

Sunday 11th January 2026 The Baptism of Christ Epiphany 1

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 (42.1-9)

Thus says the Lord: 'Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.' Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: 'I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. 'I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.'

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

Psalms 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you / powers of / heaven: ascribe to the / Lord / glory and / strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour / due to his / name: worship the / Lord • in the / beauty of / holiness.

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of / glory / thunders: the Lord is up/on the / mighty / waters.

4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in / operation: the voice of the Lord / is a / glorious / voice.

5 The voice of the Lord / breaks the / cedar trees: the Lord / breaks the / cedars of / Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon / skip like a / calf: and Sirion / like a / young wild / ox.

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord / shakes the / wilderness: the Lord / shakes the / wilderness of / Kadesh.

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe * and strips the / forests / bare: in his / temple / all cry, / 'Glory!'

9 The Lord sits enthroned a/bove the / water flood: the Lord sits enthroned as / king for / ever/more.

10 The Lord shall give / strength to his / people: the Lord shall give his / people the / blessing of / peace.

A reading from Acts (10.34-43)

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 'We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 'He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew (3.13-17)

Glorify to you, O Lord.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

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

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 401 , 193 , 375 , 405

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| TODAY | 8.30 am Holy Eucharist (All Saints) 10.00 am Choral Eucharist (followed by tea / coffee) |
| TUESDAY | 10.30 am Sgwrs a Choffi (Chat and coffee) - in All Saints - Croeso i bawb - all very welcome 2.00 pm Coffee and craft in Norton Church - all welcome |
| WEDNESDAY | 10.30 am Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments FOLLOWED BY FISH AND CHIPS AT ABOUT 12 - PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY IF YOU CAN JOIN US 2.00pm Bible study/prayer group (church rooms) 7.00 pm Choir Practice - all are very welcome to come and join the choir. |
| THURSDAY | 10.30 am Coffee and Chat in Norton Church - all welcome 1.30 pm Church grounds and cleaning group - all help welcome as we prepare the church for Christmas, |
| NEXT SUNDAY | 18th January 2026 - Epiphany 2 8.30 am Holy Eucharist (All Saints) 10.00 am Choral Eucharist (followed by tea / coffee) 11.30 am Sung Eucharist at Norton 3.00 pm A service for Christian Unity in Swansea Minster - all welcome. 4.00 pm Service for Wholeness and wellbeing in All Saints led by Dirk. - all welcome. |

50 Club : the first draw of the newly launched 50 club will take place soon. thank you to all who have signed up. If anyone else would like to sign us (£5 per month by standing order) please see Stuart for the forms / details.

New year Fish and Chips : following our 10.30 Eucharist on Wednesday THIS WEEK (eating at about midday) - **PLEASE PLACE YOU FOOD ORDER ON THE SHEET AT THE BACK OF CHURCH TODAY.**

Gower Chorale : concert "Love songs , Lullabies and Nocturnes: Saturday 24th January at 7 in All Saints. See posters for details tickets or telephone 404391 / 207950

Week of prayer for Christian Unity : next Sunday 18th January at 3 p.m. in Swansea Minster an ecumenical service for unity will take place. Then on Sunday 25th January at 3 p.m. in All Saints the Mumbles Churches together will be holding a service for Christian Unity. All are invited to these services.

Church Groups : following the Christmas break many of our church groups are now staring up again. Don't forget you are very welcome to come along to anything that is tracking place. If you want more details about any group do ask. The social side of our church life is very important as we build friendships and community. Can I also keep reminding you taht if you wish to join the choir , serving team , reading rota , flower arrangers , etc you would be warmly welcomed. Please let us know what you would like to do and we will help put you in touch in with the relevant people who co-ordinate these aspects of our church life.

Men's society : will be restating in February - please speak to Dorian for details or to book your meal. It is a lovely monthly evening in the BCYC with good company , a meal and always an interesting speaker.

Service for wholeness and Wellbeing : Sister Sonia is hoping to develop these monthly service on the 3rd Sunday each month. The first will take place in All Saints next Sunday at 4 p.m. and will be led by Dirk. All are welcome.

A prayer for the Baptism of Christ : Loving God, at the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan you revealed him as your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Renew in us the grace of our own baptism: wash us clean, strengthen our faith, and help us to turn again from sin and choose the life you set before us. Send us out, as you sent your Son, to bear witness to your love, to serve with courage, and to proclaim your kingdom in word and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.