

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 The Conversion of St Paul

Almighty God, you caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### A reading from Acts (9.1-22)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and

confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

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

### Psalm 67

1 God be gracious to / us and / bless us: and make his / face to / shine up/on us,  
2 That your way may be / known upon / earth: your saving / power a/ mong all / nations.  
3 Let the peoples / praise you, O / God: let / all the / peoples / praise you.  
4 O let the nations re/joyce and be / glad: for you will judge the peoples righteously \* and govern the / nations / upon / earth.  
5 Let the peoples / praise you, O / God: let / all the / peoples / praise you.  
6 Then shall the earth bring / forth her / increase: and God, our / own / God, will / bless us.  
7 God / will / bless us: and all the / ends of the / earth shall / fear him.

### A reading from Galatians (1.11-16a)

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel which was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles.

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew (19.27-30)

### Glorify to you, O Lord.

Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

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**Welcome to our worship today.**

**HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 243 , 30 , 27 , 362**

**TODAY**

**8.30 am Holy Eucharist (All Saints)**  
**10.00 am Choral Eucharist ( followed by tea / coffee )**  
**3.00 pm Mumbles Churches together Service for Christian Unity - in All Saints - all are welcome. Based on the theme 'Go and Do'**



**TUESDAY**

10.30 am Sgwrs a Choffi ( Chat and coffee ) - in the Upper Church room for this week only - Croeso i bawb - all very welcome  
11.00 am Funeral in Church of Hilda Manning  
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 are very welcome to come and join the choir.

**THURSDAY**

10.30 am Coffee and Chat in Norton Church - all welcome  
1.30 pm **Church grounds and cleaning group** - all help welcome.  
6.00 pm Ministry Area Council meet in Newton

**NEXT SUNDAY**

**1st February 2026**  
**8.30 am Holy Eucharist (All Saints)**  
**10.00 am Choral Eucharist ( followed by tea / coffee )**  
**11.30 am Sung Eucharist at Norton Church**

**Concert : Land of Song : Young Voices / Master Sounds.** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7 p.m. in All Saints. See posters for tickets / details.

**Tenby trip** : an initial enquiry before we fix date / get prices etc. Would there be interest in having another trip to Tenby one Wednesday in June ? If you would like me to explore dates / prices can you please put your name on the list at the back of church - bookings closer the time if there is enough initial interest.

**Men's society** : the first Monday in February if there are enough able to come - **please add your name to the list at the back of church TODAY** if you can join us. It is a very enjoyable monthly evening in the BCYC with good company , a meal and interesting speakers.

**Abertawe Festival : Young musicians presentation afternoon** : Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 3 p.m. in All Saints.

**Ash Wednesday : 18<sup>th</sup> February** : 10.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and 7 p.m. Choral Eucharist in All Saints. During Lent **Stations of the Cross** will take place in All Saints on Wednesdays at 12 midday.

**Marie Curie Concert** : Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7 p.m. in All saints with the Gwalia Singers. Please see details on posters for tickets.

**A flavour of Wales ( 2 ) with Rob Pendry** : on St. David's Day : Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 6 p.m. in All Saints. A entertaining evening of music , scenery , television from around Wales. Tickets / entry £5. *A great way to celebrate St. David's Day.*

**Conversion of St. Paul** : Lord Jesus Christ, you met Saul on the road he thought he knew and turned him towards a future he could never have imagined. From blindness you brought sight, from certainty you brought humility, from fear you brought courage for your mission. We pray today for your Church in Mumbles. Meet us on our familiar roads, in our routines, traditions, and expectations. Interrupt us where we have grown comfortable, and open our eyes to see where you are already at work among our neighbours, our seafront, our streets, and our homes. As you called Paul to carry your name to all people, so send us out with the same grace and boldness: to speak your truth with love, to serve without counting the cost, to welcome those who feel far from faith, and to trust that your Spirit goes ahead of us. When we feel small or uncertain, remind us that your power is made perfect in weakness. When the task feels daunting, give us the assurance that it is your mission, not ours alone.

Transform us, renew us, and use us, we pray, that in this place and at this time your light may be known, your mercy shared, and your name glorified.

In the name of Jesus Christ, who calls, converts, and sends. Amen.