

Prayer Meeting

Wednesday September 25th at 7.00pm
in the Lady Chapel.

The theme this time is 'God the Healer'.

Please join us as we give thanks for answered prayers and pray for our community and world.

Vacancies at Holywell Lodge

The Diocese is advertising for two part-time administrators to work with the Education Team at Holywell Lodge [St Albans]. Further details are available on the Diocesan website at <https://www.stalbansdiocese.org/vacancies-role/diocesan-roles/>

Wednesday Mornings:

10.00 am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

10.00—11.30 am Norton Coffee Shop in the Clulow Room

**Next week (Trinity 17) our readings will be
James 3: 13 — 4: 3. 7-8.; Mark 9: 30-37.**

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



St George

St Nicholas

Norton Parish pew sheet

Trinity 16

Sunday 15th September 2024 9.30 am



HYMNS (NEH)

Entrance	420	O Jesus, I have promised
Offertory	439	Praise to the Holiest in the height
Communion	151	Now that the daylight fills the sky
Final	76	Take up thy cross

Epistle

James 3: 1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Gospel

Mark 8: 27-end

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

The Choir is back : The main choir is back at the 9.30 service after the summer break. We are grateful to the Ladies' Choir for singing for us during August and the first two weeks of September.

Norton Nippers

Norton Nippers, for babies and pre-school children, has started again after the summer break. We meet in the Parish Hall on Thursdays at 1.30 pm There are toys and crafts for the children, plus a snack, and a chance for parents to meet over a cup of tea. *Susan Taylor*

Foodbank

Thank you to all who support the foodbank. As well as general items the following are specifically needed at the moment:

Urgent: Bags for Life & Carrier Bags

Sponge Puddings

Sugar 1kg

Sugar 500gm

Long Life Fruit Juice

Dog food

St Nicholas Churchyard working party

Saturday October 19th 9.30 am - 1.00 pm.

The Venture Scouts are going to be tidying up the gardens at St Nicholas's churchyard on Saturday Oct. 19th.

Any assistance from volunteers will be much appreciated.

Please put a note in your diaries.

