

## Electoral roll

### Electoral Roll 2025 - IMPORTANT!

This year there is a completely new electoral roll - NOT a revision. Everyone who wishes to be on our electoral roll needs to complete a form by 20th April at the latest. Please note if you do not fill out a form, you will no longer be on the electoral roll.

For anybody not on the electoral roll yet, it is a list of our church members - so, if you feel you belong to our church, please complete a form if applicable. (You are not committing yourself to anything else by joining the electoral roll!) You must be over 16 years old and baptised and live either in or outside the parish, but have habitually worshipped with us for the past 6 months.

Please give any completed forms to me, Tracey Nicholls, or to Susan Taylor or a Church Warden. Any questions, please ask and I will be happy to help. *Tracey Nicholls - Electoral Roll officer.*

## World Day of Prayer

A huge thank you to all those people who made either cakes or flowers for the World Day of Prayer, especially those who made them even though they were unable to come themselves. All your efforts were very much appreciated and enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you so much. *Karen*

### Wednesday Mornings:

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

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

**Next week's readings for 4th Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)** are 2 Corinthians 1, 3-7 and John 19, 25b-27.

### Parish contacts:

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



## Lent 3

**Sunday 23rd March 2025 9.30am**

### HYMNS (NEH)

Entrance	333	All my hope on God is founded
Offertory	373	How shall I sing that majesty
Communion	94	We sing the praise of him who died
Final	439	Praise to the Holiest in the height

### Epistle

### I Corinthians 10: 1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, '*The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.*' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

## Gospel

### Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good;

## Foodbank

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

**Cereals (not Porridge)**

**Tinned Fish**

**Tinned Fruit**

**Jam**

**Sponge Puddings**

**Tinned Rice Pudding**

**Tinned Custard**

**Tinned Tomatoes**

**Bags for Life**

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



**Messy Church** will be running on Thursday 10th April, 10am – 12.30pm, at the Parish Hall. Our theme is 'Journey to Easter'.

We would love children with their parents to join us for a morning of crafts, fun and a free lunch. If you would like to take part, please register with your child on [messychurchnorton@btinternet.com](mailto:messychurchnorton@btinternet.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

## Prayer meeting

The next prayer meeting will be on Wednesday 26th March in the Clulow Room at 7pm. Our theme is Daniel. Please join us as we worship our Lord together and bring our needs before him.



## Dragons

Dragons is **TODAY**, 9.15 in the church hall. Crafts, story and singing, to help us learn more about the statement Jesus made - ***I am the light of the world***.

**Peter Wenman's funeral:** Peter Wenman's funeral will take place at St George's at **11am on Friday 28th March**. Followed by refreshments in the church hall. Retiring collection for Trembaths and St George's. All welcome.

## Maundy Thursday Supper: 17th April

The Maundy Thursday supper takes place at 6.30 pm in the Clulow Room. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church. There is no charge, but donations will be gratefully received.



## Friends of St Nicholas AGM.

Friends of St Nicholas AGM is taking place in St Nicholas Church on **Saturday 26th April at 10.30 am**.