



ALL SAINTS CHURCH , OYSTERMOUTH AND NORTON MISSION CHURCH



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Sunday 26th July 2026 ~ TRINITY 8

Welcome to our worship today

A special warm welcome to all visiting our community.

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 170 , 56 , 10 , 288

TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (Book of common prayer)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (followed by tea / coffee)
MONDAY	2.00 pm	Shantyjacks 'walk in' sea Shanty singalong in the Lower church rooms. Each Monday until 17th August. All welcome.
	4.00 pm	River Tawe trip on the Copperjack - meet at boarding point in Swansea Marina.
TUESDAY	2.00 pm	Coffee and craft in Norton Church - all welcome
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments
	7.00 pm	Choir practice - all welcome to join.
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 !
SATURDAY	1.30 am	Wedding blessing in All Saints
NEXT SUNDAY		2nd August 2026 - Trinity 9
	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.*

Holiday Season : a number of our church family are now taking their summer holidays. May I wish you all a very relaxing and refreshing break. We also welcome to our services those who are visiting our community for their holidays. **If you cannot make it to your 'usual' services do try and join us at one of the other services taking place.**

Funeral : of Mary Richards will take place in All Saints on Tuesday 4th August at 11.45 a.m. We continue to hold Carl and all the family in our prayers.

Ladies' Fellowship Group : will meet on Monday 10th August at 11 in the Upper church room for a coffee and catch up. All are very welcome.

Thank you : to all who were able to support the coffee morning in aid of the West Cross Food Bank. Thank you to Jane and John for the welcome.

Confirmation : the application forms for anyone wishing to be confirmed in October are now at the back of church. Please fill out details and return to the wardens.

Parking restrictions : have been placed outside the church on Mumbles Road. Where there is double yellow lines and **two** lines coming down over the kerb it's 'No parking at any time for anyone'. Where there is double yellow lines but only **one** line coming over the kerb (church side of the road) There are restrictions. No parking for anyone between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. **BUT** blue badge holders **CAN** park there on **Sundays** (**but only where there is a single line coming down over the kerb**).

Cirencester Shopping Trip : we are hoping to run a trip on Saturday 28th November - leaving Mumbles about 8.30 a.m. . Before we book a bus can you please sign the list to say if you would interested in joining us. The cost will be £30 per head. If there is enough interest we will put a deposit on the bus and take firm bookings closer the date.

Church clock : the Church clock is currently out of action. It needed repairs and a service before having automatic winders fitted. The investigations have highlighted a number of issues with parts that have needed to return to Derby for repair. **If anyone would like to help with the costs of the extra repairs please pop donations in an envelope marked 'Church clock'. Thanks.**

Summer Break: please note that most church groups are taking a few weeks break for the summer. We will let you know when they resume. Thank you to all who run our various activities - enjoy the rest.

Church Committees : we will soon be fixing the dates for the new church committees to meet as we look at various aspects of church life. If there is an area you would like to be involved with (e.g. mission and outreach , work with young people , buildings and grounds) please add your name to the list at the back of church.

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern us in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from 1 Kings (3.5-12)

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

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

Psalms 119. 129-136

129 Your testimonies / are / wonderful: there/fore my / soul / keeps them.

130 The opening of your / word gives / light: it gives under/standing / to the / simple.

131 I open my mouth and / draw in my / breath: as I / long for / your com/mandments.

132 Turn to me and be / gracious / to me: as is your way with / those who / love your / name.

133 Order my steps / by your / word: and let no wickedness / have do/minion / over me.

134 Redeem me from / earthly op/pressors: so that / I may / keep • your com/mandments.

135 Show the light of your countenance up/on your / servant: and / teach / me your / statutes.

136 My eyes run down with / streams of / water: because the wicked / do not / keep your / law.

A reading from Romans (8.26-39)

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**