

St George



St Nicholas

Norton parish pew sheet

Trinity 1

7th June 2026 9:30am

HYMNS (NEH)

Entrance	64	Be thou my guardian and my guide
Offertory	378	Immortal love forever full
Communion	148	The God of Abraham praise (omit * vvs)
Final	486	We have a gospel to proclaim

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

New Testament Reading

Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Our Readings for our Safeguarding Sunday Services next week are:

Isaiah 41:10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Mark 12:28-34

We welcome Dr Andy Nicholls as our preacher.

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:

Jam	Sponge puddings
Long life fruit juice	Instant Mash
Tinned meat /vegetables	Tinned potatoes
Tinned rice / custard	Shampoo
100g Coffee	Packet Soup
Shower gel	Breakfast Cereals
Long life milk UHT whole or semi-skimmed (not plant milk)	
Carrier bags / bags for life	

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

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 **May - July UCB 'Word for Today'** bible reading booklets are available at the back of the church.

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).

Gardening club

A Gardening Club meets on the first Thursday of every month until October. We will meet at St George's to carry out regular gardening, weeding, pruning, planting and general maintenance of the green spaces around the church and Parish Centre.

Anyone is welcome to come and join us from 10:30-12:00.

Please see the Churchwardens for more details.

Next meeting will be on 2nd July.

New School Governors needed

Norton St Nicholas CE Primary School are looking for new PCC elected Foundation governors. The positions will be elected by St Georges Church PCC from the candidates that apply.

Governors have a four year term of office and are required to attend six full governing body evening meetings per year as well as committee meetings at various times to discuss particular matters. These are always friendly and inclusive sessions. Ideally governors take the opportunity to visit the school and meet staff during the day when possible to fully understand how the school operates.

Foundation Governors are responsible for the Christian Foundation, Anglican ethos and vision of the school and take a strategic role in developing the education within it. They monitor the school's performance and budget and act as a critical friend to ensure the best environment and education is provided for the children and staff.

You will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check.

It is a great advantage to have a wide range of experiences and skills in the governing body and so you do not need to have an educational background.

At the moment the Governing Body has a large number of governors who are parents of children at the school so, for this occasion, we are not looking for people in that category.

Do you think this important role is for you? Speak to Keith Taylor or Rev. Eugene for more information and an application form.

Or contact Keith on kstaylortaylor@btinternet.com or 07876453881. Applications need to be returned to Keith by **28th June 2026**.

Christian Initiative for Schools (CIS) Quiz Night

CIS are holding a quiz night on Friday 19th June 7pm-10pm at the Icknield Centre (LGCC), Icknield Way, Letchworth.

Tickets £10 per person. Teams of up to 6.

Bring your own drinks and snacks, Tea/Coffee provided.

To book a place contact Martin Money 07934410425 or treasureratcis@gmail.com

New Servers Required

The server team, who assist the clergy team led by Rev Eugene each week, are looking for one or two new members to join us. Training will be provided. We usually aim to have one duty each month with a few additional duties for feast days around Easter and Christmas.

Please do let Rev Eugene or Carol Greatorex know if you are interested in learning more about this role so that we can continue with servers supporting our services each week.

Messy Church

We had a very enjoyable time at Messy Church on Thursday 28th May. Thank you to all those who helped make it possible. Susan

Bishop of St Albans Open Garden

The Garden is open at Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane AL3 4HD on Sundays 4th, 12th and 19th July, 2:00 - 4:00pm
Entrance is £5 per adult. Please keep dogs on leads. There are no toilet facilities available.

This week

St Nicholas' Church Open days



St Nicholas Church will be opened by the St Nicholas Preservation Trust from **2 - 4pm** on:

Saturday 13th June 2026

Saturday 11th July 2026

Saturday 8th August 2026

Everyone welcome.

For further details contact Sue Dullely 07730148351.

Next week

Safeguarding Sunday 14th June

Sunday 14th June will be our first ever Safeguarding Sunday. As the name suggests the theme of the service will be centred around safeguarding.

We shall be exploring safeguarding, through mime, word and prayer. Central to this will be a commitment to the Safe Spaces Pledge.

Please come along to support us and to find out more!

We look forward to seeing you.

Coffee in Church

Next week - 14th June - Tea and coffee will be served between the 9.30am **Safeguarding** service and the **Altogether Service** in St George's Church .
Stay late or come early to enjoy fellowship together over a drink.



Choral Evensong next week



Next Sunday - 14th June - we have our monthly Choral Evensong at 5:30pm in St George's Church. Join us as we celebrate God's love through song and worship.

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

700pm 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 (4-11yrs 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

Parish contacts:

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