

Today there will be coffee at St George's after our Christingle Service

Stay behind this morning and enjoy refreshments and fellowship after our Christingle celebrations.

Next Week - Nine Lessons and Carols Sunday 15th December 5:30 pm at St Geroge's

This important service of contemplation on the Christmas readings will be on next Sunday in St George's. Come and join us for hearty singing and the true story of Christmas.

Next Week - Christmas Cheers: Sunday 15th December 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

This will be in the Clulow Room and Hall. Tea, coffee, mulled wine & squash with cookies, cakes and mince pies.

FREE for children—Hook a Santa, Christmas Craft, Glitter Tattoos and Bouncy Igloo. Also Gift Tombola, Chocolate Tombola, Raffle and more, plus a small free gift for everyone attending. See flyer for further details. All welcome—Come and join the fun.

Please put any chocolate items in the box at the back of church for the Chocolate Tombola. Thanks.

Wednesday Mornings:

10.00 amHoly Communion in the Lady Chapel10.00—11.30 amNorton Coffee Shop in the Clulow Room

Next week's readings for Advent 3 are Zephaniah 3:14-20, Psalm 146:4-10 and Luke 3:7-18. We welcome Karen Williams as our preacher.

Parish contacts:

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



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HYMNS (NEH) 500 Thy Kingdom come! 14 The Advent of our God eet God has spoken by his prophets eet Friend of God

Philippians 1: 3-11

Reading

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel

Matthew 5:14-16

You are the light of the world.

A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Foodbank

Thank you to those who give to the foodbank.This month theyhave a special need for the following:Christmas puddings (for 1 person)Pringles

UHT fruit juice (orange or apple)Tinned fruitLarge Christmas cakeTea bags (40 / 80)Packets of festive biscuits (small, medium, large)

Christmas Tree and flower donations

If you would like to donate to the cost of our church Christmas tree and flowers then please speak to the Churchwardens, Neil & Ros.



Norton Coffee Shop

Up to April 2024 Norton Coffee Shop and Friday Lunches raised £1,576.82 for charitable causes. Of this £788.41 was donated to the PCC. After discussions with the Pastoral Committee we divided the remaining money between The Food Bank (a local charity) and The Christian Blind Mission (an overseas charity). The PCC approved these donations in November 2024. Thank you for all your support for Norton Coffee Shop and Friday Lunches until it ceased in February 2024.

Helen Giles, Chair of The Pastoral Committee



Messy Church

Thank you as we now have enough cardboard and jar donations. We still need kitchen roll centres so please put any you have in the box at the back of the church. Thanks. Messy Church is on Monday 23rd December at St George's Parish Hall 10 - 12:30. Children under 11 please bring your parents/ guardians. Register on messychurchnorton@btinternet.com

The 100 Club - Give your forms in TODAY

The 100 club starts again in January 2025. Please contact Neil or Carol Greatorex for an application form and submit this by the 8th December (TODAY) so that numbers can be issued and payment collected before Christmas.

?? Annual Quiz Night: Saturday 11th January ??6.30 for 7.00 start in the Church Hall.

Make your own team of up to 8 or join a team on the night. Tickets on sale from Pauline Ferraro or any Social Committee member. £6.00 adults, £3.00 under 18s. Bring your own drinks; table snacks provided.

Aspire group (For 10s-14s)

Friday 13th December: meeting in the Clulow Room 7pm— 9pm for Dress Rehearsal and Christmas Party. Sunday 15th December: Christmas Play at Trembaths Care Home at 3pm. Contact Angie or Liz: (amcaldwe@yahoo.com /lizbeardmore53@gmail.com)

Orpheus Choir Christmas Concert

St George's Church Saturday 14th December at 7pm Some of our congregation are singing at this concert with the Orpheus Choir. Come and listen to seasonal motets, readings and carols. £8 entry (£5 children).