

Today - Dragons

Dragons is at 9.15 today in the church hall. We continue our theme with Jesus' saying "I am the resurrection and the life". Crafts, talk, action song, food craft etc.

Today - Coffee in hall

Coffee will be served in the hall after the 9:30am service.



Generous Giving Sunday – 11th May

Rev Eugene writes: Generous Giving Sunday will be held on 11th May during the service before our APCM. This will be an opportunity for us to reflect on our contributions to the church and to consider how we can support its mission and activities.

I invite everyone to thoughtfully and prayerfully reflect on their giving and how it can make a positive impact on our community. Your generous contributions help sustain our church and enable us to continue our work and outreach.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

This week - Monthly Prayer meeting

Our monthly prayer meeting is this Wednesday 30th April at 7pm in the Clulow Room. The theme is Peter. Come and join together in prayer and praise to our wonderful risen saviour.



Wednesday Mornings:

10.00 am **Holy Communion** in the Lady Chapel
10.00—11.30 am **Norton Coffee Shop** in the Clulow Room

Readings next week (Easter 3): Acts 9:1-6, Psalm 30 & John 21:1-19. We welcome Keith Taylor as our Preacher.

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

St George

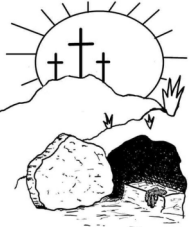


St Nicholas

Norton Parish pew sheet



Easter 2/St George
Sunday 27th April 2025 9.30am



HYMNS (NEH)

Entrance	490	Judge eternal throned in splendour
Offertory	495	God is working his purpose out
Communion	114	Now is eternal life
Final	489	God save our gracious King (vvs 1, 2)

Reading

2 Timothy 2:3-13

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Gospel

John 15:18-21

'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, "Servants are not greater than their master." If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

Foodbank

Thank you to those who give to the foodbank. This month they have a special need for the following: **Bags for Life**

Cereals (not Porridge)	UHT Fruit Juice (Orange & Apple)
Biscuits	Jam
Sponge Puddings	Tinned Rice Pudding
Tinned Custard	Tinned Tomatoes

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

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) or Liz (lizbeardmore53@gmail.com) for more details about Aspire.

Easter flowers

Thank you to everyone who made donations for Easter lilies in memory of loved ones, or contributed to flowers for Easter. Thanks also to the flower arrangers who gave their time and skills to make St. George's look beautiful for Easter Day. Michelle and Fiona

Daily Bible Reading booklets

If you do not already regularly read your bible, we have a selection of items 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).

Diocese vacancy

The Diocese is advertising for a new PA for the Archdeacon of Hertford. Closing date for applications is 7th May. Further details from: <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/pa-to-the-archdeacon-of-hertford/>

New Church Website – Photos needed

We're currently working on updating the church website and would love to include some fresh imagery. If you have any photos that capture church life, please take a look at the photography request list on the notice board at the back of the church. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with the web team at nortonparishpics@gmail.com

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday 11th May in the Parish Hall at 11am. At this meeting the New Electoral Roll will be presented along with reports from the vicar, the PCC, the treasurer, the church wardens, the safeguarding officer and the deanery synod. We will also be voting for 2 church wardens, and 2 members of the PCC so please pray about who should fill these positions. Forms are available at the back of the church to propose (with their permission) people for these jobs.