

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Amos (7.7-17)

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel." 'Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac." Therefore, thus says the Lord: "Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

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

Psalm 82

1 God has taken his stand in the / council of / heaven: in the midst of the / gods / he gives / judgement:

2 'How long will you / judge un/justly: and show such / favour / to the / wicked?

3 You were to judge the weak / and the / orphan: defend the / right • of the / humble and / needy;

4 Rescue the weak / and the / poor: deliver them / from the / hand of the / wicked.

5 They have no knowledge or wisdom; they walk on / still in / darkness: all the foundations • of the / earth are / shaken.

6 Therefore I say that though / you are / gods: and all of you / children • of the / Most / High,

7 Nevertheless, you shall / die like / mortals: and / fall like / one of their / princes.'

8 Arise, O God and / judge the / earth: for it is you that shall take all / nations / for your pos/session.

A reading from Colossians (1.1-14)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke 10.25-37

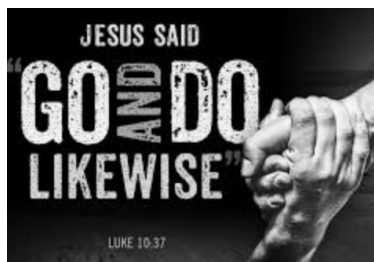
Glory to you, O Lord.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 'But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." 'Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

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

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13th July 2025 - Trinity 4 - Sea Sunday

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 349 , 425 , 548 , 336

TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	11.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee
TUESDAY	10.30 am	Chat a Coffi - all welcome / Croeso i bawb.
	2.00 pm	Norton Craft Group - all welcome
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments
	2.00pm	Bible study/prayer group (church rooms)
	7.00 pm	Adult choir practice - all welcome - come and join us.
THURSDAY	10.30 am	Coffee & Catch up (Norton)
	1.30 pm	Church and Grounds working group - all help very welcome
SATURDAY	7.00 pm	Swansea Bay Orchestra Summer Concert - Music from Stage and Screen - see poster for details. £10 entry.
NEXT SUNDAY		20th July 2025 - Trinity 5
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee
	11.30 am	Sung Eucharist at Norton
	4.00 pm	Healing service at St. Peters.

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. Your help to let me know would be greatly appreciated.

Notes

Coffee Morning with Cor Ty Tawe : thank you to all who came along and all who helped with the event. Thank you to the Côr Ty Tawe Choir for the entertainment.

Morrison RFC Concert : **Friday 25th July at 7 p.m.** Tickets (£12) are now available. **Please help to sell as many as you can** - this is in aid of church funds. Please give your full support !

Swansea Bay Symphony Orchestra Concert : Saturday 19th July at 7 p.m. - **A night of stage and screen** - see poster for details.

Choral evensong : in All Saints. **Sunday 27th July at 4 p.m.** using the music of Thomas Tallis.

Men's Society : please note it is now taking a summer break and it will next meet on Monday 8th September. Details for meal bookings will be given closer the date.

Coffee morning in aid of West Bank Foodbank : at the home of Jane and John Anderson (81 Mumbles Road) on Saturday 14th August from 10.30 am to 12.30. Tickets are £3 and available from **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.

Thank you : Hi everyone, following my Ordination as Priest at Brecon Cathedral I want to say a heartfelt 'Thank you' to you all for your prayers, presence at the Cathedral, and for the many, many cards, emails and gifts. I have known some of you for a very long time and more lately throughout the Mumbles Ministry Area I have also made many new and spiritually nourishing friendships. But however I know you, I am so grateful, particularly for your prayers, encouragement, help and guidance and I pray that in some little way I have been of support to you as well . God bless, Sister Sonia

Healing Service : Str. Sonia wants to start a monthly Healing service around the Ministry Area. The first will take place next Sunday (20th) at 4 p.m. in St. Peter's , Newton and all are welcome.

A Prayer for Sea Sunday : Heavenly Father, we give thanks for all who work at sea — for seafarers who bring us food, fuel, and goods from across the world. Bless them in their work, protect them in storms and danger, and bring them safely home to those they love. We pray for all who feel lonely, far from home, for those who face exploitation or harsh conditions, and for families waiting anxiously for news. Strengthen all who support seafarers — chaplains, port workers, the RNLI and missions of the sea. Lord Jesus, who calmed the storm and called fishermen to follow you, be close to all who sail the oceans today. Calm their fears, give them courage, and surround them with your love. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.