



ALL SAINTS CHURCH , OYSTERMOUTH AND NORTON MISSION CHURCH



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Sunday 16th August 2026 ~ TRINITY 11

Welcome to our worship today

A special warm welcome to all visiting our community.

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 456 , 30 , 106 , 242

TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (Book of common prayer)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (followed by tea / coffee) We welcome Ven. John Holdsworth as preacher and celebrant today.
	11.30 am	Sung Eucharist (in Norton Church)
	2.00 pm	Wedding in All Saints.
MONDAY	2.00 pm	Shantysacks 'walk in' sea Shanty singalong in the Lower church rooms. All welcome.
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments
THURSDAY	1.30 pm	Church and grounds working party (Warriors) All volunteers very welcome !
FRIDAY	10.30 am	Funeral of Frances Matthews in All Saints
NEXT SUNDAY		23rd August 2026 - Trinity 12
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (Book of common prayer)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (followed by tea / coffee)
	12.00 pm	Baptism in All Saints
	2.00 pm	Baptism in All Saints

Pastoral Visiting : please let me know of those in need of visits / contact at home or in care homes / hospital. *If you wish anyone to be prayed for by name during our services please add their name to the list at the back of church.*

River Trip on River Tawe : now moved to Monday 21st September at 4 p.m. Dorian will check names closer the date and hopefully the river will start to fill !

Summer Break: most church groups are taking a few weeks break for the summer. We will let you know as they resume.

Mumbles Proms : with Swansea Bay Symphony orchestra : Saturday 26th September at 7 p.m. in All Saints. Tickets are now available.

Sea Shanty Events for Children and families : Tuesday 25th August 10.30 a.m. to midday in the lower church rooms. All very welcome. No booking needed.

50 Club Winners August : 1st. no 8 Brenda Harris , 2nd no. 30 MC Jones , 3rd no. 3 Julie Francis. Congratulations to the winners. To join the 50 club application forms are available please ask. Please collect your prizes from James Williams (verger)

Church Committee Minute Secretary: as a church we are very grateful to Judy Ganz who has served as Minute secretary for our church meetings for a number of years. Judy has asked now to step down from that role. If there is a volunteer who can help out (only a couple of meetings a year) please let me know.

Confirmation : application forms for any wishing to be confirmed in October are at the back of church. Please fill out details and return to the wardens or the vicar.

Thank you so much : to all who have kindly given donations to help cover the additional work needed to restore our church clock. The initial work will take place from tomorrow and after final checks will be completed in about a month.

Cirencester Shopping Trip : Saturday 28th November - leaving Mumbles at 8.30 a.m. The cost is £30 per head. **We are now taking firm bookings.** Can payments be made as soon as possible please.

Friends of Brecon Cathedral : invite anyone wishing to go , to meet at Llandaff Cathedral on Saturday 19th September at 11 a.m. to have time with the Friends of Llandaff Cathedral. There are restaurants nearby if any wishes to book a meal following this time together. There is no booking list for this trip and you will need to make your own arrangements for transport.

Ladies Fellowship Group: Monday 14th September. The speaker will be Kate Yeandle from the Charity 'Joseph's Smile'. We are collecting Children's vests for this charity which are adapted for children receiving treatment.

Art exhibition and Sale : with Adrian Hughes in the Lower Church Rooms Friday 28th August to Monday 31st August . She posters for details.

Church Committees: Dates of planned meetings : 1. To help with Mission / Outreach / trip organising and social events , church welcomers and concerts meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 12 midday. 2. Buildings and grounds meeting : Thursday 17th September at 3.30 p.m. **All ideas and all help is needed as we work together as a church family in our shared mission.**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Genesis (45.1-15)

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 'Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there — since there are five more years of famine to come — so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." 'And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalms 133

- 1 Behold how good and / pleasant it / is: to / dwell to/gether in / unity.
- 2 It is like the precious oil up/on the / head: running / down up/ on the / beard,**
- 3 Even on / Aaron's / beard: running down upon the / collar / of his / clothing.
- 4 It is like the / dew of / Hermon: running down up/on the / hills of / Zion.**
- 5 For there the Lord has / promised his / blessing: even / life for / ever/ more.

A reading from Romans (11.1-2a, 29-32)

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew 15. 21-28
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**