

Sunday 16th February 2025 The Third Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 Jeremiah (17.5-10)

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse — who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Psalms 1

1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked: nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord: and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 Like a tree planted by streams of water * bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither: whatever they do, it shall prosper.

4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them: they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement: nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous: but the way of the wicked shall perish.

A reading from 1 Corinthians 15.12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ — whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke 6.17-26

Glory to you, O Lord.

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

'Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.'

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

Merciful God, you gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH , OYSTERMOUTH AND NORTON CHURCH

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY.

Vicar: Canon Hugh Lervy
01792 936146 or 07976 725644
Email : vicar.mumbles@gmail.com
Church office 01792 361684
Church Website : www.allsaintsmumbles.org.uk
Church email address : info@allsaintsmumbles.org.uk



16th February 2025 - Third Sunday before Lent

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 15 , 328 , 378 , 427

TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee
	11.30 am	Sung Eucharist (Norton)
	2.30 pm	A service at St. Mary's Swansea to create Swansea Minster.
MONDAY	11.00 am	Funeral in Church of Joan Summers
TUESDAY	2.00 pm	Norton Craft Group - all welcome
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist - followed by refreshments
	1.30 pm	Bible study Group (church rooms)
	6.00 pm	Joyful Noise Junior Choir Practice in All Saints - all youngsters very welcome.
	7.00 pm	Adult Choir Practice -new choristers welcome.
THURSDAY	10.30 am	Coffee & Catch up (Norton)
	1.30 pm	'Warriors' Church and Grounds working group - all help very welcome.
	7.00 pm	Quiz night in aid of west Cross Food Bank at Langland Golf Club
NEXT SUNDAY		23rd February 2025 - 2nd before Lent
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee

Pastoral Visiting :

please let me know of those in need of visiting (at home or in hospital). Your support is vital to ensure no-one is overlooked.

Weekly Bulletin : Do take this sheet home with you, and do take spares for those missing from our services. Copies are also available on our website allsaintsmumbles.org.uk

Church notices :

Choral Evensong : Sunday 2nd March at 4 p.m. in All Saints. We are hoping if the service is supported that we can have more regular evening services.

Confirmation Service : Tuesday 3rd June at 7 pm. If anyone would like to be confirmed please complete an application form as soon as possible.

Leprosy Mission : the new Spring Catalogue is now available at the back of church - let Anne Neumann know if you wish to buy any products.

Tenby trip : Wednesday 18th June. See poster for details. £15 per head. Please sign up as soon as you can if you can join us so we can put a deposit on the bus if we can run the trip. **Family and friends are very welcome.**

A Flavour of Wales : Friday 28th February at 7.30 in All Saints Rob Pendry will take us on an entertaining journey of All things Welsh. Tickets / entry £5 for church funds. **Tickets are now available - pick up yours as soon as you can. Please share this event with family and friends.**

Gwalia Singers Concert : in All Saints on Saturday 1st March at 7 p.m. in aid of Marie Curie. Tickets are available from the Gwalia Choir members.

Ash Wednesday : 5th March. Services in All Saints : 10.30 Holy Eucharist and 7 p.m. Choral Eucharist. Both services will include imposition of ashes.

Men's Society : to join please add your name to the list at the back of church and we will call a meeting of those interested soon to sort a day , time and venue.

Welsh Coffee Morning : If you would be interested in there is a list at the back of church for expression of interest. A meeting will held soon.

Clydach Passion Play : will be performed in All Saints on Sunday 23rd MARCH at 7 p.m. No tickets needed. All welcome.

Easter Egg decorating workshop on Friday 28th march (2-4 pm) and **Easter Wreath Making workshop** on Friday 4th April (2-4 pm). Please speak to Anne or Elaine for details. **A Coffee , Cake and Craft morning will be held on Saturday 15th March to discuss ideas.** All are welcome.