

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:

9am Zoom Morning prayer (see Karen for link)

10am Holy 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 Parish Choral 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 (Trinity 18) are:

Jeremiah 31:27-34, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

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



Trinity 17 Harvest



Sunday 12th October 2025 10:30am

We welcome Karen Williams as preacher today

Hymns

Entrance	259	Come ye thankful people, come
Offertory	262	We plough the fields
Communion	261	To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
Final	263	All creatures of our God and King (Omit * vvs)

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he

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became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Future Events & Services

Beetle Drive - 25th October

A Beetle Drive will be held on **Saturday 25th October '25** at 5.45pm for 6.00pm prompt start in the Church Hall with Jacket Potato Supper and Dessert. Tea, Coffee & Squash included or bring your own preferred drinks. £7.50 adults / £4.00 under 18's. Raffle with great prizes! Everyone welcome and as always, this is a family friendly event. Tickets available from Committee Members.



All souls Service - 2nd November

Please do join us at St George's Church on **Sunday 2nd November** at 3pm for our All Souls Service. This is a time of reflection and to remember our loved ones who we have lost. If you would like your loved one's name to be read out during the service, please do add it to the list at the back of church.

St Nicholas Churchyard working party - 8th November

The St Nicholas Churchyard clean up is on **Saturday 8th November**, 9:00 - 12:30. If you have time and are able to help it would be gratefully received.

Bingo & Pudding Fundraising Evening - 22nd Nov

The PCC will be running a Bingo & Pudding fundraising event on **Saturday 22nd November**, this event is to help raise funds for the church.

The event will be run from 5.00pm and will consist of a few games of Bingo, puddings will then be served from 6.00pm and then another few games of bingo. This format has been suggested to allow for people to come to the whole event or just the first section and leave after puddings or arrive at the puddings and stay for the second half. Prices to be determined, but please save the date.

Wednesday Coffee morning - help needed

The Wednesday morning Norton Coffee shop needs more helpers to enable it to be less onerous for the volunteers who run it. If you would like to help with this please contact Helen Giles or Jackie Croot (01462 337283)

Vacancy at the Diocese

The Diocese is currently advertising for a new PA for the Archdeacon of St Albans. Please find more information at: <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies/pa-to-the-archdeacon-of-st-albans/> Closing date: Monday 13th October.

Messy Church

We are running Messy Church on **Thursday 30th October** at Norton Methodist Church, North Avenue, 10am - 12.30pm. This time our theme is 'The Lord's my Shepherd'. There will be activities and crafts based on this, plus a free lunch. If you would like to attend with your child please register by emailing: messychurchnorton@btinternet.com.

We would also like to ask the congregation to collect pictures of food for one of our activities. There will be a box for these at the back of the church from next week. Thank you. Susan'

Prayer meeting

The prayer meeting is on **Wednesday 29th October** in the Lady chapel at 7pm. Join us as we pray for our community, country and world and think about Nehemiah who trusted God as he rebuilt Jerusalem



100 Club Draw

The September draw saw the 1st prize going to Sue Dulley and 2nd prize to Pat Timms.

Gospel Reading

John 6:25-35

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'



Today

Provisions Collection for the Foodbank

Thank you for your contributions today for the foodbank. The goods will be taken to their depot during the week together with the school Harvest goods brought during their services at St Nicholas on Tuesday.

Harvest Lunch

If you have purchased your tickets for this event then after the service please make your way to the Clulow Room for tea and Coffee and then Lunch will be served shortly afterwards in the Church hall.



Choral Evensong at 5:30pm

This afternoon we have our monthly Choral Evensong at 5:30pm at St Georges.

Join us as we celebrate God's love through song and worship.



Foodbank needs

Thank you to those who give to the foodbank.

This month they have special need for the following:

Biscuits	Jam	Coffee 100gm
Tinned fruit	Tinned fish	Pasta sauce
Tinned tomatoes	Tinned meat	Tinned vegetables
Tinned custard	Rice pudding	Sponge puddings
Tea bags	Dried milk	Bags of sugar
500gm		
Long life milk (UHT whole or semi-skimmed)		
Long life fruit juice (apple or orange)		

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

Daily Bible Reading booklets

The August - October UCB 'Word for Today' daily bible reading booklets are now available at the back of St Georges. It's 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).

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes begin on **Thursday 23rd October** at 7.30pm at the Vicarage.

The Confirmation service will be at St Mary's Church, Hitchin on **Sunday 7th December at 5.30pm**. If you haven't been Confirmed and would like to be or you are an adult who hasn't been baptised and would like to be, please speak to Rev Eugene or Rev Anthony.

