

## **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 The Presentation of Christ**

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, your beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son 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 Malachi (3.1-5)**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight — indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 24.7-10**

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you ever/lasting / doors: and the King of / glory / shall come / in.

**8 'Who is the / King of / glory?': 'The Lord, strong and mighty, the / Lord • who is / mighty in / battle.'**

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you ever/lasting / doors: and the King of / glory / shall come / in.

**10 'Who is this / King of / glory?': 'The Lord of hosts, / he is the / King of / glory.'**

### **A reading from Hebrews (2.14-18)**

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the

descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke (2.22-40)

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH , OYSTERMOUTH AND NORTON CHURCH**

**WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY.**

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**HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 494 , 395 , 464 , 321**

<b>TODAY</b>	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist ( All Saints ) - followed by tea / coffee
	11.30 am	Sung Eucharist ( Norton )
<b>TUESDAY</b>	2.00 pm	Norton Craft Group - all welcome
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist-</b> followed by refreshments
	1.30 pm	Bible study Group (church rooms)
	6.00 pm	Joyful Noise Junior Choir Practice in All Saints - all youngsters very welcome.
	7.00 pm	Adult Choir Practice ( All Saints )
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.30 am	Coffee & Catch up (Norton)
	1.30 pm	'Warriors' Church and Grounds working group - all help very welcome.
	6.30 pm	Norton Village Hall Association Meeting ( in the Beaufort )
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>		<b>9th February 2025 - 4<sup>th</sup> before Lent</b>
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist ( All Saints ) - followed by tea / coffee

**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.

**What's On ?**

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

**Confirmation Service :** will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. If anyone would like to be confirmed please let me know ( application forms are at the back of church ) we can sort out the classes once we know how many are wishing to be confirmed.

**Bishop's Visit :** to our Ministry Area on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June when the Bishop will walk to each of the churches in our Ministry area offering prayers for our Mission. Further details closer the time.

**A Flavour of Wales :** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7 p.m. in aid of Marie Curie. Tickets are available from the Gwalia Choir members.

**Men's Society :** Dorian Davies has offered to restart the church Men's Society ( probably on the first Monday evening each month ). It will meet either in the Church Rooms or in a local pub for Food and fellowship. If you would like to be part of this please add your name to the list at the back of church and we will call a meeting of those interested soon.

**Welsh Coffee Morning :** a suggestion has been made that we start a weekly / monthly coffee morning for Welsh speakers / learners to come together. If this is something you would be interested in please let me know and I can put you in touch with the organiser.

**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.

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

**Weekly Bulletin :** do take spare copies for those missing from our services,. Copies are also available on our website [allsaintsmumbles.org.uk](http://allsaintsmumbles.org.uk) As mentioned at the Church Meeting last Sunday if anyone would like to receive an email copy of the social events so far planned for the year send me an email and I will send you a copy.