O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Jeremiah (2.4-13)

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

Psalm 81. 1, 10-16

- 1 Sing merrily to / God our / strength: shout for / joy to the / God of / lacob.
- 10 I am the Lord your God, who brought you up from the / land of / Egypt: open your mouth / wide and / I shall / fill it.'
- 11 But my people would not / hear my / voice: and / Israel would / not o/bey me.
- So I sent them away in the stubbornness / of their / hearts: and let them walk / after their / own / counsels.
- 13 O that my people would / listen to / me: that / Israel would / walk in my / ways!
- 14 Then I should soon put / down their / enemies: and turn my / hand a/gainst their / adversaries.

- 15 Those who hate the Lord would be / humbled be/fore him: and their / punishment would / last for / ever.
- But Israel would I feed with the / finest / wheat: and with honey / from the / rock would I / satisfy them.

A reading from Hebrews (13.1-8, 15-16)

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke (14.1, 7-14) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the riahteous.'

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

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31st August 2025 - Trinity 11

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST: 227, 335, 63, 467

TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints)
		- followed by tea / coffee

TUESDAY 2.15 pm Mothers' Union in Holy Cross - all are welcome

WEDNESDAY 10.30 am **Holy Eucharist** followed by refreshments 2.00pm Bible study/prayer group (church rooms)

Church and Grounds working group in All Saints **THURSDAY** 1.30 pm

- all help very welcome

NEXT SUNDAY 7th September 2025

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. 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'.

> Thank you: to Fr Robert who is leading worship today while I take annual leave.

Refreshment rota: If you would be able to join the team and help on the rota serving tea/ coffees after our services please sign up on the form at the back of church with your availability. All help appreciated!

Men's Society: will resume Monday 6th October at 6:30 in the BCYC. Dorian will take Bookings closer the time.

Chat a Coffi: will be starting back on Tuesday 9th September at 10.30 in All Saints and all are very welcome.

Mind your Mumbles: The ultimate local quiz night: in All Saints on Friday 26th September at 7 p.m Hosted by Rob Pendry and in association with the Story of Mumbles and Mumbles Community Council. Tickets are £5 and the evening is raising funds for The Mumbles RNLI Crew fund. Do come along for what be an evening of fun and seeing how much we know about our community.

Choir practice: Will restart Wednesday 3rd September at 7 pm. If anyone wishes to join the choir as we journey towards harvest, Advent and Christmas we would love to see you being part of our choir - just come along on a Wednesday evening!

Gower Festival Concert: in All Saints on Saturday 20th September at 7 p.m. remembering and celebrating the music of Morfydd Owen. Tickets are available from the Gower Festival - or on the door - please see posters for details.

Mumbles Proms Concert: with the Swansea Bay Symphony Orchestra on Saturday 27th September at 7 pm. in All Saints. Tickets are now available £12 each (under 18s free). Can you please help to sell the tickets. This is a fundraiser for church funds.

Trilingual Service - English , Welsh and German (to celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew): will take place on Sunday 21st September at 4 p.m. in All Saints and all are very welcome to come along.

Healing Service: the next Healing Service organised by Str. Sonia will be on Sunday 21st September at 4 p.m. in Holy Cross.

Shopping trip to Worcester: Saturday 29th November. There are 48 places on the bus and then we will keep a reserve list. Please sign up as soon as you can as places are filling, we will also advertise this across the ministry area.

Joseph's Smile Vests: a big thank you to all who continue to donate children's vests for this wonderful charity. They are altered and then used for children undergoing treatment to hold the 'line' in place. Nearly another 100 vests have been donated recently and Caroline will be taking them to the charity early October if there are any further ones to be donated before she makes the trip.