

# Services on Sunday 2 June 2019

## 7th Sunday of Easter

**St Mary's 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Leading:** Rev James Kennedy  
Reading: Acts 16:9-15 (Martin Jarratt))

**St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am HC (BCP) Leading:** Rev J. Kennedy

**St Mary's 10.45am Holy Communion (with Sparklers, Ignite, OneWay & Ablaze)**

**Leading:** Rev Toby Artis **Preaching:** Sue Coyne

**Reading:** Ruth 1: 3-13 (Emma Fourie) **Prayers:** Jo Graves

**Pizza Sunday 12.45—2.30pm** Everyone is encouraged to sign up to host or attend a lunch—see separate notice.

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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

26th May 2019  
5th Sunday of Easter  
Morning Worship

## Ruth—Little Story, Big love: Introducing Ruth

“Then Naomi said... ‘...May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness... to me.’”  
Ruth 1:8

## Welcome to today's service!

For the next few weeks, we'll be looking together at the short story of Ruth. In the way that it has been narrated, despite the fact that God himself is hardly mentioned directly, it is beautifully crafted to illustrate the way in which he is quietly at work, bringing about his good purposes in our lives. Even when life may look dismal, when we return to him and keep close to him, God is still incessantly at work in unseen ways, loving us immeasurably and providentially leading us through our decisions and actions to ensure that his bigger plans are never thwarted. This little story illustrates God's big love for his people, and is given to us for our encouragement through thick and thin. Let's enjoy it and be uplifted by it together this summer.

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: 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 & Men's Curry Night (8pm at Spice of India)**  
**Leading:** Rev Toby Artis      **Preaching:** Rev James Kennedy      **Ablaze)**  
**Reading:** Ruth 1: 1-2 (Robin Hayden)      **Prayers:** Mark & Linda Carpenter

**Praying around the Deanery. This week: St Nicholas, Heythrop**  
Please pray for Ginny Thomas and the Churchwarden John Sword.

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

### 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](mailto: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-ignite 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...

### 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](mailto:toby.artis@stmaryscnorton.com)

## CHURCH DIARY

THIS WEEK : 27—1 June 2019

### Half Term week

Mon 27 May **Bank Holiday**

Tue 28 May **Out to Lunch** (1.00pm in Parish Rooms)  
**NO Alpha Course this week.**

Wed 29 May **NO St Mary's Minis**

Thu 30 May **Ascension Day Midweek Communion + coffee**  
(10am in Parish Rooms)  
**CAP Life Skills** (11.30am—3.00pm in Parish Rooms)

Fri 31 May **NO Mini Movers & Remix Youth Club**

Sat 1 Jun **Wedding Reception for Eleanor Welch & Ieuan Dyaolu**  
3.30-10pm in Parish Rooms. (Set up hall on Friday eve).

### Judith Marshall's Ordination on Sat 29th June at 2pm

Judith is arranging a coach from Chippy for her Ordination. Coach will leave Chipping Norton School at 12.15pm and come back afterwards for celebrations in the Parish Rooms. Please contact Linda Carpenter to book a place—no charge. There are 50 seats available - [linda.carpenter50@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:linda.carpenter50@yahoo.co.uk)  
Linda will have a sign up sheet in church on Sunday.

## 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)

Thu 13 Jun **Churches Together Town-wide Prayer Evening** (7.30 for 7.45pm  
at Methodist Church)

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.**