

St George



St Nicholas

Norton parish pew sheet

Easter 7 / Sunday after Ascension

17th May 2026 9.30am



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| 130 | Hail the day that sees him rise |
| 338 | At the name of Jesus |
| 302 | O thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray |
| 296 | Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour |

First Reading

Acts 1: 6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Second Reading

1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading

John 17: 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, a to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

Our Readings for next week (Pentecost) are:
Acts 2: 1-21; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13; John 7: 37-39

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
Long life fruit juice
Tinned meat /vegetables
Tinned rice / custard
Tea & small jars of coffee
Shower gel
Shampoo
Long life milk UHT (not plant milk)
Carrier bags / bags for life

Sponge puddings
Deodorant (Male & female)
Tinned potatoes
Pasta sauce
Toothpaste
Toilet rolls

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 **NEW 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).

Norton Coffee Shop Charity Giving for 2025

During 2025 Norton Coffee Shop raised **£814.42** for charity. This money was donated to 3 charities: Garden House Hospice, Smalls for All and UK Air Ambulance, each receiving **£271.48**. Earlier in 2025 we had donated **£250.97** to Garden House Hospice and to Resolve. We thank you for attending Norton Coffee Shop and we are pleased that the number of people coming has been rising this year. Our charities for 2026 are: Garden House Hospice, The MS Trust based in Letchworth, The Bible Society, Crisis, Mercy Ships and Christian Aid. Many thanks for your support.

Helen Giles, Chair of the Pastoral Committee.

St Nicholas' Church Open days



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

Saturday 9th May 2026
Saturday 13th June 2026
Saturday 11th July 2026
Saturday 8th August 2026

Everyone welcome.

For further details contact Sue Dulley 07730148351.

APCM Elections:

At the APCM last Sunday the following people were elected on to the PCC:

Isabelle Allen
Emma Boniface
Vicky Cameron
Pauline Ferraro
Keith Taylor

They join Judy Butcher, Tim Croot, Amanda Devine and Andy Nicholls.

Also the following were elected on to the Deanery Synod:

Neil Greatorex
Olive Greatorex
Karen Williams

This Week



There will be refreshments served in the Parish Hall after the 9.30 service next Sunday **24th May**.

Future Events



Afternoon Tea on Saturday 6th June



Everyone is welcome to a traditional Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall from 3 to 5 pm. Enjoy sandwiches, cakes, and scones with jam and cream served with tea, coffee and sparkling cordial. Craft activities and colouring for children plus a 'Just for Fun' table quiz for adults.

Adults £10.00

Children under 16 years £5.00

Raffle with lovely summer prizes

Tickets available from committee members after the 9.30 service on 17th, 24th and 31st May.

Cash only please.

Gardening club

A Gardening Club is being started, meeting 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

100 Club

Winners for April:

1st prize	Michael Greatorex	134
2nd prize	David Green	300

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 (4-11yrs 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

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