

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 Ecclesiastes (1.2,12-14; 2.18-23)

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me – and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

Psalms 49. 1-9

1 Hear this, / all you / peoples: listen, all / you that / dwell in the / world,
2 **You of low or / high de/gree: both / rich and / poor to/gether.**
3 My mouth shall / speak of / wisdom: and my heart shall / meditate on / under/standing.
4 **I will incline my ear / to a / parable: I will unfold my / riddle / with the / lyre.**
5 Why should I fear in / evil / days: when the / malice • of my / foes sur/rounds me,
6 **Such as trust / in their / goods: and glory in the a/bundance / of their / riches?**
7 For no one can indeed / ransom an/other: or pay to / God the / price of de/liverance.
8 **To ransom a soul / is too / costly: there is / no price / one could / pay for it,**
9 So that they might / live for / ever: and / never / see the / grave.

A reading from Colossians (3.1-11)

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke 12.13-21
Glory to you, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" 'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

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

Lord God, your Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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3rd August 2025 - Trinity 7

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 170 , 464 , 62 , 425

TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee
	11.30 am	Sung Eucharist (Norton)
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments
	11.45 am	Church property Committee meeting
	2.00pm	Bible study/prayer group (church rooms)
THURSDAY	1.30 pm	Church and Grounds working group in All Saints - all help very welcome
	3.00 pm	Funeral of Doug Probert (in All Saints) - we hold all his family in our thoughts and prayers.
NEXT SUNDAY		10th August 2025 - Trinity 8
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee

Pastoral Visiting : please do keep me informed of anyone in need of visiting at home or in hospital - especially this time of year when so many are taking holidays. Your help to let me know would be greatly appreciated so that ideally no one is accidentally overlooked. 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'. To those who are taking holidays may I wish you a restful break and we look forward to seeing you on return.

Coffee morning in aid of the West Cross Foodbank : at the home of Jane and John Anderson (81 Mumbles Road) on **Thursday 14th August from 10.30 am to 12.30.** Tickets are £3 and available from janeandjohn56@gmail.com

RNLI Pop up Shop : runs in All saints most days (when volunteers are available). Do call in. The sign outside will show when the shop is open. **The Mumbles Raft Race takes place on Saturday 16th August at 12 midday we have a collection box at the back of church if you wish to donate.**

All Saints Choir : on behalf of all who worship in All Saints can I say a big thank you to out choir and organists. They always lead the services with such care and dignity and are a big part of our worshipping life. Throughout August with holidays etc practice does not take place on Wednesday evenings to give everyone a break. I am grateful to those who continue to robe through August and help to maintain our music when they can attend. Practices will resume in September and don't forget the choir are always on the lookout for new members. If you (or you know anyone) who would like to join they would be very welcome.

VJ Day 80th Anniversary : Friday 15th August. A National 2 minute silence will be held at **12 midday**. We will hold short prayers and the silence in All Saints for those wishing to join.

Healing Service : the next Ministry area Healing service organised and led by Str. Sonia will take place in All Saints on Sunday 17th August at 4 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Thank you to all who supported two recent social and fundraising events : firstly the coffee morning with Cor Ty Tawe which and secondly the evening of music with Morriston RFC Male choir - I am grateful for all the support and especially to those who help prepare the church and sell tickets etc.

Adrian Hughes Art sale and exhibition : will take place in the Lower Church rooms on the weekend 22nd - 26th August - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Refreshment rota : If you would be able to join the team and help on the rota this would be a great help. Please let Bev know and when you are available. You will shown what needs to be done if you are not sure.

Open Church welcomers : with the number of holidaymakers now arriving in Mumbles and more visitors calling into the church through the day it would be good to have welcomers in church as much as we can. If you can help please add your name to the days you can help on the calendar at the back of church. Thank you to all who are helping out.

Shopping trip to Worcester : a tentative enquiry. Can you indicate if you would interested in a shopping trip Saturday 29th November (before the Christmas markets start so hopefully less busy). With the cost of the coach prices it will be about £25 per head. Can you put you name on a list to see if this trip will be viable for booking.