

O Almighty God, your blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Proverbs (3.13-18)

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

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

Psalms 119. 65-72

65 You have dealt graciously / with your / servant: according / to your / word, O / Lord.

66 O teach me true under/standing and / knowledge: for I have / trusted in / your com/mandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I / went a/stray: but / now I / keep your / word.

68 You are gracious / and do / good: O / Lord / teach me your / statutes.

69 The proud have / smeared me with / lies: but I will keep your commandments / with my / whole / heart.

70 Their heart has become / gross with / fat: but my de/light is / in your / law.

71 It is good for me that I have / been af/flicted: that / I may / learn your / statutes.

72 The law of your mouth is / dearer to / me: than a / hoard of / gold and / silver.

A reading from 2 Corinthians (4.1-6)

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew (9.9-13)

Glory to you, O Lord.

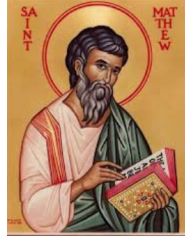
As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

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

Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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21st September 2025 - Feast of St. Matthew - Trinity 14

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 15 , 220 , 268 , 310

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)
	4.00 pm	Trilingual Service in All Saints - all welcome
	4.00 pm	Healing Service in Holy Cross - led by Str. Sonia - 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 Saints) - all welcome
THURSDAY	10.30 am	Coffee and Chat in Norton Church - all are welcome
	1.30 pm	Church and Grounds working group in All Saints - all help very welcome
	6.00 pm	Ministry Area Council Meeting at Holy Cross
FRIDAY	7.00 pm	Mind your Mumbles Quiz in All Saints - see notes for details
SATURDAY	7.00 pm	MUMBLES PROMS CONCERT - SEE NOTES FOR DETAILS
NEXT SUNDAY		28th September 2025 - Trinity 15
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee
	12.00 pm	Baptisms in All saints

Pastoral Visiting : Please do keep me informed of anyone in need of visiting at home or in hospital. A reminder that there is a prayer list at the back of church if you wish anyone to be prayed for by name during our services. This must be completed each week as the sheets are not retained.

Harvest Festival : Sunday 5th October : This year we are supporting the work of USPG and during our 10 a.m. service Sue King will tell us something about the charity and it's work., 11.30 a.m. Harvest Eucharist in Norton. **At 4 p.m. we will be joined by the band and songsters of the Salvation Army** for a service of **Harvest Songs of Praise.**

Art and Flower exhibition in All Saints : In the week leading up to the Harvest festival an Art and Flower festival will take place in All Saints. For details or to help please speak to Anne Neumann.

Fish and Chip lunch : for Harvest will take place on Wednesday 8th October following the 10,30 service. All are welcome. **Please sign up with your food order as soon as you can.**

Men's Society : will resume **Monday 6th October** at 6:30 in the BCYC. Please let Dorian know if you can join us.

Mind your Mumbles : The ultimate local quiz night : in All Saints - THIS Friday (26th September) at 7 p.m Hosted by Rob Pendry and in association with the *Story of Mumbles* and *Mumbles Community Council*. Tickets are £5 and the evening is raising funds for The Mumbles RNLI. Do come along for what will be an evening of fun. See how much we know about our community.

MUMBLES PROMS CONCERT with the Swansea Bay Symphony Orchestra **NEXT Saturday at 7 pm.** in All Saints.
Tickets are now available £12 each (under 18s free).
Do try and join us !

Thank you to the Swansea Building Society for their sponsorship of this concert.

Trilingual Service - English , Welsh and German (to celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew) : will take place this afternoon at 4 p.m. in All Saints and all are very welcome to come along.

Healing Service : organised by Str. Sonia today at 4 p.m. in Holy Cross. All are welcome.

Shopping trip to Worcester : Saturday 29th November. There will be 48 places on the bus (£25) and then we will keep a reserve list. Please sign up as soon as you can - places are limited. Can those who have booked please pay as soon as you can. Many thanks. .