

## THIS WEEK

### MONDAY 12th

- 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 13th

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

### WEDNESDAY 14th

- 10 a.m. Holy Communion St George's Church  
10 a.m. Norton Coffee Shop in the Clulow Room  
8 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, St George's Church

### THURSDAY 15th

- 2.00 p.m. *Messy Church in St George's Hall*  
7.30 p.m. Eucharist at St George's Church in the Lady Chapel

### FRIDAY 16th

- 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 18th

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

## READINGS FOR 18<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Genesis 9.8 - 17  
1 Peter 3.18 - 22  
Mark 1.9 - 15

### **We remember in our prayers:**

*Those who are ill:* Ruth Baker, Janet Giles, Les Brown, Theo Hediger, Olive Greatorex, Jenny Nichol, Margaret (Faye) Reid,

*Those who had died:* Stuart Tiplady, Rose Moore, Mary Warner

*The anniversary of the death:* Joan Munro, Marie Nicholls, Trevor Hodge, Ivy Brace, Albert Norman, Ken Morgan, Matthew Wearmouth

*Those who have birthdays:* Pauline Ferraro



## **Sunday, 11th February 2018** **Sunday next before Lent**

### **St Nicholas' Church**

#### **8.00 a.m. - Parish Communion**

President & Preacher Reverend Trevor Sharp

The Reading - 2 Kings 2.1 - 12

The Gospel - Mark 9.2 - 9

### **St George's Church**

#### **9.30 a.m. - Parish Communion**

President & Preacher Reverend Trevor Sharp

The First Reading - 2 Kings 2.1 - 12

The Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4.3 - 6

The Gospel - Mark 9.2 - 9

### **HYMNS FOR TODAY**

Processional	:	AMNS	4
Gradual	:	AMNS	318
Offertory	:	AMNS	163
Communion	:	AMNS	256
	:	AMNS	263
Post Communion	:	AMNS	96

Sunday School - Children 3 - 14 yrs in Parish Centre  
Crèche - In the Lady Chapel

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

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**Messy Church**

In half term we are running another Messy Church on Thursday 15th February starts at 2pm includes lots of fun, crafts and food finishes at 5pm and only costs a £1 per person.

To book a place please go to nortonmessychurch@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you all.

**AGM** of the Friends of St. Nicholas Church will take place on Sunday the 25th February in the Clulow Room, St. Georges Hall at 11a.m.  
All are welcome.

**Christian Aid**

Please help yourself to a “Count Your Blessings” reflections sheet from Christian Aid to help your walk through Lent. Adults and children’s copies are at the back of Church.

**Pyjama Party**

Saturday 24th February 4.30 - 6.00 p.m in the Church Hall. For reception to year 6 children (younger/older children by arrangement only. £3.50 per child includes; Popcorn, drink, Hot dogs + veggie option, film (U). Please contact or email the office to reserve a place or see Angie Caldwell.

**Helpers Needed**

We are looking for more helpers to run Wednesday Coffee shop, or Friday lunches. Volunteers usually run these sociable events once every 5 or 6 weeks. For more information talk to Margaret Andre or Susan Taylor.

**Foodbank**

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the foodbank. At the moment tins of rice pudding, toothpaste and tea are in short supply. Other items are always welcome, please leave at the back of St. George’s Church behind the font. Thank you.

**Cycle Rack**

If you hadn't noticed! we now have a cycle rack in the car park to use, so if you feel inclined to leave the car behind and cycle to church, you now have somewhere safe to lock up your bikes.

**Date for your Diary**

The Midsummer Revels at St Nicholas School will take place on Saturday 23rd June 2018. Please keep this date free in your diary as we will need volunteers from our congregation to help, as we share the profits with the school.

**First Communion Classes** start on Sunday 18th February. If you have given your child’s name to me to join the group, please collect a book from me this morning in preparation for next week. Thank you, Jane Munford

**Informal Praise and Worship Service**

You probably know that our informal worship service takes place on the third Sunday of each month at 11:15 in the Lady Chapel - but maybe you have wondered what it's like? It's a short, friendly and relaxed time of praise and worship. An important part of the service is our singing together. The music is in a more modern style, but you'll probably know plenty of the songs we sing (many of them are in HON). And you'll certainly be familiar with other parts of the service. Generally we listen to a short talk reflecting on a bible reading, read a psalm together and share a time of prayer. If you would enjoy celebrating, sharing and exploring your faith in an informal and reflective setting, why not give it a try? We'd love to welcome you. The next service is on 18 February - either come along at 11:15 or, if you're going to the 9:30 service, join us after coffee - in fact bring the coffee with you!

**Book Stall at Parish Breakfast Today**

After the service this morning there will be a bookstall from the Christian Book Shop in the hall at Parish Breakfast. There will be a number of Christian books to purchase, including some that are suitable for study in Lent. Come and buy a good Christian book to read during this season.

**Prayer Update**

Many of you have been praying for Theo Hediger over the last few weeks -you might like to hear that he is beginning to make some improvements. He is still in Intensive Care but has been taken out of the coma and is spending some hours each day breathing unaided. He can speak a little, despite a tracheotomy, and was able to finally receive some Christmas presents last weekend. Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers, praying that this slow but steady progress will continue.

**Social Committee**

We need more people to join the Social Committee, this will mean we can continue to hold events, new ideas and people always welcome, please see Sarah, Jane, Fiona, Nina, David, Scott, Angie, Rose if you can help.

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