

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern us in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A reading from Isaiah (1.1, 10-20)**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation – I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 50. 1-8, 23-24**

1 The Lord, the most mighty / God, has / spoken: and called the world, from the rising of the / sun / to its / setting.

**2 Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, / God shines / forth: our God comes / and will / not keep / silence.**

3 Consuming fire goes / out be/fore him: and a mighty / tempest / stirs a/bout him.

**4 He calls the / heaven a/bove: and the earth, that / he may / judge his / people:**

5 'Gather to / me my / faithful: who have / sealed my / covenant with / sacrifice.'

**6 Let the heavens de/clare his / righteousness: for / God him/self is / judge.**

7 Hear, O my people, and / I will / speak: 'I will testify against you, O Israel; for / I am / God, your / God.

**8 I will not reprove you / for your / sacrifices: for your burnt / offerings are / always be/fore me.**

23 You that forget God, con/sider this / well: lest I tear you apart and / there is / none to de/liver you.

**24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving / honours / me: and to those who keep my way will I / show • the sal/vation of / God.**

**A reading from Hebrews (11.1-3, 8-16)**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke 12.32-40

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH , OYSTERMOUTH AND NORTON CHURCH WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY.

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**10th August 2025 - Trinity 8**

**HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 26 , 405 , 73 , 270**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist (All Saints)</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Choral Eucharist ( All Saints ) - followed by tea / coffee</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> followed by refreshments
	2.00pm	Bible study/prayer group (church rooms)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.30 am	Coffee morning in Aid of West Cross Food bank - see notes for venue and details.
	1.30 pm	Church and Grounds working group in All Saints - all help very welcome
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>11.55 am</b>	<b>VJ Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A short time of prayer and silence will be held in All Saints ( as part of the National 2 minute silence ). All are welcome to come to church for this time of remembrance.</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	12.00 pm	Mumbles RNLI Raft Race
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>		<b>17th August 2025 - Trinity 9</b>
	<b>8.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist (All Saints)</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Choral Eucharist ( All Saints ) - followed by tea / coffee</b>
	<b>11.30 am</b>	<b>Sung Eucharist ( Norton )</b>
	<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>Healing Service in All Saints led by Sister Sonia. All welcome</b>

**Pastoral Visiting :** please do keep me informed of anyone in need of visiting at home or in hospital - especially this time of year when so many are taking holidays. Don't forget copies of our weekly bulletin are available on our church website and you can also follow us on our Facebook page 'All Saints Oystermouth and Norton Mission Church'. To those who are taking holidays may I wish you a restful break and we look forward to seeing you on return.

## NOTES

**Coffee morning in aid of the West Cross Foodbank :** at the home of Jane and John Anderson (81 Mumbles Road) **THIS Thursday from 10.30 am to 12.30.** Tickets are £3 and available from [janeandjohn56@gmail.com](mailto:janeandjohn56@gmail.com)

**RNLI Pop up Shop :** runs in All saints most days ( when volunteers are available ). Do call in. The sign outside will show when the shop is open. **The Mumbles Raft Race takes place next Saturday at 12 midday we have a collection box at the back of church if you wish to donate.**

**RIP :** with sadness we learnt of the passing away of Diane Oleksinski. As we commend her soul to God's keeping we also hold all her family in our prayers.

**VJ Day 80th Anniversary : this Friday.** A National 2 minute silence will be held at **12 midday**. We will hold short prayers and the silence in All Saints ( starting at 11.55 ) for those wishing to join.

**Healing Service :** the next Ministry area Healing service organised and led by Str. Sonia will take place in All Saints on Sunday 17th August at 4 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

**Adrian Hughes Art sale and exhibition :** will take place in the Lower Church rooms on the weekend 22nd - 26th August - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Refreshment rota :** If you would be able to join the team and help on the rota serving tea/ coffees after our services this would be a great help. Please let Bev know and when you are available - or sign up on the form at the back of church with your availability. You will shown what needs to be done if you are not sure.

**Open Church weekday welcomers :** If you can help please add your name to the days you can help on the calendar at the back of church. Thank you to all who are helping out.

**Shopping trip to Worcester :** if you would interested in a shopping trip **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November** ( before the Christmas markets start so hopefully less busy ). With the cost of the coach prices it will be about £25 per head. Can you put you name on a list soon to see if this trip will be viable for booking.

**Prayer for the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day :** God of peace and justice, on the 80th anniversary of VJ Day, we remember with gratitude the courage and sacrifice of all who served in the Far East during the Second World War. We honour the memory of those who gave their lives so that others might live in freedom. As we recall the joy of peace restored, we also acknowledge the deep pain of war endured — the suffering of prisoners of war, the grief of families, and the scars carried by survivors. Lord, in your mercy, heal the wounds of history, and help us to learn from the past, so that the horrors of war may never be repeated. Make us instruments of your peace, committed to justice, reconciliation, and the common good of all people. Through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.