

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Amos (8.1-12)

This is what the Lord God showed me – a basket of summer fruit. He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’ Then the Lord said to me, ‘The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,’ says the Lord God; ‘the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!’ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 52

- 1 Why do you glory in / evil, you / tyrant: while the goodness of / God en/dures con/tinually?
- 2 You plot destruction, / you de/ceiver: your tongue is / like a / sharpened / razor.**
- 3 You love evil / rather than / good: falsehood / rather • than the / word of / truth.
- 4 You love all / words that / hurt: O / you de/citful / tongue.**
- 5 Therefore God shall utterly / bring you / down: he shall take you and pluck you out of your tent * and root you / out of the / land • of the / living.
- 6 The righteous shall / see this and / tremble: they shall / laugh you to / scorn, and / say:**
- 7 ‘This is the one who did not take God / for a / refuge: but trusted in great riches / and re/lieved upon / wickedness.’

8 But I am like a spreading olive tree in the / house of / God: I trust in the goodness of / God for / ever and / ever.

9 I will always give thanks to you for / what you have / done: I will hope in your name, for your / faithful / ones de/light in it.

A reading from Colossians (1.15-28)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke 10.38-42

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.’

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

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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20th July 2025 - Trinity 5

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 508 , 62 , 154 , 427

TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee
	11.30 am	Sung Eucharist at Norton
	4.00 pm	Healing service at St. Peters led by Str. Sonia
TUESDAY	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 end of term party.
	7.00 pm	Adult choir practice - all welcome - come and join us.
THURSDAY	10.30 am	Coffee & Catch up (Norton)
	1.30 pm	Church and Grounds working group - all help very welcome
FRIDAY	7.00 pm	A concert by Morriston RFC Choir in All Saints. Please try and come along.
NEXT SUNDAY		27th July 2025 - Trinity 6
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee
	4.00 pm	Choral Evensong in All Saints

Welcome back : with the disruption of the Air Show and Ironman over the last two Sunday many were unable to attend our services. Welcome back to all who were affected. **Pastoral Visiting :** please do keep me informed of anyone in need of visiting at home or in hospital - especially this time of year when so many are taking holidays. Your help to let me know would be greatly appreciated so that ideally no one is accidentally overlooked.

**Morriston RFC Concert :
THIS Friday (25th July) at 7 p.m.**

Tickets (£12) are now available or pay on the door (cash) .
Please help to sell as many as you can - this is in aid of church funds.
Please give your full support and do your best to join us !

Choral evensong : in All Saints **NEXT Sunday (27th July) at 4 p.m.** using the music of Thomas Tallis. Do try and join us.

Men's Society : please note it is now taking a summer break and it will next meet on Monday 8th September. Details for meal bookings will be given closer the date.

Coffee morning in aid of West Bank Foodbank : at the home of Jane and John Anderson (81 Mumbles Road) on Thursday 14th August from 10.30 am to 12.30. Tickets are £3 and available from janeandjohn56@gmail.com

RNLI Pop up Shop : runs in All saints most days (when volunteers are available). Do call in. The sign outside will show when the shop is open.

Ministry Area AGM : Thursday 31st July at 6 p.m. in All Saints. All are welcome to attend.

Memorial and Thanksgiving service : for the life of Dinah Cottle will take place in All Saints on Saturday 2nd August at 11 a.m. All are invited to attend if you wish and are able to do so.

Refreshment rota : it has been really good in the last few months to see more and more people staying for refreshments after our services on Sundays and Wednesdays. The social side of church life is so important. Serving the teas / coffees at the moment relies on a small group of volunteers. If you would be able to join the team and help on the rota this would be a great help. Please let Bev know and when you are available. You will shown what needs to be done if you are not sure.

Summer Holidays : many of the groups an organisations that meet in our churches are soon taking a break for the Summer. Can I thank all who lead the various activities and all who attend. Hopefully we will be starting everything back in September and have a few new ideas to add in the coming months. If you have any ideas or want to get involved let me know. You are more than welcome !