

Sunday 12th January 2025 The Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant that we who are born again by water and the Spirit may rejoice to be called your 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 43.1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

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 8.14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke (3.15-17, 21-22)

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY.

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HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 401 , 103 , 90 , 172

TODAY	8.30 am 10.00 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints) Choral Eucharist (All Saints) followed by tea / coffee - all welcome
TUESDAY	2.00 pm	Norton Craft Group
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am 1.30 pm 6.00 pm 7.00 pm	Holy Eucharist- followed by refreshments Bible study Group (church rooms) Joyful Noise Junior Choir Practice in All Saints - all youngsters very welcome. Adult Choir Practice (All Saints)
THURSDAY	10.30 am 1.30 pm	Coffee & Catch up (Norton) 'Warriors' Church and Grounds working group - all very welcome.
SATURDAY	7.00 pm	Rhondda Symphony Orchestra Concert (All Saints)
NEXT SUNDAY	8.30 am 10.00 am 11.30 am 1.30 pm 3.00 pm	19th January 2025 Epiphany 2 Holy Eucharist (All Saints) Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee Sung Eucharist (Norton) Baptism (All Saints) Mumbles Church together service in All Saints for Christian Unity. All very welcome.

Week of prayer for a Christian unity : a service organised by the Mumbles Churches Together will take place in All Saints next Sunday (19th January) at 3 p.m. All are welcome. On Monday 20th January we will hold a quiet half hour prayer service at 7 p.m. in All Saints for Unity.

Thank You : to all who supported the Christmas evening in Norton in December, and our choir who led the evening. It was a really fun evening and £173 was raised for Children's Charities.

Quiz Night in Aid of West Cross Food Bank : Thursday 20th February at 7 p.m. in Langland Golf Club. Tickets (inc. refreshments) £10 each. Email janeandjohn56@gmail.com for details or to book tickets.

Church committee meeting : following our 10 a.m. service on Sunday 26th January. All are welcome to stay for the meeting.

New Year Fish and Chip Lunch : following the mid week Eucharist on **Wednesday 22nd January** in All Saints. All are very welcome. The order sheet for food will be available soon but please add your name to the list as soon as possible if you can make it. Family and friends are welcome to come along.

Sunday School : following the very successful Christmas Craft morning I am sure we would all like to see a Sunday School return to All Saints and also us developing young people as servers and choristers. If you would like to get involved in helping with a Sunday School do let me know. Without volunteers we will not be able to develop this aspect of our church life.

Church choir , servers, readers : play a vital part in our church worship. If you would like to become part of the choir or serving team it would be wonderful to have you involved. Please speak to the organists or to Mark Smith for details. If you would like to be included on our rota of readers please let us know.

Social Committee Meeting : Thursday 23rd January at 6 p.m. in the Church rooms. I would like to try and chat through some plans for the year and get some dates in the diary for trips, concerts, meals etc. If you would like to become involved in the planning or have ideas to share do come along to the meeting. All are very welcome.

Pastoral Visiting : please continue to let me know of those in need of visiting (at home or in hospital). Your support is vital to ensure no-one is overlooked, especially with so many having been away and so much Flu around currently.