

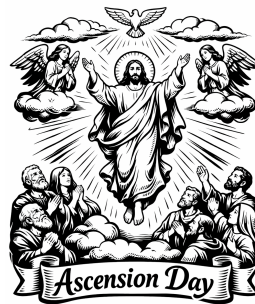


**ALL SAINTS CHURCH , OYSTERMOUTH AND NORTON MISSION CHURCH**



**Annual Meeting :** thank you very much to all who were able to stay for our Annual church meeting last Sunday. It was good to have the opportunity to bring you as a congregation up-to-date with many of the developments that are being worked on at the moment. The accounts for the year were also presented and this is perhaps the opportunity to say such a huge thank you to all contribute so regularly to our Church funds. Money is always one of the challenges we face and your ongoing support is greatly appreciated. The meeting was also a time when we said thank you to those stepping down from their roles and appoint new representatives. Stuart has now stepped down from his role as warden. We are indebted to Stuart for all he has done during his time in this role. Julia our treasurer after decades of loyal service had also indicated she was going to be stepping down. Again we are so grateful for all Julia has done in keeping our books balanced throughout her time as treasurer. We have been very fortunate to have willing volunteers to step into all the roles again this year. Bev has been reappointed as warden and alongside her Caroline Jones also becomes a warden. Carl continues to serve as a warden and a member of the Ministry area council for Norton. Mark Batty has been appointed as our new treasurer and we are very grateful that he has stepped into that role. Katrina will continue as our safeguarding officer. April Beynon has been appointed as the Ministry area council representative for All Saints. I'm sure we will all give our full support to this new team. In the coming months we will be developing subcommittee to oversee various aspects of Church life. If any areas are of interest or you feel you can contribute to? We would be very grateful to hear from you as they are developed..

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**Sunday 17th May 2026 ~ EASTER 7**

**The Sunday after Ascension**

**Welcome to our worship today**

**HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 81 , 103 , 204 , 222**

**TODAY**  
8.30 am **Holy Eucharist (Book of common prayer)**  
9.00 am 'Little Breakfast for Christian Aid' in the back of All Saints. Do come along.  
10.00 am **Choral Eucharist ( followed by tea / coffee )**  
11.30 am **Sung Eucharist at Norton Church**  
4.00 pm **Healing and Wellbeing service at Holy Cross**

**MONDAY** 2.00 pm Churches together meeting in the UCR

**TUESDAY**  
10.30 am Sgwrs a Choffi ( Chat and coffee ) - in the back of All Saints - Croeso i bawb - all welcome.  
2.00 pm Coffee and craft in Norton Church - all welcome

**WEDNESDAY**  
10.30 am **Holy Eucharist** followed by refreshments  
2.00 pm Bible study group in the Upper Church Rooms  
7.00 pm Choir practice - Do come and join the choir - you would be very welcome,

**THURSDAY**  
10.30 am Coffee and Chat in Norton Church - all welcome  
1.30 pm Church and grounds working party (Warriors)  
All volunteers very welcome !

**NEXT SUNDAY**  
24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Pentecost  
8.30 am **Holy Eucharist (Book of common prayer)**  
10.00 am **Choral Eucharist ( followed by tea / coffee )**  
4.00 pm **Pentecost Songs of Praise in All Saints**

**50 club winners for May :** 1<sup>st</sup> no 8 Brenda Harris , 2<sup>nd</sup> no. 20 Steven Rogers , 3<sup>rd</sup> no. 53 Claire Williams. Congratulation to this months winners.

**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.

**Pentecost Songs of Praise :** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 4 p.m. in All Saints

**River Tawe Boat Trip :** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 4 p.m. on the Copper Jack on the River Tawe leaving from Swansea Marina. Dorian has arranged an optional meal for those wishing to go at the Anchor restaurant close to the boat in the Marina . The cost is £30 for the boat and a meal or £10 for the boat only. Places are limited. Booking forms are at the back of church or contact Dorian on 07788122132

**Open Church :** If you feel able to spare a few hours through the week to welcome visitors we would be very grateful. A diary for you to enter details of any time you can give is the at the back church.

**Pontardulais Band Concert :** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 4 p.m. Please sell as many tickets as you can for church funds Tickets are available now.

**Ordination Service :** Including Matthew and Dirk in Brecon Cathedral on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. To book a place on the bus please phone the Ministry Area office on 369420. The bus cost is £10 per head. *There are now limited places on the bus. Book your place soon if you wish to come.*

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 The Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### A reading from Ezekiel (36.24-28)

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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

### Psalm 68. 1-10

1 Let God arise and let his / enemies be / scattered: let those that / hate him / flee be/fore him.

**2 As the smoke vanishes, so may they / vanish a/way: as wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked / perish • at the / presence of / God.**

3 But let the righteous be glad and re/joyce before / God: let / them make / merry with / gladness.

**4 Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who / rides on the / clouds: the Lord is his / name; re/joyce be/fore him.**

5 Father of the fatherless, de/fender of / widows: God in his / holy / habi/tation!

**6 God gives the solitary a home \* and brings forth prisoners to / songs of / welcome: but the rebellious in/habit a / burning / desert.**

7 O God, when you went forth be/fore your / people: when you / marched / through the / wilderness,

**8 The earth shook and the heavens dropped down rain, at the presence of God, the / Lord of / Sinai: at the presence of / God, the / God of / Israel.**

9 You sent down a gracious / rain, O / God: you refreshed your in/heritance when / it was / weary.

**10 Your people / came to / dwell there: in your goodness, O God, / you pro/vide • for the / poor.**

### A reading from Acts (1.6-14)

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John (17.1-11)

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 'And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 'I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 'And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

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