

Regular services and events during the week

Monday:

7:30pm Housegroup 29A Eastern Way

Tuesday:

9.00am Zoom Morning prayer (see Karen for link)

10.00am Housegroup 29A Eastern Way

8.00pm Zoom Housegroup - 1st & 3rd of the month (see Keith for link)

Wednesday:

8:45am Zoom Morning prayer (see Karen for link) [Note different time]

10.00am Said Communion in the Lady Chapel

10.00 - 11:30am Norton Coffee Shop in the Clulow Room

10.00am Health Walk (Grade 1) meets at St George's Car park

7.00pm Prayer meeting - last of the month in the Clulow Room

Thursday:

9.00am Zoom Morning prayer (see Karen for link)

1:30pm— 2.45pm Norton Nippers (under-4's children's group)
in the Parish Hall

Sunday:

8.00am Said Communion at St Nicholas

9:30am Holy Communion at St Georges

11.00am Altogether service at St Georges - 2nd of the month

5:30pm Choral Evensong at St Georges - 2nd of the month

Kids' activities (all in the Parish Hall)

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month : 9.15am Little Dragons (4-11 yrs old)

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the month : 9.30am Dragonflies (0—3 / 4 yrs old)

4th Sunday of the month: 9.15am Dragons (0-11 yrs old)

with coffee from 10.30am

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



Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

15th March 2026 9.30am

HYMNS (NEH)

Entrance	285	For the beauty of the earth
Offertory	161	For Mary mother of our Lord
Communion	294	Just as I am
Final	186	Tell out my soul

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 2: 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2: 33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Readings for next week (Lent 5—Passion Sunday):

Ezekiel 37: 1-14; Romans 8: 6-11; John 11: 1-45.

We welcome Keith Taylor as preacher

Holy Week 2026

Palm Sunday (29th March)

No 8am at St Nicholas.

Meet at St Nicholas Church at 8:50am for Blessing of the Palms followed by procession to St George's for 9.30am Holy Communion

Tuesday (31st March)

7.30pm Stations of the Cross at St George's

Wednesday (1st April)

7.30pm Compline at St Nicholas

Maundy Thursday (2nd April)

6.30pm Maundy Thursday Meal in Parish Hall

8pm Holy Communion in St George's Church

& followed by Stripping the Church and Vigil to 10pm

Good Friday (3rd April)

1pm Good Friday Reflections

2pm Veneration of the Cross at St George's

Saturday (4th April)

7pm The Easter Vigil at St Nicholas

Easter Sunday (5th April)

8am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

10am Family Easter Service at St George's

Friends of St Nicholas Church AGM

Will take place on **Saturday April 11th** at **10.30 am** at St Nicholas's Church. All welcome.



Daily Bible Reading booklets

It's a great idea to read our bibles daily and Bible reading notes help us understand what we read.

The **NEW February—April UCB 'Word for Today'** bible reading booklets are now available at the back of the church, as well as the **30 day 'Word for Today Just for You'** booklet which is more for those interested in or new to faith. Both are 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).

Fundraising and Community Engagement Committee

A new committee to look at how we engage with the local community, raise funds, and run events is being formed and we want to invite 2 or 3 volunteers to help.

This committee would renew each year at the APCM so you would not be tied in for more than a year (unless you want to).

The committee currently has 2 members:

Rev. Eugene and Neil (churchwarden).

Please speak to either of them for more information or to put your name forward.

Foodbank needs

Thank you to everyone who regularly supports the local foodbank. As well as the usual household needs the Foodbank currently has particular need of the following items:

Toothpaste

Washing up liquid

Tinned soup

Long life milk UHT (not plant milk)

Jam

Tinned vegetables

Carrier bags / bags for life

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

100 Club

The winners for the last two months are as follows:

January: 1st Prize - Norton Bell Ringers 2nd Prize - Janice Bolton

February: 1st prize - Pat Timms 2nd Prize - Janice Bolton

This evening

Lent Course

Stop and Stare

Join us for our reflective 5 week Lent course.

Sunday evenings at St George's - 7:30pm

Third session of the series this evening



This Week



@Coffee Shop



10.00 am –11.30 am

Wednesday March 18th

***This week we have a talk by Claire Pullen on
Hertfordshire Health Walks
“Walking for friendship and fun”***



Jigsaw and Board Game



Sale

Saturday March 21st 2.00 pm—4.00 pm



Next Sunday 22nd March

Tea and coffee will be served in the hall after the 9.30 service on 22nd March. It would be great if you could join us.

Future Events

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE
SAVE THE DATES!**

Please reserve these dates in your diaries now and further details will be provided closer to each event. *The Social Committee*

April 2nd Maundy Thursday Supper

At 6.30 pm in the main hall followed by Holy Communion at 8pm in church. **£7.50 per meal.** Soup and roll, cheese and biscuits and fruit. Please note that a ticket is necessary to reserve a meal and **MUST** be purchased on or by Palm Sunday. There is no need to buy a ticket or book if only attending the 8.00pm service.

April 18th Beetle Drive

An all-age family-friendly, fun event with prizes and raffle in the church hall. Jacket potato, beans, cheese, coleslaw and more, plus cake, tea, coffee and squash, or bring your own preferred drinks. Please note that a ticket **MUST** be purchased on or by Sunday 12th April. Tickets can be purchased from Committee members after the 9.30 service each week.

Friday May 1st Barn Dance

In the Church Hall at 7.10pm

To include a Ploughman's Supper

Adults £10.00, under 16s £5.00

If you have anything that would be appropriate for a raffle prize, please see Vicky Cameron.

This is a fundraising event organised by the PCC

Saturday June 6th Afternoon Tea