



**ALL SAINTS CHURCH , OYSTERMOUTH
AND NORTON MISSION CHURCH**



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Sunday 26th April 2026 ~ EASTER 4
Welcome to our worship today
Alleluia ! Christ is risen ! He is risen indeed ! Alleluia !

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 186 , 237 , 40 , 153

TODAY
8.30 am Holy Eucharist (Book of common prayer)
10.00 am Choral Eucharist (followed by tea / coffee)
3.30 pm Choral Evensong in Brecon Cathedral to mark the retirement of the Dean Paul Shackeley.

TUESDAY
10.30 am Sgwr's a Choffi (Chat and coffee) - in the back of All Saints - Croeso i bawb - all welcome.
2.00 pm Coffee and craft in Norton Church - all welcome

WEDNESDAY
10.30 am Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments
2.00 pm Bible study group in the Upper Church Rooms
7.00 pm Choir practice - Do come and join the choir - you would be very welcome,

THURSDAY
10.30 am Coffee and Chat in Norton Church - all welcome
1.30 pm Church and grounds working party (Warriors)
All volunteers very welcome !

NEXT SUNDAY
3rd May 2026 - EASTER 5
8.30 am Holy Eucharist (Book of common prayer)
10.00 am Choral Eucharist (followed by tea / coffee)
11.30 am Sung Eucharist at Norton Church

Pastoral Visiting : please let me know of those in need of visits / contact at home or in care homes / hospital. If you wish anyone to be prayed for by name during our services please add their name to the list at the back of church.

RIP : with great sadness we learnt of the passing away of Bev Gray. We hold Bev and her family in our prayers at this time. *May the souls of the departed through the Love and mercy of God rest in peace.*

Men's Society : will next meet on Monday 11th May at 6.30 for 7 in the BCYC. Let Dorian know if you are coming or sign the list at the back of church . Speaker : Roy Griffiths. All welcome.

Ladies' fellowship group : will next meet Monday 11th May at 10.30 in the Lower Church Rooms All are very welcome.

Thank you : so much to the Swansea Yarn Bombers for their fantastic display in All Saints to celebrate what would have been Queen Elizabeth's 100th birthday.

Thank you : to Iris Williams who made the lovely Easter egg items that were sold in church. £ was raised for church funds. Thank you to all who purchased them.

Open Church : If you feel able to spare a few hours through the week to welcome visitors we would be very grateful. A diary for you to enter details of any time you can give is the at the back church.

Pontardulais Band Concert : Sunday 28th June at 4 p.m. This is a concert we are organising and it is raising funds for the church. Please sell as many tickets as you can. We have to cover costs of the band before we start making money for the church ! Tickets are available now. Please take some and try and sell if you can.

Christian Aid Week : starts on Sunday 10th May. If you can help with the planned events that week or to distribute collection envelopes please speak to April Beynon in church or on 07725005527

Ascension Day : Thursday 14th May : 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Norton Church and 6 p.m. a Ministry Area service of Holy Eucharist in Clyne Chapel

Ospreys Supporters Choir : are hold a concert in All Saints on Friday 15th May at 6.30 p.m. details will be available soon.

Ordination Service : Including Matthew and Dirk in Brecon Cathedral on Saturday 27th June. To book a place on the bus please phone the Ministry Area office on 369420. the bus cost is £10 per head.

Junior sea shanty workshop : will take place in the lower Church room on Saturday 16th of May from 10.30 to 12 midday. All are very welcome to come along to what is a fun session with volunteers from the Lifeboat Singers..

Bishop Rowan Williams : will be leading the 10 a.m. service in All saints on Sunday 14th June.

Annual Church meeting : we will be holding our Annual Church meeting on **Sunday 10th May** following the 10 a.m. service . Do try and stay as we bring you up to date with many things taking place at the moment. This year we are seeking a new sub-warden for All Saints and also a new Church representative for All Saints to sit on the Ministry area Council. If you wish to stand for either of the roles please let me know. If you want to know what is involved please ask.

Sunday 26th April 2026 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Acts (2.42-47)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord / is my / shepherd: therefore / can I / lack / nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in / green / pastures: and / leads me be / side still / waters.**
- 3 He shall re/fresh my / soul: and guide me in the paths of righteousness * / for his / name's / sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will / fear no / evil: for you are with me; your / rod and your / staff, they / comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me * in the presence of / those who / trouble me: you have anointed my head with oil * / and my / cup shall be / full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me * all the / days of my / life: and I will dwell in the / house of the / Lord for / ever.**

A reading from 1 Peter (2.19-25)

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval.

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John (10.1-10)
Glory to you, O Lord.

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**