

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 4th

- 7.30 p.m. House Group at 29A Eastern Way
7.45 p.m. Bellringing Practice, St Nicholas' Church
8 p.m. Badminton, St George's Hall

TUESDAY 5th

- 10 a.m. Bible Study, 2 Burnell Rise
1.30 p.m. *Tuesday Cherubs in the Lady Chapel*
1.30 p.m. Tuesday Club, Clulow Room, Norton Parish Centre
8 p.m. Music Group, St George's Church

WEDNESDAY 6th

- 10 a.m. Holy Communion St George's Church
10 a.m. Norton Coffee Shop in the Clulow Room
8 p.m. Ladies Choir in St George's Church
8 p.m. House Group at 17 Heathermere

THURSDAY 7th

- 1.30 p.m. *Norton Nippers in St George's Hall*
7.30 p.m. Eucharist at St George's Church in the Lady Chapel

FRIDAY 8th

- 12 noon Friday Lunch, Clulow Room
1.30 p.m. House Group in the Clulow Room
6.15 p.m. *Choristers, St George's Church*
8 p.m. Parish Choir, St George's Church

SUNDAY 10th

Advent 2

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion, St Nicholas' Church
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion, St George's Church
4.00 p.m. Christingle St George's Church

READINGS FOR 10TH DECEMBER

Isiah 40.1 - 11

2 Peter 3.8 - 15a

Mark 1.1 - 8

We remember in our prayers:

Those who are ill: Ruth Baker, Janet Giles, Les Brown, Theo Hediger, Olive Greatorex

Those who had died: Jo Dellar, Jean Fellowes, Anne Marvell, Jim Scholes

The anniversary of the death: Fred Sole

Those who have birthdays: Jean Parrish, Frank Morley



Sunday, 3rd December 2017 First Sunday of Advent

St Nicholas' Church

8.00 a.m. - Parish Communion

President and Preacher Reverend Trevor Sharp

The Reading - Isiah 64.1 - 9

The Gospel - Mark 13.24 - 37

St George's Church

9.30 a.m. - Parish Communion

President and Preacher Reverend Trevor Sharp

The Reading - 1 Corinthians 1.4 - 9

The Gospel - Mark 13.32 - 37

HYMNS FOR TODAY

Processional	:	HON	358
Gradual	:	HON	49
Offertory	:	HON	148
Communion	:	HON	299
	:	HON	461
Post Communion	:	HON	329

Refreshments are served in the Parish Centre after the service.
Please do come and join us.

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Office Hours 9.30 – 12.30 Monday to Friday, notices to the office by Wednesday

Flowers

Any donations towards Christmas flowers would be greatly appreciated. We would welcome any new members to join our group, if you would like to help please contact Deirdre or Fiona.

Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion would like to thank St. George's for collecting £137.05 towards the poppy appeal for Remembrance Sunday.

Shopping at Tesco's

Don't forget while shopping at Tesco's St Nic's school now has a slot for your tokens, lets fill it up!

Looking Forward

Please make a note of our Christmas services:

3/12	6pm	St Nicholas Church	Advent service
10/12	4pm	St George's Church	Christingle Service
17/12	6pm	St George's Church	Nine Lessons and Carols
19/12	9.45am	St George's Church	Christmas Carol Service for St Nicholas School
24/12	4pm	St George's Church	Crib Service
24/12	11.30pm	St Nicholas Church	Midnight Mass

Our Travelling Crib Figures

Mary, Joseph, the angel and the donkey will be travelling around the Parish starting on Advent Sunday 3rd December. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the list at the back of church for the day you would like to receive the figures. You then pass them on the following day to the next person on the list. Please make sure you include a contact number that you can be easily reached on so I can let you know where you need to take the crib to next. Thank you.

Easyfundraising

With Christmas shopping now in full flow and every day seemingly having a marketing-driven colour to it (Mauve Monday, Black Friday, etc), there's never been a better time to sign up to Easyfundraising and allow your online shopping to raise money for the Parish of Norton. We've now raised £220 and have over 30 members of the congregation signed up, which is fantastic, but I'm sure we can do even better. You can sign up by following the path below, or please see Mike Forrester if you would like some help registering. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nortonpcc/>

Christmas Quiz:

Have lots of fun with your family over Christmas with our annual Christmas Quiz! It only costs £2.00 and the prize is £20.00. It will be on sale from the Parish Office, Norton Post Office and The Christian Bookshop. If you feel you can sell some on our behalf to friends, family or colleagues, please let Nicky Footer know: 01462 623381.

First Communion Classes will run for the 6 weeks of Lent in 2018 and be organised by Jane during Sunday School for those children who wish to start to learn more about their faith and take their first Holy Communion at Easter next year. Children wishing to join the group must be in Year 2 or older and are expected to attend regularly. Please give names to Jane at Sunday School or phone Jane on 643797 to confirm your place at an early date as books need to be purchased for each child. If you have any queries on these classes, again speak to Jane or Trevor.

Christingle Service

On Saturday 9th December we will be assembling Christingles for the service on Sunday, please come along and help us, many hands make light work. Please see Sara Clark or Susan Taylor.

Reading Rota

I'm currently putting a new reading rota together for our Sunday services, which will take effect from the Sunday after our All-age Advent service. If this is an aspect of worship that you'd like to be involved in you'll probably be asked to do a reading once every 2 or 3 months. New readers are very welcome, so that we have as many different people contributing to the service as possible. Please come and see me if you think this is something you'd like to be a part of. We also need readers for the Nine Lessons and Carols Service on December 17th at 6pm, so again please come and see me if you'd like to take part in that service. Mike Forrester

Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Christmas Market, in true St George's style, we raised a fantastic £1667.50.

Unclaimed raffle prize Blue ticket 243 is in the office waiting for you.

Foodbank

Thank you to all who have been donating to the Foodbank, urgently required items are: Tinned potato, Dried potato, Dried Milk, Shampoo. There is also a Christmas list for items required on the wall by the container and all other items are always welcome and can be left behind the font at St. Georges.

Members of our congregation who are now living in a care home and are unable to attend church. *Roy Newland, Beryl Crouch, Betty Sapsed.*