

Sunday 18th January 2026 The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 Isaiah (49.1-7)

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength. The Lord says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.' This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40. 1-13

1 I waited patiently / for the / Lord: he inclined to / me and / heard my / cry.
2 He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the / mire and / clay: he set my feet upon a rock and / made my / footing / sure.
3 He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of / praise • to our / God: many shall see and fear and / put their / trust in the / Lord.
4 Blessed is the one who / trusts in the / Lord: who does not turn to the / proud that / follow a / lie.
5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God. How great your de/signs for / us!: There is none that / can be com/pared with / you.
6 If I were to proclaim / them and / tell of them: they would be more than I am / able / to ex/press.
7 Sacrifice and offering you do / not de/sire: but my / ears / you have / opened;
8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have / not re/quired: then / said I: / 'Lo, I / come.
9 In the scroll of the book it is written of me that I should do your will, / O my / God: I delight to do it: your / law • is with/in my / heart.'

10 I have declared your righteousness in the great / congre/gation: behold, I did not restrain my lips, and / that, O / Lord, you / know.

11 Your righteousness I have not hidden / in my / heart: I have spoken of your / faithfulness and / your sal/vation;

12 I have not concealed your loving/kindness and / truth: from the / great / congre/gation.

13 Do not withhold your compassion from / me, O / Lord: let your love and your / faithfulness / always pre/serve me.

A reading from 1 Corinthians (1.1-9)

From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John 1.29-42

Glorify to you, O Lord.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).'

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



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18th January 2026 - Epiphany 2
Welcome to our worship today.
Week of Prayer for Christian unity.

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 26 , 560 , 506 , 310

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| TODAY | 8.30 am | Holy Eucharist (All Saints) |
| | 10.00 am | Choral Eucharist (followed by tea / coffee) |
| | 11.30 am | Sunday Eucharist at Norton Church |
| | 3.00 pm | A service for Christian Unity in Swansea Minster - all welcome. |
| | 4.00 pm | Service for Wholeness and wellbeing in All Saints led by Matthew. - all welcome. |
| TUESDAY | 10.30 am | Sgwrs a Choffi (Chat and coffee) - in All Saints - Croeso i bawb - all very welcome |
| | 2.00 pm | Coffee and craft in Norton Church - all welcome |
| WEDNESDAY | 10.30 am | Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments |
| | 2.00pm | Bible study/prayer group (church rooms) |
| | 7.00 pm | Choir Practice - all are very welcome to come and join the choir. |
| THURSDAY | 10.30 am | Coffee and Chat in Norton Church - all welcome |
| | 1.30 pm | Church grounds and cleaning group - all help welcome. |
| SATURDAY | 7.00 pm | Gower Chorale Concert in All Saints. See notes or posters for details. |
| NEXT SUNDAY | | 25th January 2026 - The conversion of St. Paul |
| | 8.30 am | Holy Eucharist (All Saints) |
| | 10.00 am | Choral Eucharist (followed by tea / coffee) |
| | 3.00 pm | Mumbles Churches together Service for Christian Unity - in All Saints - all are welcome. |

50 Club : If anyone else would like to sign us (£5 per month by standing order) please see Stuart for the forms / details. If you are already a member of the club from previous years you do not need to re-join as it will be carried forward. The draw will take place each month (starting end of January) at one of our church activities and winners will be shown on this bulletin.

Gower Chorale : concert "Love songs , Lullabies and Nocturnes: **Next Saturday** at 7 in All Saints. For details / tickets or telephone 404391 / 207950

Concert : Land of Song : Young Voices / Master Sounds. Thursday 5th February at 7 p.m. in All Saints. See posters for tickets / details.

Week of prayer for Christian Unity : this afternoon at 3 p.m. in Swansea Minster an ecumenical service for unity will take place. Then **next Sunday** (25th January) at 3 p.m. in All Saints the Mumbles Churches together will be holding a service for Christian Unity. All are invited to these services.

Service for wholeness and Wellbeing : this afternoon in All Saints at 4 p.m. led by Matthew. A quiet and reflective 30 minute act of worship. All are welcome.

Church Groups : following the Christmas break many of our church groups are now starting up again. Don't forget you are very welcome to come along to anything that is tacking place. If you want more details about any group do ask. The social side of our church life is very important as we build friendships and community. Can I also keep remind you that if you wish to join the choir , serving team , reading rota , flower arrangers , Church cleaning group (Warriors) etc you would be warmly welcomed. *Please let us know what you would like to do and we will help put you in touch in with the relevant people who co-ordinate these aspects of our church life.* **Can I also thank all who give their time run the various groups and all the social activities of our churches.**

Ministry Area Council Meeting : Thursday 29th January at 6 in Newton.

Men's society : will be restarting the first Monday in February if there are enough able to come along - **please add your name to the list at the back of church TODAY** if you can come and we will make a decision from there. It is a very enjoyable monthly evening in the BCYC with good company , a meal and always an interesting speaker.

Abertawe Festival : Young musicians presentation afternoon : Sunday 22nd February at 3 p.m. in All Saints.