

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Isaiah (5.1-7)

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. **A n d n o w**, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

Psalm 80. [1, 3,] 8-19

1 Hear, O / Shepherd of / Israel: you that led / Joseph / like a / flock;
3 Stir up your / mighty / strength: and / come to / our sal/vation.
 8 You brought a vine / out of / Egypt: you drove / out the / nations and / planted it.
9 You made / room a/round it: and when it had taken / root, it / filled the / land.
 10 The hills were covered / with its / shadow: and the cedars of / God / by its / boughs.
11 It stretched out its branches / to the / Sea: and its / tendrils / to the / River.
 12 Why then have you broken / down its / wall: so that all who pass / by pluck / off its / grapes?
13 The wild boar out of the wood / tears it / off: and all the / insects • of the / field de/vour it.
 14 Turn again, O / God of / hosts: look down from / heaven / and be/hold;
15 Cherish this vine which your / right hand has / planted: and the branch that you / made so / strong for your/self.
 16 Let those who burnt it with fire, who / cut it / down: perish / at the re/buke • of your / countenance.
17 Let your hand be upon the man / at your / right hand: the son of man you / made so / strong • for your/self.

18 And so will we / not go / back from you: give us life, and we shall / call up/on your / name.

19 Turn us again, O Lord / God of / hosts: show the light of your countenance, / and we / shall be / saved.

A reading from Hebrews (11.29 – 12.2)

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented — of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. **Y e t** all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke 12.49-56
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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

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17th August 2025 - Trinity 8

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 337 , 188 , 39 , 372

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)
	4.00 pm	Healing Service in All Saints led by Sister Sonia. All welcome
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments
	1.00 pm	A free sea Shanty sing along event for families in the LCR. With the Mumbles Lifeboat singers. Please let people know.
	2.00pm	Bible study/prayer group (church rooms)
THURSDAY	1.30 pm	Church and Grounds working group in All Saints - all help very welcome
FRIDAY	10.00 am	Art sale and exhibition begins in the LCR
	1.45 pm	Funeral of Diane Oleksinski in church followed by committal at Margam
NEXT SUNDAY		24th August 2025 - Trinity 10
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee

Pastoral Visiting : please do keep me informed of anyone in need of visiting at home or in hospital. Don't forget copies of our weekly bulletin are available on our church website and you can also follow us on our Facebook page 'All Saints Oystermouth and Norton Mission Church'.

Adrian Hughes Art sale and exhibition : will take place in the Lower Church rooms next weekend 22nd - 26th August - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

RIP : with sadness we learnt of the passing of Gaynor Donaldson last week. We commend her to God's keeping and peace and offer prayers for her family and friends.

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 : due to a number of our members indicating they will be away in September, Men's Society will resume **Monday 6th October** at 6:30 in the BCYC. Dorian will take Bookings closer the time.

Chat a Coffi : will be starting back on Tuesday 9th September at 10.30 in All Saints and all are very welcome.

Choir practice: Will restart from Wednesday 3rd September at 7 pm. We look forward to welcoming back our choir members who have been away for the summer, as well as new members. If anyone wishes to join the choir as we journey towards harvest, Advent and Christmas we would love to see you being part of our choir !

Mumbles Proms Concert : with the Swansea Bay Symphony Orchestra on Saturday 27th 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 all who supported the coffee morning on Thursday in aid of West Cross Food Bank. Special thanks to John and Jane for arranging and hosting this event.

Shopping trip to Worcester : thank you to all who have indicated they would like to join a trip to Worcester on the 29th November. I am now happy that we have enough names to put a deposit down on the bus. There is now a new list at the back of Church to make firm bookings (the old list was just for expressions of interest). To confirm your place on the bus, can you please re-add your name to the new list. Could we have payment in the coming weeks if possible?. There will be 48 places on the bus and then we will keep a reserve list. Please sign up as soon as you can, as we will also advertise this across the ministry area.

Joseph's Smile Vests : a big thank you to all who continue to donate children's vests for this wonderful charity. They are altered and then used for children undergoing treatment to hold the 'line' in place. Nearly another 100 vests have been donated recently and Caroline will be taking them to the charity early October if there are any further ones to be donated before she makes the trip.

Yarnbombers : thank you so much to the Yarnbombers who produced the wonderful displays that have been around our church for VE and VJ Day 80th anniversaries this year. We will keep them up until the end of August as so many visitors are enjoying looking at them.