, Janet Collins and Keith Disney and the Church Wardens Nicholas Case and Hugo Brown.

*****NOTICES*****

Encounter Service This Evening at 6pm (Café Doors open at 5.30pm)

Join us on Sunday for a our modern informal service 'Encounter', with the cafe opens at 5.30pm providing some smashing cakes.

We will kick off our worship at 6pm, along with a talk on 'Hope' by Toby Artis. It promises to be a great evening where you can come and Encounter the living God, hear from His word and share in friendship with His people. Young or not so young, it would be great to see you there.

Mothering Sunday Service—next week—31 March at 10.45am

We would love you to join us for this family friendly service to celebrate Mothering Sunday. Please do invite any friends along too- all women will leave with a gift and we'll have coffee and cupcakes after the service. We hope to see you there!

Passover Meal on Maundy Thursday (18th April) in Parish Rooms at 6.30pm

This Easter we are repeating the Passover Meal of two years ago. Pick up invitation cards from the back of the church and invite your friends. Tickets Suggested £3 per adult (children free) are available from Judith Marshall or Emma in the Church Office.

NEW WINE 2019 - We'd love you to join us!

Every year about 50-60 of us pack up our camping gear and head off to a field to join with 12.000 other Christians from around the country for a week of teaching, worship and fun! If you would like to join us then please make sure you book VERY SOON. The New Wine Early Bird prices end on 3rd April. For further details or to book please go to www.newwine.org (AS A CHURCH WE GO TO WEEK 2: 4-11th August 2019) If you have any questions, or need some gentle encouragement please talk to any of the staff team - we would love you to come and join the fun!

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 25 - 30 March 2019

- Mon 25 Mar St Mary's Pilates** (6pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tue 26 Mar Prayer Course** (6.30pm for meal, 7.15pm starts at 8 Church Street)
- Wed 27 Mar St Mary's Minis** (10—11.30am in Parish Rooms)
Prayer Ministry Team Training (6.30-9.30pm in Parish Rooms)
Lent Supper (7—9pm in Holy Trinity School Hall) Catholic church hosting & speaking.
- Thu 28 Mar Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
CAP Life Skills (11.30am—1.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 29 Mar Mini Movers** (8.35 –10.15am in St Mary's School Hall)
Remix Youth Group (3.15—4.45pm in Glyme Hall)

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sun 31 Mar (Clocks go Forward 1 hr)**
Gospel Choir Practice (4.0—5.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 3 Apr 1st Priority Prayer** (7.30pm in church)
- Sun 7 Apr Gospel Choir Practice** (4.0—5.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Mon 8 Apr Come For Tea** (2.30—4.0pm in Parish Rooms)
- Sun 14 Apr Gospel Choir Practice** (4.0—5.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Thu 18 Apr Passover Meal** (6.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 19 Apr Good Friday Meditation** (12noon—3pm in the church)
- Sun 21 Apr EASTER DAY: Sunrise Service on the hill** (5.30am assemble at Parish Rooms)
- Sat 27 Apr Women's Breakfast** (8.30-10am at Crown & Cushion Hotel)
Further information to follow.
- Sat 11 May Friends of St Mary's Garden Fete** 12noon—4.30pm in Old Vicarage Garden
- Sat 6 July Pandemonium in the Park** Please note the date in your diaries!
Further information to follow.

For further information, please contact the Church Office