

Today - Golden anniversary of ordination

On this day 50 years ago I was ordained priest at Christchurch Cathedral in Oxford. For much of my ministry I have served in this diocese. 21 years at St Thomas first as a curate with responsibility for the daughter church and then as Vicar of the new parish of Wilbury. After 11 years at St Nicholas Stevenage and St Mary's Graveley, I retired to Letchworth and 3 years ago became a regular worshipper in Norton. I want to thank those congregations where I have ministered for their encouragement and forbearance as they have taught me much over the years. My prayers are with Beverley today on her ordination at St Albans and her future ministry.

Thank you, Don Dowling

This Saturday - Peregrine Recorder Orchestra Concert

This week join the **Peregrine Recorder Orchestra** for a **Concert of Music for a Summer Evening** at St George's Church on **Saturday 5th July at 7.30pm**. **Entry is free**. Light refreshments will be provided and there will be a retiring collection in aid of the Garden House Hospice. Let the Peregrine Orchestra enlighten you to the delights and range of sounds recorders can produce. You will be amazed at the tremendous variety of music available!



Wednesday Mornings:

10.00 am **Holy Communion** in the Lady Chapel

10.00—11.30 am **Norton Coffee Shop** in the Clulow Room

Health Walk - All welcome to join the FREE Health Walk leaving from and returning to St Georges car park on Wednesday mornings at 10am. This is a Grade 1 walk for beginners with a gentle pace and lasts up to 30 minutes. Volunteers lead and go behind the group. Afterwards, you are very welcome to relax with a coffee at Norton Coffee Shop.

Readings next week (Trinity 3): Galatians 6:1-16, Psalm 66:1-8 Luke 10:1-11,16-20. Our presidents: Don Dowling/Anthony Giles. Preacher: Karen Williams.

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Please submit notices by **Wednesday** for inclusion in the next pew sheet .



Petertide - Sunday 29th June 2025 9.30am

Our president is Anthony Giles
and we welcome Helen Giles as our preacher today

HYMNS (HON)

Entrance	134	For all the saints
Offertory	303	Lift high the cross (Omit 6-10)
Communion	106	Dear Lord and Father
Final	205	He who would valiant be

Reading

Acts 12:1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Today - Ordination of Bev Hanshaw

Bev Hanshaw will be ordained Deacon at St Albans Cathedral **today** - 29th June at 2.30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Foodbank

Thank you to those who give to the foodbank. This month they have special need for the following:

Plain noodles

Plain rice

Cooking oil 1ltr bottle

Tomato Puree

Toilet rolls

Biscuits

Pulses

Tinned tomatoes

Vegetable stock cubes

Sugar (500gm)

Please note that we are unable to take out-of-date food.

Daily Bible Reading booklets

The **NEW August - October UCB 'Word for Today'** daily bible reading booklets are now available at the back of St Georges. It's free so please help yourself. The **Bible Reading Fellowship daily reading** booklets can be ordered, at a small cost, through Martin and Christine Walker (martinwalker1951@gmail.com).

Aspire Recycling collection

Please support Aspire by bringing items for recycling with Terracycle. Biscuit, cracker and cake wrappers, tea and coffee flexible packaging. Thank you! Please contact Angie (amcaldwe@yahoo.com) or Liz (lizbeardmore53@gmail.com).

Jigsaw sale - Fundraising event

A Jigsaw sale will take place in the Church Hall on Saturday 26th July, 2pm-4pm. Tea/coffee and homemade cakes. Raffle. Free entry. Offers of raffle prizes, cakes and complete jigsaws gratefully received. Contact Rachel Phillips 07909 730365

100 Club

Winners for April were: 1st - David Greatorex, 2nd - Charles Vickers
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The next 100 Club draw is **TODAY** - Sunday 29th June 2025

13th July

Joint 10am service

Please note we will not be having an altogether service on 13th July instead we will be having our usual 8am service at St Nicholas then a combined 10am service at St Georges.

This combined service will include puppets, crafts for the children and action song. So everyone is welcome to attend.

Following the 10am service we will be having our

Summer Picnic in the vicarage Garden

Everyone is invited to our Summer picnic on 13th July in the vicarage garden (or the hall if wet) for games and fun. Please bring your own picnic and chairs or blanket to sit on. Tea/coffee/cakes will be provided. There will be a Bouncy Castle, plus some games for everyone to enjoy - Giant Jenga, Smite (similar to skittles), Juggling etc., (all free) plus a lovely Summer Raffle, Bottle Tombola and Hook a Duck for a small cost. Donations towards costs will be appreciated if you feel able but in any event, please come and enjoy catching up with friends, old and new, in the Vicarage Garden.