

God, in generous mercy you sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Amos (6.1a, 4-7)

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

Psalm 146

- 1 Alleluia. Praise the Lord, / O my / soul: while I / live • will I / praise the / Lord;
- 2 as long as I / have any / being: I will sing / praises / to my / God.**
- 3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in any / human / power: for there / is no / help in / them.
- 4 When their breath goes forth, they re/turn to the / earth: on that day / all their / thoughts / perish.**
- 5 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob / for their / help: whose hope is / in the / Lord their / God;
- 6 Who made heaven and earth, the sea and / all that is / in them: who / keeps his / promise for / ever;**
- 7 Who gives justice to those that / suffer / wrong: and / bread to / those who / hunger.
- 8 The Lord looses / those that are / bound: the Lord opens the / eyes / of the / blind;**
- 9 The Lord lifts up those who / are bowed / down: the / Lord / loves the / righteous;
- 10 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the / orphan and / widow: but the way of the wicked / he turns / upside / down.**
- 11 The Lord shall / reign for / ever: your God, O Zion, throughout all gene/rations. / Alle/luia.

A reading from 1 Timothy (6.6-9)

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke 16.19-31

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ‘The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” ‘But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” ‘He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house — for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” ‘Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” ‘He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” ‘He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”’

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28th September 2025 - Trinity 15

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 242 , 442 , 548 , 467

TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee
	12.00 pm	Baptisms in All saints
	3.00 pm	A service to celebrate the 1700 th anniversary of the council Nicaea in Swansea Minster (St. Mary's) . All are welcome. Preacher : Rev. Dr. Susan Dunbar - European President for the World Council of Churches
TUESDAY	10.30 am	Sgwrs a Choffi (Chat and coffee) - in All Saints - Croeso i bawb - all very welcome
	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 Saints) - all welcome
THURSDAY	10.30 am	Coffee and Chat in Norton Church - all are welcome
	1.30 pm	Church and Grounds working group in All Saints - all help very welcome
	2.00 pm	Mumbles Council of Churches meeting in Our Lady Star of the Sea.
FRIDAY	10.00 pm	Art and Flower Festival begins in All saints - see notes

Pastoral Visiting : Please do keep me informed of anyone in need of visiting at home or in hospital. *A reminder that there is a prayer list at the back of church if you wish anyone to be prayed for by name during our services. This must be completed each week as the sheets are not retained.*

NEXT SUNDAY

5th October 2025 - Trinity 16

HARVEST FESTIVAL

- 8.30 am** Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
10.00 am Choral Eucharist (All Saints)
- followed by tea / coffee The speaker will be Sue King on the work of USPG
11.30 am Harvest Eucharist in Norton
4.00 p.m. Harvest Songs of Praise (All Saints) with the Salvation army Band and songsters

Harvest Festival : Next Sunday : This year we are supporting the work of USPG and during our 10 a.m. service Sue King will tell us something about the charity and it's work. Then at 11.30 a.m. there will be a Harvest Eucharist in Norton. If you wish to make a donation to USPG please place it in an envelope marked USPG. It is also perhaps a good time to remind you of the collection boxes we have at the back for church through the year where tinned and dried food donations for West Cross Foodbank can be placed.

Harvest Songs of Praise : at 4 p.m. next Sunday we will be joined by the band and songsters of the Salvation Army.

Art and Flower exhibition in All Saints : **THIS** week - starting next Friday 3rd and running until the 9th - an Art and Flower festival will take place in All Saints - open daily - 9a.m. -4 p.m. **If you can help be on duty any time to welcome visitors please let Anne Neumann know. All help gratefully received !**

Fish and Chip lunch : for Harvest will take place on Wednesday 8th October following the 10.30 service. All are welcome. **Please sign up with your food order TODAY**

Choral Evensong in All Saints : Sunday 12th October at 4 p.m. All are welcome to attend this traditional Anglican evening service.

Men's Society : will resume **Monday 6th October** at 6:30 in the BCYC. Please let Dorian know if you can join us - telephone 07788 122132 (*Advanced Notices : the Men's society will hold their Christmas lunch on Friday 5th December at the BCYC - booking closer the time*).

Shopping trip to Worcester : Saturday 29th November. There will be 48 places on the bus (£25) and then we will keep a reserve list. Please sign up as soon as you can - **places are very limited.** Can those who have booked please pay as soon as you can. Many thanks.

Thank you : to all who were able to join us for the Mumbles Quiz and the Proms Concert.

Food Bank fundraiser - Bingo Blitz : Sunday 19th October at 6 p.m. in Norton House Hotel. Please see poster for details - for details or to book tickets email janeandjohn@gmail.com