

30th March 2025 Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, your Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through 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 Exodus (2.1-10)

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

Psalm 34.11-20

11 Come, my children, and / listen to / me: I will / teach you the / fear • of the / Lord.

12 Who is there who de/lights in / life: and longs for / days to en/joy good / things?

13 Keep your / tongue from / evil: and your / lips from / lying / words.

14 Turn from evil / and do / good: seek / peace / and pur/sue it.

15 The eyes of the Lord are up/on the / righteous: and his ears are / open / to their / cry.

16 The face of the Lord is against / those who do / evil: to root out the re/membrance • of them / from the / earth.

17 The righteous cry and the / Lord / hears them: and delivers them / out of / all their / troubles.

18 The Lord is near to the / broken/hearted: and will save / those • who are / crushed in / spirit.

19 Many are the / troubles • of the / righteous: from them / all • will the / Lord de/liver them.

20 He keeps / all their / bones: so that not / one of / them is / broken.

A reading from 2 Corinthians (1.3-7)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke (2.33-35)
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.'

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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30th March 2025 - The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 60 , 448 , 121 , 354

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 Coffee - all welcome
	2.00 pm	Norton Craft Group - all welcome
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments
	12.00 pm	Stations of the Cross - all welcome
	1.30 pm	Lent study/prayer group (church rooms)
	6.00 pm	Joyful Noise Junior Choir Practice
	7.00 pm	Adult choir practice - all welcome
THURSDAY	10.30 am	Coffee & Catch up (Norton)
	1.30 pm	'Warriors' Church and Grounds working group - all help very welcome
FRIDAY	2.00 pm	Easter wreath making craft event. See Anne or Elaine for details
SATURDAY	10.30 am	Coffee Morning in Norton Church in aid of Marie Curie
NEXT SUNDAY		6th April - Lent 5 - Passion Sunday
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee
	11.30 am	Sung Eucharist (Norton)

Weekly Bulletin : Do take this sheet home with you.

Pastoral Visiting : please let me know of those in need of visiting
at home or in hospital.

Open Church : it would be good if we can open the church in the daytime
as much as we can. If you can help at all please let me know. Even if can
only open an hour or two at a time. Don't worry if you don't know the
Church history. guide books are available for people to use. An open church
and a welcome is the most importantly part !

Men's Society : the next meeting will take place on Monday 7th April at
6.30 for 7 p.m. in the BCYC. Please let Dorian know if you can join us.

Marie Curie Coffee Morning : in Norton Church next Saturday (5th April)
from 10.30 a.m. Tickets £2.50 from Margaret or Russell.

Confirmation : I am now putting the resources together in preparation for
the confirmation service in June. If there are any other candidates please
let me know this week. Thanks.

Church Mugs : thank you for all the positive comments about the new
church mugs we are using for church refreshments. A number of people
have asked about buying them for themselves. They are £5 each and can
be ordered from Sue who will pass the orders to her granddaughter Poppy.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Handouts of the service times are available.
Please take copies to share with family and friends.

Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday :

8.30 am Holy Eucharist (Book of common Prayer)
10 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Monday 14th April - 6 p.m. Devotional Service

Tuesday 15th April - 12 Chrim Eucharist (Brecon Cathedral) and 6 p.m.
Compline (All Saints)

Wednesday (16th) 10.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist , 12 stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday (17th)

10 Holy Eucharist in Norton
6.30 Choral Eucharist in All Saints

Good Friday (18th)

9.30 a.m. Children Easter Craft event
11 Mumbles Churches together service in All saints grounds
(in church if wet)

2 pm. Holy Hour Devotional Service

Easter Eve (19th) 7 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER DAY (20th)

8.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)
10 a.m. Choral Eucharist
4 p.m. Easter Songs of Praise (All Saints)