

Regular services and events during the week

Monday:

7:30pm Housegroup 29A Eastern Way

Tuesday:

9am Zoom Morning prayer (see Karen for link)

10am Housegroup 29A Eastern Way

8pm Zoom Housegroup - 1st & 3rd of the month (see Keith for link)

Wednesday:

8:45am Zoom Morning prayer (see Karen for link) [Note different time]

10am Said Communion in the Lady Chapel

10 - 11:30am Norton Coffee Shop in the Clulow Room

10am Health walk (Grade 1) meets at St George's Car park

7pm Prayer meeting - last of the month in the Lady Chapel

Thursday:

9am Zoom Morning prayer (see Karen for link)

1:30pm Nippers in Parish Hall

Sunday:

8am Said Communion at St Nicholas

9:30am Holy Communion at St Georges

11am Altogether service at St Georges - 2nd of the month

5:30pm Choral Evensong at St Georges - 2nd of the month

Our Readings for next week (Advent 2) are:

Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15: 4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12

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

St George



St Nicholas

Norton parish pew sheet



Advent Sunday
30th November 2025
9.30am



We welcome Keith Taylor as preacher

HYMNS (HON)

Entrance	358	O come, o come Emmanuel
Offertory	98	Come thou long-expected Jesus
Communion	489	The Lord will come and not be slow
Final	209	Hills of the North, rejoice

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2: 1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem..

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

New Testament Reading

Romans 13: 11– end

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.



Christmas Cheers

Fun and festivities for all the family!

Sunday 14th December 2025

11.00 am—1.00 pm

In the Church Hall

Donations of chocolate (bars, buttons, etc)., would be much appreciated for our very popular tombola stall, and can be left in the box at the back of church. Please note that we do not need raffle prizes. Apart from the chocolate, all we ask is that you come and enjoy yourselves!



Christmas decoration competition

Everyone is invited to enter our Christmas wooden bauble competition.

Pay £1.00, collect a wooden bauble from the back of church and decorate it however you wish. Return your finished bauble to church no later than Sunday 21st December. Please write your full name and age group on the back:

6 years and under

7 –16 years

16 years and over

The winners will be announced at the Christmas Eve crib service for all to enjoy! Please see Emma Boniface or one of the churchwardens if you have any questions.

Future Events & Services



Parish Breakfast today

There will be Parish Breakfast after the 9.30 service today in the Parish Centre to sell cakes leftover from the jigsaw sale yesterday. Money raised from this will go to church funds.

Advent Carol Service

Our Carol Service for Advent Sunday will be held at
5.30 pm today



North Herts Guild of Singers Christmas Concert - Saturday 13th December 7.30pm in St George's.

Celebrate Christmas with the North Herts Guild of Singers, featuring contemporary and traditional carols. The centrepiece is Gustav Holst's 'Christmas Day'. We also have Holst's Four English Carols and a Christmas organ piece. We are delighted to be supported by the Holst Society, and excited to be performing in St George's for the first time. We hope to see both old and new friends. There will be lots of carols for choir and audience participation. Conducted by the acclaimed Harry Bradford and accompanied by talented Colin Spinks.

Tickets £15.00 or £5.00 full time education are available online at <https://wegottickets.com> , from choir members (Karen Williams for St George's), or on the door.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24: 36-44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Foodbank needs

Thank you to everyone who regularly supports the local foodbank.
For the Christmas season, the needs are:

Chocolates (all sizes)	Christmas cakes (all sizes)
Tins of ham	Tins of salmon
Mince pies	Crisps, nuts
Crackers for cheese	Festive biscuits
Carrier bags	Bags for Life

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

Snowdrop Garden Open Days — Possibly for the Last Time — in Support of the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust

We are pleased to share that the **Bishop of St Albans' Garden** will open to visitors this February, offering a much-loved chance to enjoy God's creation in its early spring beauty. This year's openings may be **the last time** the garden is made accessible to the public, making the occasion especially meaningful.

Thousands of snowdrops and other early bulbs will be in bloom, creating a peaceful, uplifting place to wander and reflect. All proceeds will go directly to the **Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust**, which helps fund essential repairs to historic churches across Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

Bishop Richard, Acting Bishop of St Albans, writes:

"This is a lovely way to enjoy the first signs of spring while supporting an important cause. We're proud to contribute to preserving the unique heritage of our local churches."

Open Garden Dates

Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HD

- Saturday 14 February
- Sunday 15 February
- Saturday 21 February
- Sunday 22 February

Time: 2pm–4pm

Entry: £5 per adult (all proceeds to the Trust)

All are warmly invited to visit the garden—perhaps for the final time as we are not sure if the new Bishop will continue to allow the garden to be opened to the public—enjoy its seasonal beauty and support the preservation of our cherished church buildings.

For more information, please contact:

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Daily Bible Reading booklets

The new free November 25 - January 26 UCB 'Word for Today' daily bible reading booklets are now available at the back of St Georges. The Bible Reading Fellowship daily reading booklets can be ordered, at a small cost, through Martin and Christine Walker (martinwalker1951@gmail.com).

Advent Book

Advent is a time to prepare for the Christmas festivities. Advent is also a time of reflection as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child.

This year, as a parish, we will be reading '**Advent For Everyone: A Journey With The Apostles**' by **Tom Wright**.

This is a series of daily readings and reflections through Advent that guide us 'towards the wonder and joy of Christmas'.

Copies can be bought from Amazon or other online retailers.

For more details, please see Rev Eugene or Keith Taylor.

