

**St George**



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# **norton parish pew sheet**



## **Pentecost**



**24th May 2026 9.30am**

### **HYMNS (NEH)**

<b>Entrance</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>Come Holy Ghost</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>Breathe on me, breath of God</b>
<b>Final</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>O thou who camest from above</b>

### **First Reading**

### **Acts 2: 1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?'

And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' *continued overleaf*

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All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## **Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11**

And we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

Your boasting is not a good thing. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Clean out the old yeast so that you may be a new batch, as you really are unleavened. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us celebrate the festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral persons— not at all meaning the immoral of this world, or the greedy and robbers, or idolaters, since you would then need to go out of the world. But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother or sister who is sexually immoral or greedy, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or robber. Do not even eat with such a one.

## **Gospel Reading**

**John 7: 37-39**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." ' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

## **Our Readings for next week (Trinity Sunday) are:**

Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end;  
Matthew 28: 16-end

## 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	Sponge puddings
Long life fruit juice	Deodorant (Male & female)
Tinned meat /vegetables	Tinned potatoes
Tinned rice / custard	Pasta sauce
Tea & small jars of coffee	Toothpaste
Shower gel	Toilet rolls
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.*



## 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).*

## Norton Coffee Shop Charity Giving for 2025

During 2025 Norton Coffee Shop raised **£814.42** for charity. This money was donated to 3 charities: Garden House Hospice, Smalls for All and UK Air Ambulance, each receiving **£271.48**. Earlier in 2025 we had donated **£250.97** to Garden House Hospice and to Resolve. We thank you for attending Norton Coffee Shop and we are pleased that the number of people coming has been rising this year. Our charities for 2026 are: Garden House Hospice, The MS Trust based in Letchworth, The Bible Society, Crisis, Mercy Ships and Christian Aid. Many thanks for your support.

*Helen Giles, Chair of the Pastoral Committee.*



## Today

There will be refreshments in the Hall after the 9.30 service today.

## Prayer meeting



The next prayer meeting will be held on **Wednesday 27th May at 7 pm** in the Lady Chapel. It would be great if you joined us as we worship our gracious Lord and pray for the needs of our community, the country, and the world.



## Messy Church

Our next Messy Church is on **Thursday May 28th** from **10.00 to 12.30** in St George's Hall.

Register at [messychurchnorton@btinternet.com](mailto:messychurchnorton@btinternet.com).

## St Nicholas' Church Open days



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

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.

### **APCM Elections:**

At the APCM last Sunday the following people were elected on to the PCC:

Isabelle Allen  
Emma Boniface  
Vicky Cameron  
Pauline Ferraro  
Keith Taylor

They join Judy Butcher, Tim Croot, Amanda Devine and Andy Nicholls.

Also the following were elected on to the Deanery Synod:

Neil Greatorex  
Olive Greatorex  
Karen Williams

## **Future Events**



### *Afternoon Tea on Saturday 6th June*



Everyone is welcome to a traditional Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall from 3 to 5 pm. Enjoy sandwiches, cakes, and scones with jam and cream served with tea, coffee and sparkling cordial. Craft activities and colouring for children plus a 'Just for Fun' table quiz for adults.

Adults £10.00

Children under 16 years £5.00

Raffle with lovely summer prizes

Tickets available from committee members after the 9.30 service on 17th, 24th and 31st May.

*Cash only please.*

### **Gardening club**

A Gardening Club is being started, meeting 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.

### **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

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 Sunday of the month

5:30pm Choral Evensong at St Georges - 2nd Sunday 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.