

St George



St Nicholas

Norton Parish Pew Sheet

Easter Day

5th April 2026

10am

HYMNS (NEH)

Entrance 110

Offertory 103

Communion 115

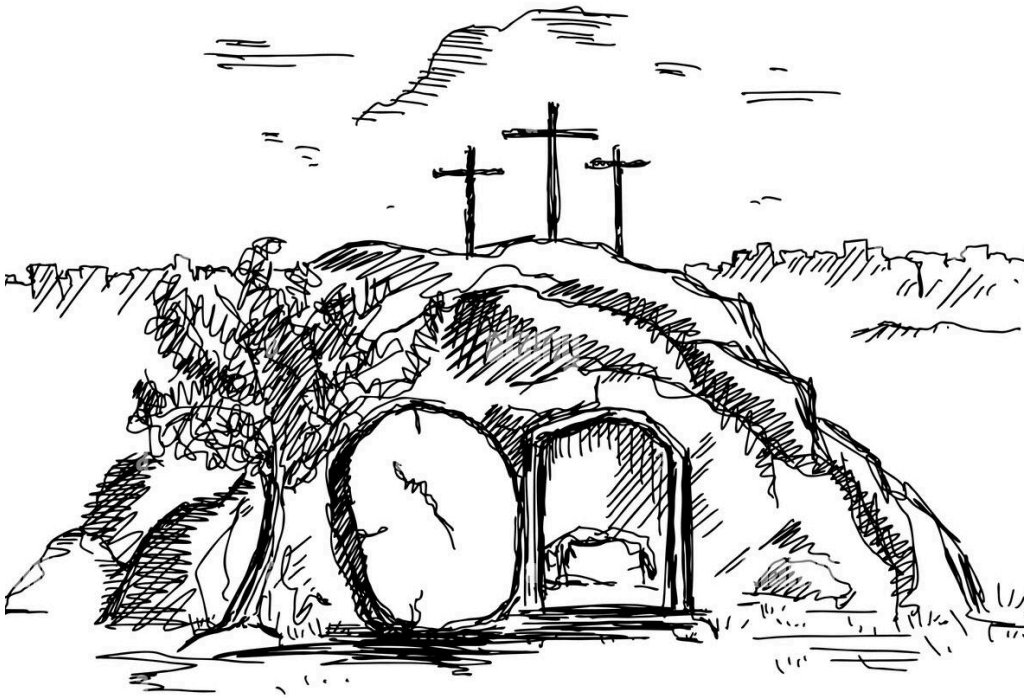
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Jesus Christ is risen today

Alleluia, Alleluia, hearts to Heaven

Now the green blade riseth

We want to see Jesus lifted high



HE IS RISEN

Old Testament Reading**Jeremiah 31:1-6**

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,

and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

‘Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.’

New Testament 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 Reading**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.

Our Readings for next week (Easter 2) are:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

We welcome Anthony Giles as president and Helen Giles as preacher

Words for Final Hymn

We want to see Jesus lifted high,
A banner that flies across this land,
That all men might see the truth and know
He is the way to heaven.
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*We want to see, We want to see,
We want to see Jesus lifted high.
We want to see, we want to see,
We want to see Jesus lifted high.*

Step by step we're moving forward,
Little by little we're taking ground,
Every prayer a powerful weapon,
Strongholds come tumbling down,
And down, and down, and down.

We want to see Jesus lifted high,
A banner that flies across this land,
That all men might see the truth and know
He is the way to heaven.
We want to see Jesus lifted high,
A banner that flies across this land,
That all men might see the truth and know
He is the way to heaven.

*We're gonna see, we're gonna see,
We're gonna see Jesus lifted high.
We're gonna see, we're gonna see,
We're gonna see Jesus lifted high.*

Today

Coffee today in the hall

After our 10am Family Easter service there will be an opportunity to enjoy further fellowship in the Parish Hall where coffee will be served.



This week



Friends of St Nicholas Church AGM

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

Next Sunday - 12th

Please note that on next Sunday (12th April) there will be no coffee in church as there is no Altogether service.
There is also no Choral Evensong this month.

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	Deodorant (Male & female)
Tinned meat /vegetables	Tinned potatoes
Tinned rice / custard	Pasta sauce
Tea & small jars of coffee	Toothpaste
Shower gel	Toilet rolls
Shampoo	
Long life milk UHT (not plant milk)	
Carrier bags / bags for life	

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

Fundraising and Community Engagement Committee

Our new committee is formed, and its members are Eugene Hanshaw, Neil Greatorex, Yvonne Foreshay and Rachel Philips. They plan to meet on 17th April so if you have any ideas for them to consider please give those to Eugene or Neil before that date.

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 **February—April 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).

New Bishop of St Albans

The Diocese of St Albans is delighted to welcome the appointment of the Right Reverend Dr Andrew Paul Rumsey as the next Bishop of St Albans. The nomination, approved by His Majesty the King, was announced by 10 Downing Street on the morning of Thursday 19th March. Bishop Andrew is currently the Suffragan Bishop of Ramsbury in the Diocese of Salisbury.

Bishop Andrew returns to the diocese in which he was born and baptised, where his father served as a parish priest*, and where he spent his early life. He described the announcement as “a homecoming” and said he was thrilled to be joining a “fine team” and humbled to follow “good and godly predecessors”.

** People who were in the parish in the late 1960s and early 1970s may remember Rev. Philip Rumsey, the new Bishop's father, when he was priest in charge of St Thomas's Wilbury. Bishop Andrew's godfather was the then Vicar of Norton, Rev. Michael Mayne.*

Messy church

Thank you to all who took part and helped in Messy Church on Thursday. The families really enjoyed thinking about The Hope of Easter.

Electoral Roll

The PCC is revising the Electoral Roll before the APCM.

If your name is not on the current Electoral Roll and you would like it to go on please see Tracey Nicholls for an application form to fill in. This can be done from 29th March until 19th April.

If your name is already on the Electoral Roll but your details have changed please let Tracey know so she can amend it.

Future Social Events

Save the dates!

Saturday 18th April 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**. These cost £7.50 for adults and £5 for children. Tickets can be purchased from Committee members after the 9.30am service each week.

Friday 1st May Barn Dance

In the Church Hall 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.

This is a fundraising event organised by the PCC.

Saturday 6th June Afternoon Tea

Further details will be provided closer to the date.

The Social Committee

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

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Rev Eugene will be away from Tuesday 7th April to Tuesday 14th April on leave. Following this, from Tuesday 14th April to Thursday 16th April, he will be at a residential conference. Later in the month, from Tuesday 21st April to Thursday 23rd April, he is attending a residential training course.

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