

Services on Sunday 14 April 2019

Palm Sunday

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson
Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 (Andy Thomson) Gospel: John 12:1-8

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

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (with Popcorn Sunday)

Leading: Rev Toby Artis **Preaching:** Rev James Kennedy

Reading: John 12:1-8 (David/Susan Bishop) Prayers (Sandra Cutting)

Church Lunch 12.45 in Parish Rooms . All welcome

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

7th April 2019
5th Sunday of Lent
Holy Communion

Lent: Learning from Jesus- His Presence...

'You will always have the poor among you,^[c] but you will not always have me'. John 12:8

Welcome to today's service!

The journey of lent takes us through a whole host of different events and encounters with Jesus. We become re-acquainted with the build-up to the Easter story, and we have the opportunity to learn afresh what Jesus did, why Jesus did what he did, and what this means to us. But today's passage gives the opportunity to step back from the timeline and to be caught up in the moment. We are given the opportunity to contemplate more deeply who Jesus is. In this scene where Jesus is amongst his followers and friends having a simple meal, Mary grasps something so profound about who she's in the presence of. In her midst, is her saviour, her precious and beloved Lord Jesus Christ, who's about to make the biggest sacrifice in the whole of human history. She's led to utter devotion and worship at his feet. And whilst this sparks rage from Judas, Jesus affirms her actions. It is Jesus presence which leads her to worship and reverence. This too is our calling, as we become aware Jesus' presence in everything we do, our response should be, worship to him. Even when those around us take issue or would prefer us to manage our resources differently, Jesus affirms that we are called to bow down and worship our beautiful Lord and Saviour who died and rose again for us.

Toby Artis

Assistant Curate

SPARKLERS



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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: 7 April 2019

5th Sunday of Lent

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev David Salter

Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 (Martin Jarratt) Gospel: John 12:1-8

St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev Ursula Simpson

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (Popcorn Sunday & Ablaze)

Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson Preaching: Rev Toby Artis

Reading: John 12:1-8 Jamie/Rachel Bell Prayers (tbc)

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

Praying around the Deanery. This week: St John the Baptist, Fifield

Please pray for Geoffrey Clement, Anne Hartley and the Church Wardens Pat Yaxley and Mary Champness.

*****NOTICES*****

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.

Lilies for Easter

You may be missing the flower displays in Church during LENT. This is the custom within our church. Then traditionally, at Easter we burst forth with light and colour and decorate the church with Easter Lilies for the Eastertide. 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



Alpha - Got questions about faith, or know other people who might? Our upcoming Alpha course will provide a relaxed environment to be able to discuss all sorts of things from questioning the existence of God to thinking about what it means to live life as a Christian. Wherever you're at, it's a great opportunity to meet new people, enjoy a free meal together and talk about the big questions of life.

The launch date is 30th April in the Parish Rooms.

Course starts 14th May. Please do invite anyone along who you think might enjoy this! Contact Judith Marshall Email: judith.marshall@stmaryscnorton.com or Emma Bayley in the Church Office.

Women's Breakfast - Sat April 27th 8.30-10.00am Crown & Cushion Hotel

We'd love you to come and join us for our next Women's Breakfast at the Crown and Cushion. Annie Hughes will be speaking to us on '*I have called you by name*', looking at being known and celebrating our uniqueness. Annie has worked as a chaplain in a medical practice, been involved in church leadership for many years and loves to see the ways we are transformed by God's love. She has three married sons and 9 grandchildren who keep her very busy! Do come along and bring a friend, it's sure to be a fun and encouraging time together. 8.30-10am, £8, continental or cooked, book and pay online (see www.stmaryscnorton.com), or sign up on the sheet at the back. For more info -

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CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 1—6 April 2019

- Mon 8 Apr** **Come For Tea** (2.30—4.0pm in Parish Rooms)
St Mary's Pilates (6pm in Parish Rooms)
- Tue 9 Apr** **Prayer Course** (6.30pm meal, 7.15pm starts, at 8 Church Street)
- Wed 10 Apr** **No St Mary's Minis** during school holidays
Lent Supper (7—9pm at St Mary's Parish Rooms) St Mary's hosting with Rev Toby Artis speaking. (Set up from 6pm help required)
- Thu 11 Apr** **Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)
CAP Life Skills (11.30am—3.00pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 12 Apr** **No Mini Movers** in school holidays
No Remix Youth Group in school holidays
- Sat 13 Apr** **Easter Holiday All Day Youth Hike** (10am—5pm). Depart from CN School coach park. Ends at Parish Rooms. Picnic lunch provided.

Friends of St Mary's Church Garden Fete on Saturday 11th May 2019 in the Old Vicarage garden in Church Street from 12.00 noon to 4.00pm - put it in your diary please!

Everyone is most welcome to come and support us at this traditional Fete, with music, sideshows and traditional stalls - cakes, tombola and as always a cream tea!! We shall need some help please!!

Contact Jo Graves jograves46@aol.com or Kirsty Garrett kirsty.garrett@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- 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 for 5.45am service)
- Fri 26 April** **Christian Business Leaders Breakfast** (7.30am at The Kings Arms, Stow GL54 1AF) If you're involved in leadership in business, do go along to this CBL breakfast for some inspiration and encouragement. The speaker this month is Timon Roberts, sharing his story as a recovered heroin addict to now being a husband, business leader and restored man. For more details visit the CBL website (<http://www.cbl-uk.org/meetings/cotswold-group/>)
- Sat 27 Apr** **Women's Breakfast** (8.30-10am at Crown & Cushion Hotel)
Further information to follow.
- Tue 30 Apr** **Alpha Launch** (in the evening in Parish Rooms) Further information to follow
- Sat 11 May** **Friends of St Mary's Garden Fete** 12noon—4.30pm in Old Vicarage Garden
- Tue 14 May** **Alpha Course starts** (7.30pm in Parish Rooms)
- Sat 6 July** **Pandemonium in the Park** Please note the date in your diaries!
Further information to follow.