

Services on Sunday 26 May 2019

6th Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev Victor Story
Reading: Acts 16:9-15 (Matthew Carpenter))

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

St Mary's 10.45am Morning Worship (with Sparklers, Ignite, OneWay & Ablaze)

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

Reading: Ruth 1: 1-2 (Robin Hayden) **Prayers:** Mark & Linda Carpenter

Men's Curry Night (8pm at Spice of India)



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

19th May 2019
5th Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion

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Essential Hospitality: sacrificial

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our sisters and brothers." 1 John 3.16

Welcome to today's service!

It was love that drove Jesus to the cross. His love was not just a feeling. It was an action, giving his life so that others could live. Totally sacrificial. And God gives us his love. His love transforms our hearts and from our hearts flow our actions. When you see someone in need, don't you find you want to help? Yet so often we quench that gut reaction and do nothing.

When Jesus Christ gave his life on the cross, it wasn't just to save isolated individuals - but, to create a new community! We, the church, are that new community! We were brought into that new community, the community of the cross. The cross is at our heart. We were brought into being by the cross, by the death of Jesus. At the centre of our life, we worship the 'Lamb who was slain' but is alive. So, we are not gloomy and somber. We're a community of love, of joy and celebration. We share in the 'joy of heaven', the benefits that Jesus has won for us now, here on earth. This is a foretaste on earth now of that joy which one day we will experience fully in heaven! Let's share with our brothers and sisters and those in need the good things God has given us.

May God pour his love into our hearts,

Ursula Simpson

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).

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.

Services This Sunday: 19 May 2019

5th Sunday of Easter

St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading: Rev James Kennedy
Reading: Acts 11:1-18 (Barbara Ambrose)

St James' Over Norton 9.15am Morning Worship. Leading: Judith Marshall

St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (+Sparklers, Ignite, One Way & Ablaze)

Leading: Rev James Kennedy Preaching: Rev Ursula Simpson
Reading: 1 Cor 9:19-23 & 1 John 3:16-24 (Sandra Cutting) Prayers: Fiona Rossington

Healing Service 4.30pm in the Church. Tea + cake from 4pm

Praying around the Deanery. This week: St James' Ramsden—Please pray for Paul Mansell and the Churchwardens John Hook and Rosalind Danks.

*****NOTICES*****



Alpha - Week 2, Tuesday 21st May, 7pm (Parish Rooms).

If you've got questions or doubts about Christianity that you'd like to explore, or if you know somebody who has, it's not too late to join us. **Pick up a postcard and give it to somebody today—your invitation could be life-changing, so don't leave it until another day!**

Pizza Sunday—Sunday 2nd June 2019

To embed a growing culture of ongoing hospitality across the church, we're having a 'Pizza Sunday' on the 2nd June. The idea is for as many of us as possible to go back after church and share a meal with somebody else. If you're willing to host a guest or two, just sign up* to provide hospitality, set some extra places at your table and have a pizza ready to put in the oven. If you'd like to go to somebody else's, simply sign up* to receive hospitality and come ready to enjoy the company! Of course, if you're a masterchef, don't feel limited to pizza, but we'd like to keep the bar low so that anyone can get involved. If some of you can be ready to cater for more than you've signed up for, we can still include more guests on the day... Please take photos of the event to share!

[*please sign up online (click on event in calendar) or at back of church]

Church Picnic—Sunday 9th June 2019

Bring a rug and your lunch (plus a little extra to share if you can) and join the church family for our annual picnic! Right outside St Mary's, 9th June after the morning service. Cake and hot drinks provided (Please contact Martha if you could help bake), games to join in with, comfortable seating for those who need it. Open to everyone! martha.simpson@stmaryscnorton.com

Calling all Small Group Members... I know how much you value Small Group because so many of you have told me! Each of our 13 groups is unique, yet each provides a place for people to feel they belong, are valued and can contribute. Let's celebrate this!! We'll gather together on **Wednesday 12th June** to share stories and testimonies, re-kindle our vision for our groups, have some teaching, praise God together and pray. Come and share fellowship around a barbeque at 6.30. We'll then gather in the Parish Rooms at 7.30pm. If you are not yet in a Small Group but would like to find out more about them, this would be a great event to come to! You won't feel out of place as not many know who is in which group...

CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 20—25 May 2019

Mon 20 May Pilates (6-7pm in Parish Rooms)

Tue 21 May Alpha Course 2 (7 for 7.30 in Parish Rooms) Set up from 6pm

Wed 22 May St Mary's Minis (10.0–11.30am in Parish Rooms)

Thu 23 May Midweek Communion + coffee (10am in Parish Rooms)
CAP Life Skills (11.30am—3.00pm in Parish Rooms)

Fri 24 May Mini Movers (8.30-10.00am, in St Mary's School Hall)
Remix Youth Club (3.15-4.45pm in Glyme Hall)

Sat 25 May Take a Hike (Boys aged 11+) (9am start from CN School coach park. 10.30am ends at Parish Rooms for Breakfast)

Immersion Baptism

The date for our next Immersion Baptisms is on **Sunday 14 July** during the 10.45am service. If you have been thinking about taking this step yourself, please speak to Toby Artis: toby.artis@stmaryscnorton.com

Friends of St Mary's Garden Fete

A huge thank you to Kirsty & Giles for hosting the running the fete, to the St Mary's School choir for entertaining us, and to all the helpers throughout the day. The money raised this years was a record—£2,004.06.

CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

Sun 26 May Pilgrim Paths Guided Walk: Ascott to Shorthampton
(2pm depart from Ascott church. Bring your own refreshments.)
Men's Curry Night (8pm at Spice of India)

Thu 30 May—Sun 9 June Thy Kingdom Come prayer throughout the Benefice
(See separate insert)

Sun 2 June Hospitality Sunday

Wed 5 Jun 1st Priority Prayer + Thy Kingdom Come 6.30pm in the Church

Sun 9 Jun Church Picnic (after 10.45 service on CN Recreation Ground)

Wed 12 Jun Small Groups Celebration (6.30pm in Parish Rooms) *Further Information to follow.*

Sun 16 Jun Welcome Tea (3.00-4.30pm in Martha's Garden 15 Cross Leys, CN)

Sun 23 June Encounter Service (5.30 Café opens for 6pm Service at St Mary's)

Sun 30 June CN Town Festival (11am Churches Together Opening worship)
No service at St Mary's

Sat 6 July Pandemonium in the Park Please note the date in your diaries!
Further information to follow.

Sat 13 July Men's Breakfast **NB Change of date—not on 6 July.**

Sun 14 July Immersion Baptism (during 10.45am service at St Mary's CN)

For further information, please contact the Church Office.