

St George



St Nicholas

Norton Parish Pew Sheet

Easter 4

26th April 2026 9:30am

We welcome Karen Williams as preacher



HYMNS (NEH)

Entrance 374
Offertory 104
Communion 457
Final 119

How sweet the name
At the lamb's high feast we sing
The King of Love my shepherd is
The strife is o'er

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

Our Readings for next week (Easter 5) are:

Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Today

Coffee in the Hall

Tea and coffee will be served **today** after the 9.30am service in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy fellowship together over a drink.



This week

Prayer meeting - this Wednesday

The monthly prayer meeting will be on **Wednesday 29th April** at **7pm** in the **Lady Chapel** at St George's Church. We will be thinking about the victory and joy of Easter, linked to the colour white. Do join us as we pray for our church, our locality and our world.



This week

Family Barn Dance

This Friday - 1st May

In the Church Hall 7 - 10pm

Come along and enjoy an evening of fun and dance the night away together.

Includes a Ploughman's Supper
Adults £10.00,
under 16s £5.00

Tea & Coffee provided.
Bring your own drinks if you prefer.

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.



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

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

Sponge puddings

Deodorant (Male & female)

Tinned potatoes

Pasta sauce

Toothpaste

Toilet rolls

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).

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.

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.

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 Greatorox or Ros Pratt for more information. Full training is given so it soon becomes an easy role to fulfill.

St Nicholas' Church Open days



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

Saturday 9th May 2026

Saturday 13th June 2026

Saturday 11th July 2026

Saturday 8th August 2026

Everyone welcome.

For further details contact Sue Dulley 07730148351.

Future Events

Save the date!

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

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