

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 3

8th March 2026 9.30am

We welcome Karen Williams as preacher this morning

HYMNS (NEH)

Entrance	333	All my hope on God is founded
Offertory	373	How shall I sing that majesty
Communion	94	We sing the praise of him who died
Final	439	Praise to the Holiest

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17: 1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

New Testament Reading

Romans 5: 1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel Reading

John 4: 5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'



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.

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

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.

Saturday June 6th Afternoon Tea

The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.

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Readings for next week (Lent 4—Mothering Sunday): Exodus 2: 1-10; 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7; Luke 2: 33-35

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.

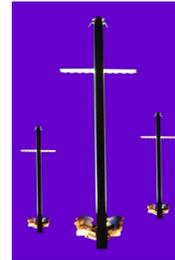
The latest newsletter from the foodbank tells us that during **October to December 2025** they distributed **1,263 parcels of food**. Over the Christmas school holidays they gave out **6 tonnes of food**. In January this year they used a whopping **400 "bag-for-life" bags** containing the food given to needy people. It is a huge undertaking so all contributions are gratefully received.



Today Coffee in church after the 9.30 service, followed by the **Altogether Service** at 11.00

This Evening

**Evensong at St Nicholas's Church,
Norton at 5.30 pm**
! ALL WELCOME !



This week

Lent Course

Stop and Stare

Join us for our reflective 5 week Lent course.
Sunday evenings at St George's - 7:30pm
Second session of the series this evening

Friends of St Nicholas Church AGM

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

