

Sunday 27th July 2025 The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Genesis (18.20-32)

Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?'

And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

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

Psalm 138

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my / whole / heart: before the gods will / I sing / praise to / you.

2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your / love and / faithfulness: for you have glorified your name * / and your / word above / all things.

3 In the day that I called to you, you / answered / me: you / put new / strength in my / soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall / praise you, O / Lord: for they have / heard the / words of your / mouth.

5 They shall sing of the / ways of the / Lord: that great is the / glory / of the / Lord.

6 Though the Lord be high, he watches / over the / lowly: as for the proud, he re/gards them / from a/far.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, / you • will pre/serve me: you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; / your right / hand will / save me.

8 The Lord shall make good his / purpose / for me: your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; for/sake • not the / work of your / hands.

A reading from Colossians (2.6-15)

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke (11.1-13)

Glory to you, O Lord.

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? 'If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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

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HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 349 , 520 , 55 , 518

Welcome : we welcome all to our worship today but particularly those who are visiting Mumbles and the family and friends of Margot Dallas Turner who will be baptised during our 10 a.m. service today.

TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee
	4.00 pm	Choral Evensong in All Saints based on the music of Thomas Tallis
TUESDAY	2.00 pm	Norton Craft Group - all welcome
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments
	2.00pm	Bible study/prayer group (church rooms)
	7.00 pm	Adult choir practice - all welcome - come and join us.
THURSDAY	10.30 am	Coffee & Catch up (Norton)
	1.30 pm	Church and Grounds working group - all help very welcome
	6.00 pm	Ministry Area AGM (church rooms) all are welcome and encouraged to attend.
SATURDAY	11.00 am	A memorial service for Dinah Cottle in All Saints. Tony and the family invite all who wish to attend to join us.
NEXT SUNDAY		27th July 2025 - Trinity 6
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee
	11.30 am	Sung Eucharist (Norton)

Pastoral Visiting : please do keep me informed of anyone in need of visiting at home or in hospital - especially this time of year when so many are taking holidays. Your help to let me know would be greatly appreciated so that ideally no one is accidentally overlooked. Don't forget copies of our weekly bulletin are available on our church website and you can also follow us on our Facebook page 'All Saints Oystermouth and Norton Mission Church'. To those who are taking holidays may I wish you a restful break and we look forward to seeing you on return.

Choral evensong : in All Saints **this afternoon at 4 p.m.** using the music of Thomas Tallis. Do try and join us for one of the core services of the Anglican Church liturgy. A huge thanks to our organists and choir who put so much work into preparing such excellent music for our services which I am sure we all appreciate.

Coffee morning in aid of the West Cross Foodbank : at the home of Jane and John Anderson (81 Mumbles Road) on **Thursday 14th August from 10.30 am to 12.30.** Tickets are £3 and available from janeandjohn56@gmail.com

RNLI Pop up Shop : runs in All saints most days (when volunteers are available). Do call in. The sign outside will show when the shop is open.

Ministry Area AGM : this Thursday (31st July) at 6 p.m. in All Saints. All are welcome to attend.

Refreshment rota : it has been really good in the last few months to see more and more people staying for refreshments after our services on Sundays and Wednesdays. The social side of church life is so important. Serving the teas / coffees at the moment relies on a small group of volunteers. If you would be able to join the team and help on the rota this would be a great help. Please let Bev know and when you are available. You will shown what needs to be done if you are not sure.

Summer Holidays : many of the groups and organisations that meet in our churches are now taking a break for the Summer, so the weekly diary looks thinner than usual of events taking place in our churches. I hope you find time to recharge during August. Hopefully we will be starting everything back in September and we have a few new ideas to add in the coming months. If you have any ideas or want to get involved let me know. You are more than welcome !

Open Church welcomers : with the number of holidaymakers now arriving in Mumbles and more visitors calling into the church through the day it would be good to have welcomers in church as much as we can. If you can help please add your name to the days you can help on the calendar at the back of church. Thank you to all who are helping out.

Shopping trip to Worcester : a tentative enquiry. Can you indicate if you would interested in a shopping trip Saturday 29th November (before the Christmas markets start so hopefully less busy). With the cost of the coach prices it will be about £25 per head. Can you put you name on a list to see if this trip will be viable for booking.