

Sunday 26th January 2025 Epiphany 3

Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Nehemiah

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Psalms 19.1-6

1 The heavens are telling the / glory of / God: and the / firmament pro/claims his / handiwork.

2 One day pours out its song / to an/other: and one night unfolds / knowledge / to an/other.

3 They have neither / speech nor / language: and their / voices / are not / heard,

4 Yet their sound has gone out into / all / lands: and their / words • to the / ends of the / world.

5 In them has he set a tabernacle / for the / sun: that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber * and rejoices as a /champion to /run his/ course.

6 It goes forth from the end of the heavens * and runs to the very / end a/gain: and there is nothing / hidden / from its / heat.

A reading from 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Listen to the Holy Gospel according to St Luke (4.14-21).

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

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WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY.

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TODAY	8.30 am 10.00 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints) Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee and a CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETING - ALL ARE WELCOME TO STAY
MONDAY		Holocaust Memorial Day (80 th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau
TUESDAY	9.30 am 2.00 pm	Ministry Area Clergy Meeting Norton Craft Group
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am 1.30 pm 6.00 pm 7.00 pm	Holy Eucharist - followed by refreshments Followed a Fish and Chip lunch. See notes opposite for details. Bible study Group (church rooms) Joyful Noise Junior Choir Practice in All Saints - all youngsters very welcome. Adult Choir Practice (All Saints)
THURSDAY	10.30 am 1.30 pm 6.30 pm	Coffee & Catch up (Norton) 'Warriors' Church and Grounds working group - all very welcome. Ministry Area Council Meeting in the Church Rooms
NEXT SUNDAY	8.30 am 10.00 am 11.30 am	2nd February 2025 - Candlemas Holy Eucharist (All Saints) Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee Sung Eucharist (Norton)

What's On ?

Thank you : to all who joined us for the social committee meeting. We look forward to all the services and events planned through the year. Please support when you can and do invite and inform family and friends as these take place. Outreach to our community is something we can all help with.

Quiz Night in Aid of West Cross Food Bank : Thursday 20th February at 7 p.m. in Langland Golf Club. Tickets (inc. refreshments) £10 each. Email janeandjohn56@gmail.com for details or to book tickets.

Church committee meeting : following our 10 a.m. service **NEXT SUNDAY** . All are welcome to stay for the meeting as we share an update on all that is taking place and planned.

Fish and Chip Lunch : following the mid week Eucharist on **Wednesday this week** in All Saints. All are very welcome. **Please make your food choice today** if you can join us.

A Flavour of Wales : (a date for your diary) : Friday 28th February at 7.30 in All Saints Rob Pendry will take us on an entertaining journey of All things Welsh. Tickets / entry £5 for church funds. **Tickets are now available.**

Gwalia Singers Concert : in All Saints on Saturday 1st March at 7 p.m. in aid of Marie Curie. Tickets are available from the Gwalia Choir members.

Sunday School : If you would like to get involved in helping with a Sunday School do let me know. Without volunteers we will not be able to develop this aspect of our church life.

Church choir , servers, readers : . If you would like to become part of the choir , serving team or be part of the reading rota please let us know - all are very welcome and training can be given if needed.

Norton Church and Village Hall Management Meeting : Thursday 6th February at 6.30 p.m. in the Beaufort , Norton

Advanced Notice : **Clydach Passion Play :** will be performed in All Saints on Sunday 23rd MARCH at 7 p.m. No tickets needed. All welcome.

Pastoral Visiting : please let me know of those in need of visiting (at home or in hospital). Your support is vital to ensure no-one is overlooked.

Weekly Bulletin : do take spare copies for those missing from our services,. Copies are also available on our website allsaintsmumbles.org.uk