

## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025    Holy Cross Day**

Almighty God, in the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A reading from Numbers (21.4-9)**

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

### **Psalm 22. 23-28**

23 Praise the Lord, / you that / fear him: O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of / him, O / seed of / Israel.

**24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his / face / from them: but when they / cried to / him he / heard them.**

25 From you comes my praise in the great / congregation: I will perform my vows in the / presence of / those that / fear you.

**26 The poor shall eat / and be / satis-fied: those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their / hearts shall / live for / ever.**

27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and / turn to the / Lord: and all the families of the / nations shall / bow be/fore him.

**28 For the kingdom / is the / Lord's: and he / rules / over the / nations.**

### **A reading from Philippians (2.6-11)**

Though Christ Jesus was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John (3.13-17)  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

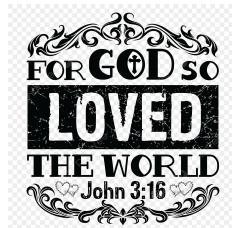
Jesus said, 'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

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

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**14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - Holy Cross Day - Trinity 13**  
**The 102nd anniversary of the founding of our Diocese**

**HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 237 , 536 , 540 , 549**

<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>MONDAY</b>	10.30 am	Funeral of Gaynor Donaldson ( All Saints )
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10.30 am	Chat a Coffi - in All Saints - Croeso i bawb - all very welcome
	2.00 pm	Coffee and craft in Norton Church - all welcome
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> followed by refreshments
	2.00pm	Bible study/prayer group (church rooms)
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice ( All Saints ) - all welcome
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.30 am	Coffee and Chat in Norton Church - all are welcome
	1.30 pm	Church and Grounds working group in All Saints - all help very welcome
<b>SATURDAY</b>	7.00 pm	Gower Festival Concert in all Saints - A tribute to Morfydd Owen
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> September 2025 - Trinity 14 Feast of St. Matthew</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>Trilingual Service in All Saints - all welcome</b>
	<b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>Healing Service in Holy Cross - led by Str. Sonia - all welcome</b>

## Pastoral Visiting :

Please do keep me informed of anyone in need of visiting at home or in hospital.

**Harvest Festival : Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October** : This year we are supporting the work of USPG and during our 10 a.m. service Sue King will tell us something about the charity and it's work., 11.30 a.m. Harvest Eucharist in Norton. **At 4 p.m.** we will be joined by the band and songsters of the Salvation Army for a service of **Harvest Songs of Praise.**

**Fish and Chip lunch** : for Harvest will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October following the 10,30 service. All are welcome. **Please sign up with your food order as soon as you can.**

**Refreshment rota** : If you would be able to join the team and help on the rota serving tea/ coffees after our services please sign up on the form at the back of church with your availability. All help appreciated !

**Men's Society** : will resume **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October** at 6:30 in the BCYC. Please let Dorian know if you can join us.

**Mind your Mumbles : The ultimate local quiz night : in All Saints on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7 p.m** Hosted by Rob Pendry and in association with the *Story of Mumbles* and *Mumbles Community Council*. Tickets are £5 and the evening is raising funds for The Mumbles RNLI. Do come along for what be an evening of fun and see how much we know about our community.

**Gower Festival Concert** : in All Saints on **next Saturday at 7 p.m.** remembering and celebrating the music of Morfydd Owen. Tickets are available from the Gower Festival - or on the door - please see posters for details.

## Mumbles Proms Concert :

with the Swansea Bay Symphony Orchestra on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm.** in All Saints. **Tickets are now available £12 each ( under 18s free ). Can you please help to sell the tickets. This is a fundraiser for church funds.**

*Thank you to the Swansea Building Society for their sponsorship of this concert.*

**Trilingual Service - English , Welsh and German** ( to celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew ) : will take place next Sunday at 4 p.m. in All Saints and all are very welcome to come along.

**Healing Service** : the next Ministry Area Healing Service organised by Str. Sonia next Sunday at 4 p.m. in Holy Cross.

**Shopping trip to Worcester : Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November.** There will be 48 places on the bus ( £25 ) and then we will keep a reserve list. Please sign up as soon as you can.