Sunday 19th October 2025 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 forever. **Amen.**

A reading from Jeremiah (31.27-34)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 119. 97-104

- 97 Lord, how I / love your / law!: All the day / long it / is my / study.
- 98 Your commandments have made me wiser / than my / enemies: for / they are / ever with / me.
- 99 I have more understanding than / all my / teachers: for your testimonies / are my / medi/tation.
- 100 I am wiser / than the / aged: be/cause I / keep your com/mandments.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every / evil / way: that / I may / keep your / word.
- 102 I have not turned aside / from your / judgements: for / you have / been my / teacher.
- 103 How sweet are your words / on my / tongue!: They are sweeter than / honey / to my / mouth.

104 Through your commandments I get / under/standing: therefore I / hate all / lying / ways.

A reading from 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke 18.1-8 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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

All praise and thanks, O Christ, for this sacred banquet, in which by faith we receive you, the memory of your passion is renewed, our lives are filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory given, to feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, OYSTERMOUTH AND NORTON CHURCH WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY.

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HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST: 174, 128, 166, 564

TODAY	10.00 am 11.30 am 4.00 p.m	- followed by tea / coffee
TUESDAY	10.30 am 2.00 pm	Sgwrs a Choffi (Chat and coffee) - in All Saints - Croeso i bawb - all very welcome Coffee and craft in Norton Church - all welcome
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am 2.00pm 7.00 pm	Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments Bible study/prayer group (church rooms) Choir Practice (All Saints) - all welcome
THURSDAY	10.30 am 1.30 pm	Coffee and Chat in Norton Church - all welcome Church and Grounds working group in All Saints - all help very welcome
NEXT SUNDAY	8.30 am 10.00 am	,

Pastoral Visiting: Please do keep me informed of anyone in need of visiting at home or in hospital.

Concert: given by the Dunvant Male Voice choir in All Saints on Friday 31st October at 7 p.m. - see posters for details / tickets. In Aid of the Royal British Legion.

All Saints and All Souls days: we will celebrate the feast of All saints on Sunday 2nd November, and then at 4 p.m. on the same day will hold a quiet service of reflection for All Souls. There is a list at the back of church if you wish any of the departed to remembered by name during that service.

Rotary club 'Wrap up warm' campaign. : If you have any warm overcoats you no longer use (Male . Female or Children's) they can be brought to church where the Rotary club will sort and distribute to those in need. Please speak to Nancy for details.

Radio Wales Christmas service: will be recorded in All Saints on Wednesday 26th November from 6-8 p,m. It will be led by Mal Pope and feature a wide variety of artists. Admission to the congregation during recording will be **strictly** by ticket only. Tickets are free and we have been allocated 30. Please add your name to the list to receive a ticket. Apologies that not all wishing to attend will be able to do so.

Men's Society : will meet next in the BCYC on Monday 3rd November at 6.30 p.m. All welcome to come along. To order food please let Dorian know as soon as possible

Choir and Servers: if you wish to be part of our church choir, the serving team, be put on the reading rota or help serve teas / coffees you would be very welcome. Many traditions and activities of our church can only be kept going if people come forward to take part.

Remembrance Sunday: Sunday 9th November. Please note our 10 a.m. service will be a service of Remembrance and will be followed by a procession to the war memorial in Southend Gardens for the act of remembrance at 11 a.m.

Concert in All Saints: Thursday 6th November at 6 p.m. CANEUON PENRHYN GWYR AC ABERTAWE (FOLK SONGS OF GOWER AND SWANSEA) See poster for details. Entry £10 on the door. This concert has attracted National attention and should be a significant evening in listening to rediscovered folk songs.

Marie Curie Coffee morning : in Norton Church on Saturday 8th November at 10.30 a.m. Please speak to Margaret or Russell for tickets / details.

Worcester Trip - info needed : would those coming on 29th November please let Sue know where you are getting on the bus : 8.30 leaving All Saints , then picking up next to the Woodman and then near the bus stop opposite the LC2 (near Tesco) if needed.

Joyful Noice Shanty Kidz: we are going to re-launch the junior singing group as a children's shanty group. During half term on Monday 27th October there will be a taster session in the Church Rooms from 10.30 to midday. Then the group will start on Wednesday evenings 5- 6 p.m. after half term . Can you please share the posters and invite any children you know.