

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday 11th May in the Parish Hall at 11am. At this meeting the New Electoral Roll will be presented along with reports from the vicar, the PCC, the treasurer, the church wardens and the deanery synod.

Messy Church

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make our Messy Church on 10th April such a successful time.

Next week - Dragons & Coffee in hall

Next week Dragons is at 9.15 onwards in the church hall. We continue our theme with Jesus' saying "I am the resurrection and the life". Crafts, talk, action song, food craft etc.

Coffee will be served in the hall after the 9:30am service.



Diocese vacancy

The Diocese is advertising for a new PA for the Archdeacon of Hertford (on the retirement of her current PA). The role is based in the Archdeacon's office in Hertingfordbury. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 7th May. Further details from: <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/pa-to-the-archdeacon-of-hertford/> Ruth Carl Governance and HR Operations Manager

Monthly Prayer meeting

Our next prayer meeting is on Wednesday 30th April at 7pm in the Clulow Room. The theme is Peter. Come and join us.

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: 8am Acts 5:27-32 & John 20:19-31 (Easter 2)
9:30/11:15 2 Timothy 2:3-13, Psalm 126 & John 15:18-21 (St George)

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



Easter Day

Sunday 20th April 2025

10am Combined Service



HYMNS (NEH)

Entrance	110	Jesus Christ is risen today
Offertory	103	Alleluia, Alleluia, hearts to heaven
Communion	115	Now the green blade riseth
Final	113	Loves redeeming work is done

Reading

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This week - Friends of St Nicholas AGM.

Friends of St Nicholas AGM is taking place in St Nicholas Church on **Saturday 26th April at 10.30 am.**



Electoral roll 2025

If you wish to be placed on the electoral roll please ensure your completed forms are given **today** to Tracey Nicholls, Susan Taylor or a Church Warden. Any questions, please ask and I will be happy to help. *Tracey Nicholls - Electoral Roll officer.*

Foodbank

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

Cereals (not Porridge)

Tinned Fish

Tinned Fruit

Jam

Sponge Puddings

Tinned Rice Pudding

Tinned Custard

Tinned Tomatoes

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

Aspire group (For 10s-14s)

Recycling collection: Please support Aspire by bringing items for recycling with Terracycle. Biscuit, cracker and cake wrappers, tea and coffee flexible packaging. Pick up a leaflet from church if you don't yet have one. Thank you! Please contact Angie (amcaldwe@yahoo.com) or Liz (lizbeardmore53@gmail.com) for more details about Aspire.

Daily Bible Reading booklets

If you do not already regularly read your bible, we have a selection of items available for getting into the habit of learning from daily bible readings. **UCB Quarterly 'Word for Today'** daily reading booklets for May—July can be found 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 of these 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. There is a shorter version as well as an in-depth one, and large print booklets are also available. To find out more please speak to Martin or Christine (martinwalker1951@gmail.com).