

Sunday 23rd November 2025
Fourth Sunday of the Kingdom / Christ the King

Eternal Father, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Jeremiah (23.1-6)

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

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

Psalms 46

1 God is our / refuge and / strength: a very / present / help in / trouble;

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth be / moved: and though the mountains tremble / in the / heart of the / sea;

3 Though the waters / rage and / swell: and though the mountains / quake • at the / towering / seas.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the / city of / God: the holy place of the / dwelling • of the / Most / High.

5 God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she / not be re/moved: God shall / help her • at the / break of / day.

6 The nations are in uproar and the / kingdoms are / shaken: but God utters his voice and the / earth shall / melt a/way.

7 The Lord of / hosts is / with us: the God of / Jacob / is our / stronghold.

8 Come and behold the / works of the / Lord: what destruction he has / wrought up/on the / earth.

9 He makes wars to cease in / all the / world: he shatters the bow and snaps the spear * and burns the / chariots / in the / fire.

10 'Be still, and know that / I am / God: I will be exalted among the nations; I will be ex/alted / in the / earth.'

11 The Lord of / hosts is / with us: the God of / Jacob / is our / stronghold.

A reading from Colossians (1.11-20)

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 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.

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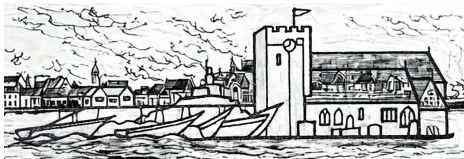
Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke (23.33-43)

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'

And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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



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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY.

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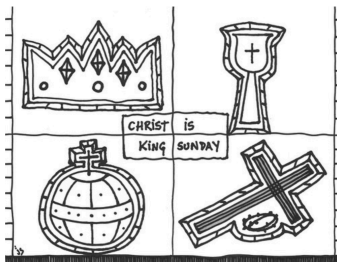
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HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 427 , 335 , 513 , 393

TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (followed by tea / coffee) Followed by Church Committee meeting at about 11.45 - all very welcome to stay.
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)
	5.00 pm	Shanty Kids in LCR - all children welcome
	6.00 pm	RADIO WALES Christmas service recording in All Saints - see notes
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice (All Saints) - all welcome
THURSDAY	10.30 am	Coffee and Chat in Norton Church - all welcome
	1.30 pm	Church and Grounds working group in All Saints - all help very welcome and needed
FRIDAY	3.30 pm	Memorial service for David Silvey in All Saints.
SATURDAY	8.30 am	Bus leaves All Saints for our Worcester shopping trip. There are a few places left.
NEXT SUNDAY		30th November 2025 - Advent Sunday
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (followed by tea / coffee)
	4.00 pm	Advent service - From darkness to light - in All Saints. Please try and join us.



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

Swansea Philharmonic Choir Concert : in All Saints on **Saturday 6th December at 6 p.m.** Please see posters for details and ticket information.

Advent Service 'From Darkness into Light' : NEXT SUNDAY at 4 p.m. Do try and come along. A reflective service of hymns, readings and anthems.

Men's Society Christmas Lunch : Friday 5th December at 12.30 in the BCYC. Do let Dorian know if you can come as soon as possible. Places are limited to 34.

Carols in Remembrance : Sunday 7th December at 4 p.m. in All Saints.. all are welcome to attend. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones.

Christmas celebration concert : Chamber orchestra : In All Saints on Saturday 13th December at 7 pm. See posters for details. Tickets include refreshments and a welcome drink. **Please see Anne Neumann for tickets.**

RNLI Community Carol Service : Sunday 14th December at 4 p.m. - one not to miss.

Christmas Craft worship for children : Saturday 20th December 10 a.m. to midday. If you are free to give a hand please let Liz Brent know. ***We will be putting the Christingles together at the same time in the UCR if you can keep the time available to give a hand !***

Christingle and Nativity Service : Sunday 21st December at 3 p.m. in All Saints. We need help from youngsters (or not so young !) dressed in nativity costumes to help us share the Christmas story. Please share with any families you know

Christmas Services : Christmas Eve : 6.30 p.m. Choral Eucharist and Christmas Day 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Carols. *(on Sunday 28th December there will be only be one service : 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist - a said service with Carols).*

Thank you : to all who supported the coffee morning in Norton yesterday in aid of Marie Curie.

Radio Wales recording : of their Christmas show with Mal Pope and various artists will take place in All Saints this Wednesday from 6 pm. Would those who have asked to be in the congregation please be seated by 6. **Please note there will be a number of large vans in the church driveway through the day as they set up on Wednesday (from midday) so there will be very limited parking in the church car park after the morning service.** Please do not block the church gates when parking.