

Almighty God, your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ 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 Acts (12.1-11)

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison.

Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists.

The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.'

Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him.

Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 125

1 Those who trust in the Lord are / like Mount / Zion: which cannot be moved / but stands / fast for / ever.

2 As the hills stand a/bout Je/rusalem: so the Lord stands round about his people, from this time / forth for / ever/more.

3 The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway * over the land allotted / to the / righteous: lest the righteous / turn their / hands to / evil.

4 Do good, O Lord, to those / who are / good: and to those / who are / true of / heart.

5 Those who turn aside to crooked ways * the Lord shall take away with the / evil/doers: but let there be / peace / upon / Israel.

A reading from 2 Timothy (4.6-8, 17-18)

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew 16.13-19

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

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

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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29th June 2025

Trinity 2 - St. Peter and St. Paul

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 473 , 243 , 27 , 532

TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee
TUESDAY	10.30 am	Chat a Coffi - all welcome / Croeso i bawb.
	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)
	6.00 pm	Concert in All Saints given by Cor Ysgol Llwynderw and Dunvant Male Choir.
	6.00 pm	Joyful Noise (junior Choir) - all children very welcome
	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
NEXT SUNDAY		6th July 2025 - Trinity 3
	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 let me know of those in need of visiting at home or in hospital - especially this time of year when so many are taking holidays, It is very hard to try and keep track of everyone and I want to do my best to ensure no-one is overlooked.

Coffee Morning with Cor Ty Tawe providing entertainment : Saturday 12th July 10.30-11.30 in the Lower Church Rooms. **NO TICKETS NEEDED**
 Please try and support. No tickets needed - coffee / cake can be bought on the day. If you can give a hand on the day or able to bring cakes for us to sell it would be appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE : due to Ironman taking place on **Sunday 13th July** the service times will be slightly different for that week only : 8.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Book of common prayer) as usual and then at **11 a.m.** our Choral Eucharist in All Saints.

Morrison RFC Concert : Friday 25th July at 7 p.m. Tickets are now available. Please help to sell as many as you can - this is in aid of church funds. **We are seeking sponsors for the evening. If you know any businesses or individuals who can help please let me know.**

Concert : this Wednesday (2nd July) at 6 p.m. in All Saints with Côr Ysgol Llwynderw and Dunvant Male Choir. See poster for details of tickets.

Swansea Philharmonia Orchestra Summer Concert : Monday 7th July at 7.30 pm - see posters for details.

Swansea Bay Symphony Orchestra Concert : Saturday 18th July at 7 p.m. - A night of stage and screen - see poster for details.

Swansea Air show : takes place next weekend but there are no road closures in the Mumbles area , so access to church and parking should not be affected and services will be at our usual times.

Men's Society : please note it will not meet during August

Open church: can you spare some time to help open the church each day during the Summer months. There is a diary at the back of church - please add your name to days / times you can help as we welcome visitors into our church. Thank you.

Thank you : to all who support the various collections we have at the back of church. A reminder that we have donation boxes for the West Cross Food Bank , Children's vest collection for the Joseph's smile charity , old and broken jewellery (see poster for details) which is sold for charity , and of course various items for recycling - but NO tablet blister packs please!