

## 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 5 Passion Sunday

22nd March 2026 9.30am

We welcome Keith Taylor as preacher

### HYMNS (NEH)

Entrance	79	The royal banners forward go omit * vv
Offertory	86	My song is love unknown
Communion	90	O sacred head
Final	<i>Page 5 of pew sheet</i>	Lift high the cross

### Old Testament Reading

### Ezekiel 37: 1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.'

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*Continued from previous page* I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely. Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

### **New Testament Reading**

### **Romans 8: 6-11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

### **Gospel Reading**

### **John 11: 1-45**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill.

## **Holy Week 2026**

### **Palm Sunday (29<sup>th</sup> March)**

No 8am at St Nicholas.

Meet at St Nicholas Church at 8:50am for Blessing of the Palms followed by procession to St George's for 9.30am Holy Communion

### **Tuesday (31<sup>st</sup> March)**

7.30pm Stations of the Cross at St George's

### **Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> April)**

7.30pm Compline at St Nicholas

### **Maundy Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> April)**

6.30pm Maundy Thursday Meal in Parish Hall

8pm Holy Communion in St George's Church

& followed by Stripping the Church and Vigil to 10pm

### **Good Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> April)**

1pm Good Friday Reflections

2pm Veneration of the Cross at St George's

### **Saturday (4<sup>th</sup> April)**

7pm The Easter Vigil at St Nicholas

### **Easter Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> April)**

8am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

10am Family Easter Service at St George's

So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

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*Continued from previous page* When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

### **Readings for next week (Lent 6 — Palm Sunday):**

(No OT reading); Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 25: 14—end of 27.



## **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](mailto: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

## Friends of St Nicholas Church AGM

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



## 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.*



## Easter Flowers

The St. George's Flower Arranging Team and friends will, as usual, be using their skills to make the church look beautiful for Easter. Contributions towards the flowers are very much appreciated and donations can be given to Michelle Rigby, Fiona Eve or to the Church Wardens. We will be decorating the church from 9.30 am on Easter Saturday and would love to see anyone interested in flowers who would like to join us, no experience necessary - tea, coffee and hot cross buns provided! For information contact Michelle tel. 07870 570138, email : [mmrigby@gmail.com](mailto:mmrigby@gmail.com)

## Final hymn

*Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

- V.1 Come, brethren, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.  
*Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*
- V. 2 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As thou hast promised, draw men unto thee.  
*Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*
- V. 3 Let every race and every language tell  
Of him who saves our souls from death and hell.  
*Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*
- V. 4 From farthest regions let them homage bring,  
And on his Cross adore their Saviour King.  
*Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*
- V. 5 Set up thy throne, that that earth's despair may cease  
Beneath the shadow of thy healing peace.  
*Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*
- V. 6 For thy blest Cross, which doth for all atone  
Creation's praises rise before the throne.  
*Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*



## Today 22nd March :

Tea and coffee will be served in the church hall after the 9.30 service. It would be great if you could join us.

## This evening Lent Course

### Stop and Stare

Join us for our reflective 5 week Lent course.

**Sunday evenings at St George's - 7:30pm**

**Fourth session of the series this evening**



## Prayer meeting

**Wednesday 25th March**

**at 7.00 pm in the Clulow Room**

We would love you to join us at the prayer meeting on Wednesday 25th March, when we will be praying for our world, our community, and anything else God lays on our hearts. All are welcome.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. This is a fundraising event organised by the PCC

### Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> Afternoon Tea