

St George



St Nicholas

# Norton Parish Pew Sheet



**Easter 5**  
3rd May 2026 9.30am



## *HYMNS (NEH)*

205  
485  
383  
361

*CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION  
THY HAND, O GOD, HAS GUIDED  
JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL  
FORTH IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST*

## **First Reading**

**Acts 7: 55-end**

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

## Second Reading

1 Peter 2: 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner',  
and

'A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

## Gospel Reading

John 14: 1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

**Our Readings for next week (Easter 6) are:**  
Acts 17: 22-31; 1 Peter 3: 13-end; John 14: 15-21.

## 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:

<b>Jam</b>	<b>Sponge puddings</b>
<b>Long life fruit juice</b>	<b>Deodorant (Male &amp; female)</b>
<b>Tinned meat /vegetables</b>	<b>Tinned potatoes</b>
<b>Tinned rice / custard</b>	<b>Pasta sauce</b>
<b>Tea &amp; small jars of coffee</b>	<b>Toothpaste</b>
<b>Shower gel</b>	<b>Toilet rolls</b>
<b>Shampoo</b>	
<b>Long life milk UHT (not plant milk)</b>	
<b>Carrier bags / bags for life</b>	

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



## 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 May - July UCB 'Word for Today'** bible reading booklets are available at the back of the church.

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)).

## Gardening club

A Gardening Club is being started to meet on the first Thursday of every month until October. We will meet at St George's to carry out regular gardening, weeding, pruning, planting and general maintenance of the green spaces around the church and Parish Centre.

Anyone is welcome to come and join us from 10:30-12:00.

Please see the Churchwardens for more details.

## St Nicholas' Church Open days



St Nicholas Church will be opened by the St Nicholas Preservation Trust from **2 - 4pm** on:

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2026

Everyone welcome.

For further details contact Sue Dulley 07730148351.

## Future Events

**Save the date!**

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

Further details for this Social Committee event will be provided closer to the date.

## Sunday Wardens wanted

I am sure you have noticed the small group of people who work around St George's on a Sunday morning getting the service ready and stewarding for Communion. These are the Sunday wardens. They arrive early and put the lights on, set up the sound system and do various other activities to make sure everyone is safe and the service goes smoothly. This noble group could do with a few more volunteers so if you feel you could help then please speak to Keith Taylor, Neil Greatorex or Ros Pratt for more information. Full training is given so it soon becomes an easy role to fulfill.

## **Our APCM**

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on **Sunday 10th May** after the 9.30am service in the Parish Hall. At this meeting we will be voting for people to become PCC members and for people to go on the Deanery Synod. If you are on the electoral roll you are entitled to stand for these positions. There are nomination forms at the back of the church. Please give them to Susan Taylor or one of the church wardens before the meeting. The church accounts and the reviewed Electoral Roll will be presented, along with a report from the vicar, church wardens, deanery and the secretary. We do hope you will attend this meeting as we celebrate what God is doing in our Parish.

The Agenda and Annual Reports are available to read on our website. There will be a few paper copies in both churches.

## **100 Club**

### **Winners for April:**

1st prize	Michael Greatorex	134
2nd prize	David Green	300

# 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

700pm 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 (4-11yrs 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

## Parish contacts:

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