

Sunday 18th May 2025 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 Acts (11.1-18)

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

'At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. 'These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

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

Psalm 148. 1-6

1 Alleluia. Praise the Lord / from the / heavens: praise / – him / in the / heights.

2 Praise him, all / you his / angels: praise / – him / all his / host.

3 Praise him / sun and / moon: praise him / all you / stars of / light.

4 Praise him / heaven of / heavens: and you / waters above the / heavens.

5 Let them praise the / name of the / Lord: for he commanded / and they / were created.

6 He made them fast for / ever and / ever: he gave them a law which / shall not / pass away.

A reading from Revelation (21.1-6)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John 13.31-35
Glory to you, O Lord.

When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 'Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

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

Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 227 , 322 , 461 , 309

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)
TUESDAY	10.30 am	Chat a Coffi - all welcome
	2.00 pm	Norton Craft Group - all welcome
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist
		followed by refreshments
	2.00pm	Bible study/prayer group (church rooms)
	6.00 pm	Joyful Noise (junior Choir) - all children very welcome
	7.00 pm	Adult choir practice - all welcome
THURSDAY	10.30 am	Coffee & Catch up (Norton)
	1.30 pm	Church and Grounds working group - all help very welcome
	6.00 pm	Ministry Area Council Meeting
NEXT SUNDAY		25th May - Easter 6
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee

**Weekly Bulletin : Do take this sheet home with you.
Copies are also available of the Church website.**

**Pastoral Visiting : please let me know of those
in need of visiting at home or in hospital.**

Ascension Day : Thursday 29th May. 9.45 Holy Eucharist in Norton Church. **7 p.m. Ministry Area Eucharist in grounds of Clyne Chapel** (inside if wet) led by Bishop John Lomas. All are welcome .

Ministry Area Confirmation service : Tuesday 3rd June at 7 p.m. in All Saints. We pray for all from our Ministry Area who are being confirmed.

Church Choir : as you know music plays a big part in our church with our choir who bring so much to our worship , and also the many concerts that take place throughout the year. I know many in our congregation value this aspect of our church life and I also know many in our congregations have a love of singing. Have you thought about joining the choir ? We would love to see new members and keep this important tradition going in our church. Do come along on a Wednesday evening to practice or have a word with our organists or any members of our church choir. We would love to see join.

Clyne Chapel and Clyne in Bloom. Clyne Chapel will be open and serving refreshments from 1.00pm to 4.00pm on Wednesdays and Fridays, and 2.00pm to 5.00pm on Sundays until 24th May. Please come along with family and friends to enjoy a friendly chat and visit. Clyne Chapel's Organist Les Ryan will be playing quiet and contemplative organ music from 2.00pm on the 21st and 23rd May.

Men's Society : the next meeting will be on Monday 16th June at 5 pm. It will be a trip on the CopperJack boat up the River Tawe. If you would like to come along please speak to Dorian as soon as you can. Max. 30 places. There are also choices about food either onboard or after the river trip. Please let Dorian know if you want food included.

Radio Wales 'All things Considered' : recorded April Beynon and others in an interview about the history and work of the Mumbles Christian Aid group. It will be broadcast on Radio wales next Sunday (25th) and available online for 28 days following.

Gwalia Singers : annual concert in All Saints in Saturday 14th June at 7 p.m. Tickets are available from Gwalia Choir members or see their poster for details.

Gower Chorale : concert : Haydn's 'The Creation' Saturday 21st June at 7 p.m. in All Saints. See poster for details and how to purchase tickets.

Open Church : thank you to all who are helping to keep the church open and welcome visitors during the week. If you can help with the rota there is a list at the back of church.