

## 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

7.00pm 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 (4-11 yrs 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.



## Lent 2

1st March 2026 9.30am

We welcome Helen Giles as our preacher today

### HYMNS (NEH)

Entrance	360	Firmly I believe and truly
Offertory	148	The God of Abraham praise
Communion	298	May the grace of Christ our Saviour
Final	437	Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him

### Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

**New Testament Reading      Romans 4; 1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')— in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Our Readings for next week (Lent 3) are:**

Exodus 17: 1-7; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42

Our preacher next week will be Karen Williams

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE  
SAVE THE DATES!**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Maundy Thursday Supper**

**April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Beetle Drive**

**June 6<sup>th</sup>  
Afternoon Tea**

Please reserve the dates in your diaries now and further details will be provided closer to each event.

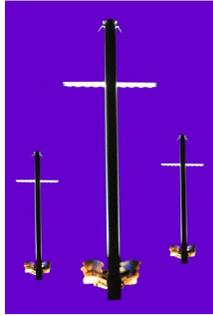
The Social Committee

## Stop and Stare

Join us for our reflective 5 week Lent course.

**Sunday evenings at St George's - 7:30pm**

**Starting TODAY, 1st March**



## World Day of Prayer Service

**"I will give you rest, Come"**

**11am Friday 6th March**



This annual event is being held at **St Paul's**

**Church** this year (on the junction of Pixmore Way and Baldock Road).

There will be refreshments after the service.

All are welcome.

**Next Sunday, 8th March - Lent 3**

## Evensong

**at St Nicholas's Church, Norton at 5.30 pm**

**! ALL WELCOME !**



## Future Events

## Gospel Reading

**John 3: 1-17**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## 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:

**Toothpaste**                      **Washing up liquid**  
**Tinned soup**                 **Long life milk UHT (not plant milk)**  
**Jam**                                **Tinned vegetables**  
**Carrier bags / bags for life**

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

The latest newsletter from the foodbank tells us that during **October to December 2025** they distributed **1,263 parcels of food**. Over the Christmas school holidays they gave out **6 tonnes of food**. In January this year they used a whopping **400 “bag-for-life” bags** containing the food given to needy people. It is a huge undertaking so all contributions are gratefully received.



## 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 February—April UCB 'Word for Today'** bible reading booklets are now available 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 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)).

**Fundraising and Community Engagement  
Committee**

A new committee to look at how we engage with the local community, raise funds, and run events is being formed and we want to invite 2 or 3 volunteers to help.

This committee would renew each year at the APCM so you would not be tied in for more than a year (unless you want to).

The committee currently has 2 members:

Rev. Eugene and Neil (churchwarden).

Please speak to either of them for more information or to put your name forward.

## 100 Club

The winners for the last two months are as follows:

January: 1st Prize - Norton Bell Ringers  
2nd Prize - Janice Bolton

February: 1st prize - Pat Timms  
2nd Prize - Janice Bolton

## This week

## Lent Course