

Regular services and events during the week

Monday:

7:30pm Housegroup 29A Eastern Way

Tuesday:

9am Zoom Morning prayer (see Karen for link)

10am Housegroup 29A Eastern Way

8pm Zoom Housegroup - 1st & 3rd of the month (see Keith for link)

Wednesday:

8:45am Zoom Morning prayer (see Karen for link) [Note different time]

10am Said Communion in the Lady Chapel

10 - 11:30am Norton Coffee Shop in the Clulow Room

10am Health walk (Grade 1) meets at St George's Car park

7pm Prayer meeting - last of the month in the Clulow Room

Thursday:

9am Zoom Morning prayer (see Karen for link)

1:30pm Nippers in Parish Hall

Sunday:

8am Said Communion at St Nicholas

9:30am Holy Communion at St Georges

11am Altogether service at St Georges - 2nd of the month

5:30pm Choral Evensong at St Georges - 2nd of the month

Our Readings for next week (Christmas 1) are:

Isaiah 63: 7-9; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2: 13-23

Next week we welcome Anthony Giles as president

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During this busy season when the office has many service booklets to prepare and events to get ready we may well be printing the pew sheets quite early. If you have any items for it then please give it to us as soon as you can and we will try to put it in in time for your activity. Thanks for your understanding.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

21st December 2025 9:30am

We welcome Karen Williams as preacher today

HYMNS (NEH)

Entrance	9	Lo He comes
Offertory	186	Tell out my soul
Communion	161	For Mary mother of our Lord
Final	11	O come O come Emmanuel

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.

Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

This week's Events & Services

Monday 22nd December

Messy Church - 10am Parish Hall

Do pray for this event that God will use the fun activities to speak about the true story of Christmas.

Christmas Eve

Norton Coffee Shop 10 - 11:30am in the Clulow Room

There is no 10am Communion service today



Crib Service 4pm St Georges

All children welcome to come dressed up as a nativity character

Midnight Mass

11:30pm St Georges

Celebrate the arrival of Christmas singing carols together



Christmas Day

Said Communion 8am St Nicholas

Family Communion 9:30am St Georges



New Testament Reading

Romans 1: 1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



This Afternoon



Nine Lessons and Carols
5:30pm St Georges

Come along to sing carols and listen to the bible readings which tell of the wonderful story of Christmas.



Gospel Reading

Matthew 1: 18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Foodbank needs

Thank you to everyone who regularly supports the local foodbank.
At the moment the Foodbank especially needs the following items:

Cereal (not porridge)	Coffee
Tinned fruit	Jam
Fruit Juice	Tinned meat 350g (not pies)
Dried Milk	Milk UHT, Long Life (not plant milk)
Pasta sauce	Tinned potatoes
Tea bags 40s and 80s	Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Vegetables	Carrier bags/Bags for Life

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



Daily Bible Reading booklets

The free November 25 - January 26 UCB 'Word for Today' daily bible reading booklets are now available at the back of St Georges. The Bible Reading Fellowship daily reading booklets can be ordered, at a small cost, through Martin and Christine Walker (martinwalker1951@gmail.com).

Christmas Decoration Competition

Please hang your completed Christmas Baubles on the Christmas tree **TODAY**.

Make sure you have put your full name and age group on the back:

6 years and under

7 –16 years

16 years and over

The winners will be announced at the Christmas Eve Crib service for all to enjoy! Please see Emma Boniface or one of the churchwardens if you have any questions



Advent Book

If you are reading our advent book **please sign up** on the sheet at the back of the church so we can contact you and answer any questions you may have about the readings.

For more details, please see Rev Eugene or Keith Taylor.

Social Events

Thank you to all who attended our Christmas Cheers event last week. It was wonderful to be joined by 86 of you to enjoy the festive food and games.

Our next 'Save the Date' announcement is for the annual **Quiz night on Sat 24th January 2026**. We look forward to seeing you there.

Hundred club

The winners for the November draw are:

1st Prize - Ruth Croot, 2nd Prize - Ros Pratt

The winners for the December draw are:

1st Prize - Tracey Nichols 2nd Prize - Janice Bolton

Please complete and return your 100 forms to be included in the 100 Club for 2026. Money is due by the end of December.

Any questions please ask Neil or Carol Greateorex

Coffee Shop

Norton Coffee Shop will be open on both 24th December and 31st December: 10 - 11:30am in the Clulow Room

Wednesday Said Communion Services

There will be no Holy Communion Service on 24th December however there will be a service on 31st December.

10am in the Lady Chapel