St George St Nicholas

Norton Parish Pew Sheet

Easter 2

12th April 2026 9:30am

We welcome Anthony Giles as president and Helen Giles as preacher

HYMNS (NEH)

Entrance	**263**	**All creatures of our God and King**
Offertory	**368**	**Guide me O thou great Redeemer**
Communion	**342**	**Breath on me breath of God**
Final	**120**	**Thine be the Glory**

First Reading — Acts 2:14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

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First Reading (continued) Acts 2:14a, 22-32

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,
“He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.”
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’
But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’
A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’
Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Our Readings for next week (Easter 3) are:
Acts 2:36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

Today

Please note that there is no coffee or altogether service at church this morning.
There is also no Choral Evensong this month.

This week

Saturday 18th April 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 **TODAY (Sunday 12th April)**. These cost £7.50 for adults and £5 for children.
Tickets can be purchased from Committee members after the 9.30am service.

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:

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

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

Fundraising and Community Engagement Committee

Our new committee is formed, and its members are Eugene Hanshaw, Neil Greatorex, Yvonne Foreshaw and Rachel Philips. They plan to meet on 17th April so if you have any ideas for them to consider please give those to Eugene or Neil before that date.

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 **February—April 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).*

New Bishop of St Albans

The Diocese of St Albans is delighted to welcome the appointment of the Right Reverend Dr Andrew Paul Rumsey as the next Bishop of St Albans. The nomination, approved by His Majesty the King, was announced by 10 Downing Street on the morning of Thursday 19th March. Bishop Andrew is currently the Suffragan Bishop of Ramsbury in the Diocese of Salisbury.

Bishop Andrew returns to the diocese in which he was born and baptised, where his father served as a parish priest*, and where he spent his early life. He described the announcement as "a homecoming" and said he was thrilled to be joining a "fine team" and humbled to follow "good and godly predecessors".
** People who were in the parish in the late 1960s and early 1970s may remember Rev. Philip Rumsey, the new Bishop's father, when he was priest in charge of St Thomas's Wilbury. Bishop Andrew's godfather was the then Vicar of Norton, Rev. Michael Mayne.*

Electoral Roll

The PCC is revising the Electoral Roll before the APCM.
If your name is not on the current Electoral Roll and you would like it to go on please see Tracey Nicholls for an application form to fill in. This can be done from 29th March until **19th April.**
If your name is already on the Electoral Roll but your details have changed please let Tracey know so she can amend it.

St George's Gardening club

A Gardening Club is being started to meet on the first Thursday morning 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 welcme to come and join us from 10:30-12:00.
Please see the Churchwardens for more details.

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 sytem 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 Keth Taylor, Neil Greatorex or Ros Pratt for more information. Full training is given so it soon becomes an easy role to fulfill.

Future Events

Save the dates!

St Georges Day Service
Thursday 23rd April at 7.30pm

On Thursday 23rd April at 7.30pm, St George's Church will host our Patronal Festival in celebration of St George's Day.
We warmly invite everyone to join us for a Service of Holy Communion.
We are especially pleased to welcome the Revd Tristan Chapman, Team Rector of Chipping Barnet, who will be our guest preacher for the occasion.

Friday 1st May Barn Dance
In the Church Hall 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 6th June Afternoon Tea

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

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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Rev Eugene will be away until Tuesday 14th April on leave. Following this, from Tuesday 14th April to Thursday 16th April, he will be at a residential conference. Later in the month, from Tuesday 21st April to Thursday 23rd April, he is attending a residential training course.

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