



## Social Committee Summer Events.

### Beetle Drive with Supper.

Saturday 7th June '25, 5.45pm for prompt 6.00pm start

Adults £6.00 - Under 18's £3.00 plus Raffle with great prizes!

Please sign up on the list at the back of the church as soon as possible.

### And save the date ...

### Summer Picnic in the Vicarage Garden

Sunday 13th July '25 after Parish Communion Service

Details to follow

## Pentecost Celebration in Broadway Gardens hosted by LGCC Sunday

**8<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 2pm.** All welcome. Please see the poster on the wall or pick up a flyer at the back of the church for more information.

## Next week's readings for the 6th Sunday of Easter are

Acts 16: 9-15; Psalm 67; John 14: 23-29.

## Wednesday Mornings:

10.00 am **Holy Communion** in the Lady Chapel

10.00—11.30 am **Norton Coffee Shop** in the Clulow Room

## Parish contacts:

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



## Easter 5

**Sunday 18th May 2025 9.30 am**

We welcome Antony Giles as our Celebrant



## HYMNS (NEH)

Entrance	401	Light's abode, celestial Salem
Offertory	439	Praise to the Holiest
Communion	311	We pray Thee, heavenly Father
Final	296	Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

## Epistle

## Acts 11: 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

## Gospel

### John 13: 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

## Foodbank

Thank you to those who give to the foodbank. This month we have a special need for the following:

<b>Cereals (not Porridge)</b>	<b>Tinned Fish</b>	<b>Tinned Fruit</b>
<b>Jam</b>	<b>Sponge Puddings</b>	<b>Tinned Rice Pudding</b>
<b>Tinned Custard</b>	<b>Tinned Tomatoes</b>	<b>Bags for Life</b>

*We are unable to use out-of-date food.*

## Daily Bible Reading booklets

If you do not already regularly read your bible, take a look at the selection of items we have 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](mailto:martinwalker1951@gmail.com)).



## 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](mailto:amcaldwe@yahoo.com)) or Liz ([lizbeardmore53@gmail.com](mailto:lizbeardmore53@gmail.com)) for more details about Aspire.

## Dragons—25th May

Dragons will take place at 9.15 am on 25th May in the Parish Hall. We will be continuing the "I am..." theme with "**I am the Bread of Life**". All welcome for crafts, talk and action song.



## New Church website—Photos needed.

We are currently updating the church website and would love to include some fresh imagery. If you have any photos that capture church life, please look at the photography request list on the notice board at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please contact the web team at [nortonparishpics@gmail.com](mailto:nortonparishpics@gmail.com)



**Messy church** is being run on Thursday 29th May between 10.00am and 12.30pm at Norton Methodist church. Our theme is 'Esther. A Queen who put others first.' For more details see the posters in church. Thanks. *Susan Taylor*

## Prayer meeting

Our next prayer meeting is on Wednesday 28th May in the Lady Chapel at 7pm. This time we are looking at the life of Esther and how God used her to save her people. It would be great if you could join us as we pray for the needs of our community and world, as well as thanking the Lord for answers to our prayers.

