



Aspire group (For 10s-14s)

There will be **no meetings in February**, then Sundays 2nd and 16th March (3pm to 5pm), with our last meeting before Easter on Good Friday 18th April from 7pm to 9pm.

Please contact Angie (amcaldwe@yahoo.com) or Liz (lizbeardmore53@gmail.com) for more details

Recycling collection: Please help the Aspire group to recycle things we normally send to landfill. Bring to church coffee, tea and biscuit packaging. Details on the boxes at the back of St George's church.

Next week - Coffee between services

Coffee, Tea, Squash and Biscuits will be served between our 9:30 and 11am services next week in St Georges. Stay behind or come early as appropriate and enjoy fellowship together.



Next week - Altogether Service

Our Altogether Service on 9th is at 11am. The theme is Fishers of men. Come early to enjoy refreshments before our interactive service. With our usual craft we'll be learning a new song. .

Eugene's News

We are very pleased to see Eugene back with us this morning, however he is still not fully recovered and is therefore coming back to work on a phased return. Please note his working days, at the moment, will be Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Wednesday Mornings:

- 10.00 am **Holy Communion** in the Lady Chapel
- 10.00—11.30 am **Norton Coffee Shop** in the Clulow Room

Next week's readings for 4th before Lent are 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 & Luke 5:1-11

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

St George

St Nicholas

Norton Parish pew sheet



Presentation of Christ in the Temple Sunday 2nd February 2025 9.30am



HYMNS (NEH)

Entrance	393	Lead us heavenly Father lead us
Offertory	157	Hail to the Lord who comes
Communion	44	Faithful vigil ended
Final	494	Christ is the world's true light

Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

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.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Foodbank

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

Coffee 100 gm

Tinned meat (not pies)

Tinned potatoes 300gm

Tinned rice pudding

Tinned soup

Tinned vegetables

UHT fruit juice 1 ltr (orange or apple)

UHT Milk 1 ltr

Dried milk

Pasta sauce

Sugar 500gm & 1kg

Tea bags 40 /80

Bags for Life

Messy Church



Our next Messy Church will be on **Thursday 20th February**, 10am - 12.30pm at Norton Methodist Church, North Avenue, Letchworth, SG6 1DH. We look forward to seeing you then. Register at: messychurchnorton@btinternet.com

Fundraising Group

We would like to thank the people who have volunteered to join the fundraising team and we will start putting together a list of fundraising ideas and a rough schedule for them to run throughout the year. We would ask that if you have any ideas that we could use to raise funds from ideally people outside of the church please write them down on suggestion slips which will be placed in both churches over the next couple of weeks. Any and all ideas are welcome and then the team will sort out the ones that are easy quick wins and others which may need some organisation.

The 100 Club

Our first draw was held on Sunday 26th January and drawn by Rev. Anthony; the first prize was number 264 - Carol Greatorex and the second prize was number 207 – Michael Greatorex. The next draw will be held on Sunday 23rd February..