

## 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

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



## Second before Lent

8th February 2026

9.30am

### HYMNS (NEH)

Entrance	263	All creatures of our God and King (omit *vvs)
Offertory	265	Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Communion	397	Let us with a gladsome mind
Final	466	Thou whose almighty word

### Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.'

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And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing

## Rhymer Rigby's Funeral

Following the sad news of Rhymer Rigby's death, we would like to inform you that the funeral arrangements have now been finalised. The funeral is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 18th February 2026. There will be a private service held at the Crematorium exclusively for Rhymer's family. Subsequently, a service will be held at St George's Church, where everyone is welcome to join and pay their respects to Rhymer and give thanks for his life. The service at St George's Church is set to begin at 11:30 am.

## Today

### Coffee in church



Coffee, tea, squash and biscuits will be served in St Georges between our two services today.

### Altogether Service

Today is our monthly Altogether service at 11am in St George's Church. Do come along and join in with our family oriented service.

### Choral Evensong at 5:30pm

Our monthly Choral Evensong at 5:30pm at St Georges is this afternoon. Join us as we celebrate God's love through song and worship.

## Ash Wednesday

Lent is fast approaching and our Ash Wednesday services are at **10am and 7:30pm on Wednesday 18th February** at St Georges.



## Quiz night Thanks

Quiz night success. Thank you to all who came to our recent Quiz to enjoy the team work and tempting table-nibbles. - The Social Committee.

The Social Committee has contributed £300 from its funds toward the running costs of the Parish Hall. Many thanks to the Social Committee for their hard work in organising and delivering such wonderful events.

## 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.

## Messy Church

The next Messy Church will be held on **Thursday 19th February** from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm at **Norton Parish Centre, Common**

**View.** (Please note that circumstances beyond our control have meant the event has now moved to St George's.) This event is craft activities around the biblical theme of "Beautifully and wonderfully made" as well as a free lunch.

To register please email us with names of adults & children (including children's ages & any dietary needs) at [messychurchnorton@btinternet.com](mailto:messychurchnorton@btinternet.com)

that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

## New Testament Reading

## Romans 8:18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.



## Gospel Reading

## Matthew 6:25-34

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

### Our Readings for next week (Next before Lent) are:

Exodus 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-25; Matthew 17:1-9

## Foodbank needs

Thank you to everyone who regularly supports the local foodbank. The Foodbank currently needs the following items in particular:

<b>Fruit juice (long life)</b>	<b>Coffee</b>
<b>Tinned fruit</b>	<b>Long life milk UHT (not plant milk)</b>
<b>Jam</b>	<b>Pasta sauce</b>
<b>Sponge puddings</b>	<b>Tinned tomatoes</b>
<b>Carrier bags / bags for life</b>	

*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 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)).

## Snowdrop Garden Open Days

in Support of the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust

The **Bishop of St Albans' Garden** will be open to visitors on the dates below. All proceeds will go directly to the **Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust**, which helps fund essential repairs to historic churches across Beds and Herts.

**Abbey Gate House, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans AL3 4HD**

- Saturday 14 February
- Sunday 15 February
- Saturday 21 February
- Sunday 22 February

**Time:** 2pm–4pm **Entry:** £5 per adult. All are warmly invited. For more information contact: **Jane Smith**, PA to the Bishop of St Albans. 01727229073 Email: [janesmith@stalbandiocese.org](mailto:janesmith@stalbandiocese.org)