

## Services on Sunday 20 October 2019

### 18th Sunday after Trinity

**St Mary's 8am Holy Communion (BCP)** Leading: Rev James Kennedy  
Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (Barbara Ambrose)

**St James' Chapel Over Norton 9.15am MW** Leading: Rev Judith Marshall

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

Leading: Rev Martha Simpson Preaching: Bill Rees

Reading: Nehemiah 3 Prayers: (Jo Graves)

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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

13th October 2019  
17th Sunday after Trinity  
Harvest Service

## Hands and Hearts

"I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem." Nehemiah 2:12

## Welcome to today's service!

After months of praying, Nehemiah is now ready to take action. But all he actually has to do is respond to a simple question from his boss - what's wrong Nehemiah? The force of his grief over the ruins of Jerusalem is plain for all to see, but what's not plain is what God has put in his heart to do. A huge and ambitious project is taking shape in Nehemiah's mind, and so he responds with equally huge and ambitious requests from the King. There's more than little cheek here, and Nehemiah's boldness could have cost him his job and ruined the project to rebuild before it had even got going. And yet, he's not sacked, he's *sent* to get on with it. The only reason this happens is because *'the gracious hand of my God was upon me'*. And it's that hand that we seek as we come together to worship today and every day. And that favour that we look for as we consider what it is that God has put in *our* hearts to do. We can be sure of one thing - what is in our hearts is only a tiny reflection of what is in God's heart, a heart of abundance and goodness which we also recognise and celebrate in this Harvest season.

Martha Simpson (Curate)

**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: 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 2: 1-18 (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!

**Praying around the Deanery. This week: St Michael & All Angels, Great Tew**  
Please pray for Ginny Thomas and the Church Wardens Richard Veale and Rosie Rowe.

\*\*\*\*\*NOTICES\*\*\*\*\*

### 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 the Diocese require 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.

### 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, first served basis. **Last chance** to book a place on the coach contact Emma Bayley in the Church Office. We need to confirm numbers with Open Doors **next week**.

## CHURCH DIARY

FOR NEXT WEEK: 14—19 Oct 2019

- Mon 14 Oct Pilates** (6—7pm in Parish Rooms)  
**Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
- Wed 16 Oct Mary's Minis** (10-11.30 in Parish Rooms)
- Thu 17 Oct Midweek Communion + coffee** (10am in Parish Rooms)  
**CAP Life Skills** (11.30-3pm in Parish Rooms)  
**Hymns of Praise + tea** (3pm in the church)
- Fri 18 Oct Mini Movers** (8.30-10am in St Mary's School Hall)  
**Installation of dividing wall in Parish Rooms Phase 1** 8am-6pm  
**Remix Youth Club** (3.15-4.45 in Glyme Hall)
- Sat 19 Oct N Cotswold Group Women's Conference** (9.30am at Warwick Hall, Burford)  
**Friends of St Mary's 'Chippy's Got Talent'** (7.30pm in the church)

## CALENDAR OF FURTHER EVENTS

- 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)
- Fri 8 Nov Installation of dividing wall in Parish Rooms Phase 2** 8am-6pm
- 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 start)
- Mon 11 Nov Come for Tea** (2.30-4pm in Parish Rooms)
- Sat 16 Nov Open Doors Conference** (All day at Bethal Convention Centre, Birmingham. Coach departs from CN School coach park at 7.45am)
- Sat 23 Nov Men's Breakfast** 8.30-10.30am in Parish Rooms)
- Sun 24 Nov Open Doors Youth led service** (10.45am in the church)