

# Services on Sunday 13 October 2019

17th Sunday after Trinity

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev Ursula Simpson  
Reading: Philippians 4:4-9 (Barbara Ambrose)

**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: James Kennedy Preaching: Rev Martha Simpson

Reading: Nehemiah 1 (Emma Fourie) Prayers: (Graham Povey)

**Church Lunch 12.45pm in Parish Rooms.** All are welcome to attend our 'Bring and share' lunch and to invite family and friends. Children welcome!

## Contacting St Mary's

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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.



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

6th October 2019


16th Sunday after Trinity, Holy Communion

## New Walls, New Heart : The state of the nation.

"Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today" Nehemiah 1:11

## Welcome to today's service!

Psalms 127 reminds us that unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Similarly, this morning we'll be singing 'the wise man builds his house upon the Rock': whatever we embark upon as a church, if we want to follow where God is leading, we need to keep rooting ourselves deeply in prayer and to keep our eyes towards building his Kingdom, not ours. Before launching our 'Building to Serve' Campaign, that's why we spent September grounding our own motivation for the investments of time, energy and resource that lie ahead by looking at what Jesus gives. It's why we have made space for prayer, and it's why I'd like **everybody** to be part of next week's 24hrs of Prayer (Tues-Weds) [*If you've not, but if you count yourself part of our church family, please take this as your firm nudge from me of my hope and expectation that we will **ALL** stand shoulder-to-shoulder in prayer, so please sign up **now!**]. As we take a bold step of faith, as a church, we'll also be drawing inspiration from Nehemiah and the way that he responded to the deep needs that he perceived... he cried out in persistent prayer, he emphasised the need for renewed hearts for God, and then he acted, gathering the whole people into the vision that God had given him to build. May that be our story too!*

  
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: 6 October 2019

16th Sunday after Trinity

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: **Rev David Salter**

Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (Barbara Ambrose)

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

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

Leading: Emma Kennedy **Preaching:** Rev James Kennedy

Reading: Nehemiah 1 (Robin Hayden) **Prayers:** (Sue Coyne)

**Praying around the Deanery. This week: St Peter's, Hook Norton**

Please pray for Janet Faull, Janet Collins, Wendy Cunningham and Keith Disney and the Church Wardens Mary Powell and Mark Taylor.

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

#### **24hr Prayer - 8th-9th October with rescheduled 1st Priority Prayer in the Old Bank**

Drawing together in prayer, after our month of looking to Jesus and listening throughout September, we will be holding a 24hr Prayer event from 9pm on Tuesday 8th October. Prayer stations will be set up in the Parish Rooms during that period, and as a climax, at the end of the 24hrs, we will gather together in the Old Bank at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th October for this month's *1st Priority Prayer* (delayed by a week from its usual time on the first Wednesday).

Sign up sheets are available in the church, and online via the website. Let's raise this whole project before God with a real sense of urgency. We need him to build our house, or we will be labouring in vain!

Doodle Poll link: <https://doodle.com/poll/bpe4fm653s8nhg4n>

#### **Safeguarding**

At St. Mary's it's really important that everyone who comes to our services and activities is kept safe. If you're in a volunteer role then over the next weeks your ministry lead may contact you about attending safeguarding training or to complete a DBS or "Confidential Declaration Form" (and if you volunteer in more than one capacity then you might hear from both/all of your ministry leads).

Rules from the Diocese now require many volunteers at church to do some basic safeguarding training, even in some roles that aren't directly with children. We're so grateful for all of our volunteers and it's difficult for us to ask extra things of you. However, it is necessary we do all the things that are required of us to keep everyone safe. Thanks so much for your help with this.

#### **North Cotswold Group Women's Convention on**

**Saturday 19 October 9.30am at Warwick Hall, Burford.**

Life as a Christian woman in 21st Century Britain can be hard. Join us to hear teaching from guest speaker Clare Heath Whyte, enjoy worship, prayer and fellowship together, and hear testimonies from women who have struggled, fought and stood firm. It promises to be an encouraging and inspiring event.

#### **Welcome Tea on Sunday 20 October 3-4.30pm in Parish Rooms.**

If you're new to St Mary's (or still feel new), we'd love you to join us for our next Welcome Tea at 3.00pm on Sunday 20th September. Please sign up at the back of the church if you'd like to come.

## CHURCH DIARY

FOR NEXT WEEK: 7—12 Oct 2019

- Tue 8 Oct** **Out to Lunch** (1pm in Parish Rooms)  
**24 hr Prayer for Old Bank starts** (9pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 9 Oct** **24 hr Prayer continues:** 9am-12noon in church, then in Parish Rooms  
**St Mary's Minis** (10-11.30 in Parish Rooms)  
**1st Priority Prayer** (7.30pm in the Old Bank)
- Thu 10 Oct** **St Mary's School's Harvest service** (9.45am in the church)  
**Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)  
**CAP Life Skills** (11.30-3pm in Parish Rooms)
- Fri 11 Oct** **Mini Movers** (8.30-10am in St Mary's School Hall)  
**Remix Youth Club** (3.15-4.45 in Glyme Hall)
- Sat 12 Oct** **Marriage Preparation Course** (9.30am—4pm in Parish Rooms)

## CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- Sun 13 Oct Parish Lunch** (12.45 in Parish Rooms)
- Mon 14 Oct Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
- Thu 17 Oct Hymns of Praise** (3pm in church)
- Fri 18 and Fri 25 Oct Installation of dividing wall in Parish Rooms** 8am-6pm
- Sat 19 Oct N Cotswold Women's Conference** (9.30am Warwick Hall, Burford)  
**Friends of St Mary's 'Chippy's Got Talent'** (7.30pm in the church)  
See posters. Admission on the door £5 adult/£10 per family.
- Sun 20 Oct Welcome Tea** (3—4.30pm in Parish Rooms) Invitations and sign-up sheet at the back of the church.
- Sun 27 Oct Men's Curry Club** (8pm at Spice of India, Chipping Norton)
- Sun 3 Nov All Souls Service** (3pm in the church followed by tea and cakes)
- Tue 5 Nov Out to Lunch** (1pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 6 Nov 1st Priority Prayer** (7.30pm in the church)
- Sat 9 Nov Boy's Hike & Breakfast** (9am depart from CN School coach park  
10.30am Breakfast in Parish Rooms)  
**Church cleaning by Brownies** (9.30-11.30am in the church)
- Sun 10 Nov Remembrance Service and Parade** (10.30am seated for 10.45am)
- Mon 11 Nov Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)  
*For further information please contact the Church Office*

### **Open Doors Conference on Saturday 16 November in Birmingham**

For those planning to attend the Open Doors Conference there are still 6 seats available on the Open Doors coach from Witney picking up in Chippy on first come basis. To book a place on the coach contact Emma Bayley in the Church Office. We need to confirm numbers with Open Doors by **16 October**.  
*Information about booking tickets on green flyer at the back of the church.*