

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 14th May

- 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 15th May

- 10 a.m. Bible Study, 19 Fieldfare
1.30 p.m. *Tuesday Cherubs in the Lady Chapel*
1.30 p.m. Tuesday Club, Clulow Room, Norton Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY 16th May

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

THURSDAY 17th May

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

FRIDAY 18th May

- 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

SATURDAY 19th May

- 4.30 p.m. Pyjama Party, in the Clulow Room

SUNDAY 20th May

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion, St Nicholas' Church
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion, St George's Church
6.00 p.m. Choral Evensong, St George's Church
6.30 p.m. *In-Betweeners Norton Parish Centre*

READINGS FOR 20TH MAY

PENTECOST

Ezekiel 37.1-14
Acts 2.1 - 21
John 15.26 - 27, 16.4b - 15

We remember in our prayers:

Those who are ill: Ruth Baker, Janet Giles, Theo Hediger, Olive Greatorex, Jenny Nichol, Margaret (Faye) Reid, Beryl Crouch, John Hardy

The anniversary of the death: Dixie Light, Agnes Edmunds, William Worland

Those who have birthdays: Lucas Ribchester, Keith Sparrow, Bridget Vickers



Sunday, 13th May 2018 Ascension Day

St Nicholas' Church

8.00 a.m. - Parish Communion

President & Preacher Reverend Trevor Sharp
The Reading - Acts 1.1 - 11
The Gospel - Luke 24.44 - 53

St George's Church

9.30 a.m. - Parish Communion

President & Preacher Reverend Trevor Sharp
The First Reading - Acts 1.1 - 11
The Second Reading - Ephesians 1.15 - 23
The Gospel - Luke 24.44 - 53

HYMNS FOR TODAY

Processional	:	AMNS	148
Gradual	:	AMNS	198
Offertory	:	AMNS	147
Communion	:	AMNS	525
	:	AMNS	403
Post Communion	:	AMNS	199

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.

1.30 p.m. St Nicholas' Church Baptism Oliver Hales

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

Pyjama Party

Saturday 19th May 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 'Sing' (U). For tickets please see Angie Caldwell or the office.

Norton St Nicholas School Governors

The two Diocesan representatives on the school Governing body are coming to the end of their terms of office. The current holders, Karen Williams and Keith Taylor, are eligible to stand again. However anyone can apply for this position. If you are interested in this role then please see me for an application form. The forms have to be returned to me or the vicar by Sunday 13th May. The applications are firstly approved at the next School Governing Body meeting and the final stage of the appointment is for the diocese to appoint two applicants.

Neil Greatorex (Vice Chair of Governors)



Messy Church is moving!

Our next Messy Church will be on FRIDAY 1st June from 3 till 6pm in the hall.

If you and your children would like to attend please book your places using our new booking form via the website or from the office and email to nortonmessychurch@gmail.com

If you would like to come along and help us we can always use more adults. Please speak to Sara Clark, Susan Taylor or Vicky Cameron for further details.

Helpers Needed

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

We held a brilliant Fundraising dinner on Saturday night, there was lots of food, drinks and laughter and we also raised £560.74 for our church.

Foodbank

A huge thank you to everyone who continues to support the foodbank. At the moment items in short supply are: Fruit Juice [long life], Small Instant Coffee, Sugar 500gms, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Rice/Custard, Milk [long life], Noodles, Meat. Other items are always welcome, please leave items at the back of St. George's Church behind the font. Thank you.



Christian Aid Week 2018

This year Christian Aid Week is from the 13th to the 19th May. The focus for the week this year is on Haiti and particularly the building of hurricane proof houses. Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti in 2016 but many people are still homeless; people like Jocelyne who lives under a tarpaulin in fear of the next hurricane season or Marcelin who lost his home, livestock and possessions when Hurricane Matthew struck. Now his family live in a disused shower block.

We would like Norton Parish to be involved again and are suggesting several ways in which you can be involved and help to raise money. Please keep reading the notices over the next few weeks for further details and speak to Sara Clark or Trevor if you would like to be involved.

Janet, Chris & Martin would like to thank everyone who attended Les Brown's funeral. Also much appreciated all the money given to the two charities.

Tuesday Cherubs

Our service for parents & toddlers is term time from 1.30 - 2.30 p.m. in the Lady Chapel. Singing, Stories, Craft, Prayer & Biscuits. We look forward to seeing you all. New people always welcome.

Informal Praise and Worship

Please note there will be no Informal Praise and Worship service in May.

Norton Nippers

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED our popular afternoon Nippers is growing. We need some more helpers to expand with our growing club, please contact Karen Reynolds on 07913348189.

Thy Kingdom Come Celebration

Will be held on Saturday 19th May 2018, at St Albans Cathedral. At 4 p.m. there will be prayer stations and activities, followed by worship with the Archbishop of Canterbury and Reverend Hayley Young, Baptist Minister at 6.30 p.m. Please make a note in your diary.

Midsummer Revels

The Midsummer Revels at St Nicholas School will take place on Saturday 23rd June 2018. We now have rotas for help required on the day in half hour slots. Please see Sarah Cook for games and refreshments or email secookuk@yahoo.com or Mike Forrester for the BBQ email mikeforrester@stnicholas23.herts.sch.uk

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, Jenny Nichol.**