

Sunday 4th January 2026 - The Epiphany

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through the 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 Isaiah (60.1-6)

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

Psalm 72. 1 – 9, 10 - 15

1 Give the king your / judgements, O / God: and your righteousness / to the / son of a / king.

2 Then shall he judge your / people / righteously: and your / poor / with / justice.

3 May the mountains / bring forth / peace: and the little hills / righteousness / for the / people.

4 May he defend the poor a/mong the / people: deliver the children of the / needy and / crush • the op/pressor.

5 May he live as long as the sun and / moon endure: from one generation / to another.

6 May he come down like rain upon the / mown / grass: like the / showers that / water the / earth.

7 In his time shall / righteousness / flourish: and abundance of peace * till the / moon shall / be no / more.

8 May his dominion extend from / sea to / sea: and from the River / to the / ends of the / earth.

9 May his foes / kneel before him: and his / enemies / lick the / dust.]

10The kings of Tarshish and of the isles / shall pay / tribute: the kings of Sheba and / Seba / shall bring / gifts.

11 All kings shall fall / down before him: all / nations shall / do him / service.

12For he shall deliver the / poor that cry / out: the needy and / those who / have no / helper.

13 He shall have pity on the / weak and / poor: he shall preserve the / lives of the / needy.

14He shall redeem their lives from oppression and / violence: and dear shall their / blood be / in his / sight.

15 Long may he live; unto him may be given / gold from / Sheba: may prayer be made for him continually * and may they / bless him / all the day / long.

A reading from Ephesians (3.1-12)

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew (2.1-12)

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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



**ALL SAINTS CHURCH , OYSTERMOUTH
AND NORTON MISSION CHURCH
WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY.**



50 Club : the first draw of the newly launched 50 club will take place soon. Thank you to all who have signed up. If anyone else would like to sign us (£5 per month by standing order) please see Stuart for the forms / details.

New year Fish and Chips : following our 10.30 Eucharist on Wednesday 14th January (eating at about midday) - **PLEASE PLACE YOUR FOOD ORDER ON THE SHEET AT THE BACK OF CHURCH TODAY.**

Gower Chorale : concert "Love songs , Lullabies and Nocturnes: Saturday 24th January at 7 in All Saints. See posters for details tickets or telephone 404391 / 207950

Week of prayer for Christian Unity : on Sunday 18th January at 3 p.m. in Swansea Minster an ecumenical service for unity will take place. Then on Sunday 25th January at 3 p.m. in All Saints the Mumbles Churches together will be holding a service for Christian Unity. All are invited to these services.

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TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (followed by tea / coffee)
	11.30 am	Sung Eucharist at Norton
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist followed by tea / coffee
	2.00 pm	Bible Study / Prayer group in UCR - all welcome
NEXT SUNDAY		11th January 2026 - The Baptism of Christ
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (Book of Common prayer)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist - followed by tea / coffee

**A Prayer for Epiphany
and the Mission of the Church in the New Year**

God of light and revelation, on this Epiphany Sunday we give thanks that you are not a hidden God, but one who draws near, guiding your people by signs of hope and the quiet leading of your Spirit.

As the Magi followed the star to Bethlehem, so lead us in this place that we may recognise Christ not only in worship and word, but in neighbour and stranger, in joy and in need.

At the beginning of this new year, we place before you our church, our calling, and our community. Where we are confident, keep us humble. Where we are weary, give us strength. Where we are uncertain, grant us courage to trust your way.

Make us a people who reflect your light: welcoming to those who feel on the margins, faithful in prayer, generous in service, and bold in love. May our life together speak of Christ more clearly than our words alone.

Bless all who live and work in Mumbles, those rooted here and those just passing through. May this church be a sign of your kingdom, a place of hospitality, healing, and hope, as we seek your purposes in the year ahead.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, to whom be glory, now and always. Amen.

**Welcome back to all who have been away for
Christmas and the New Year.**

May we wish you all a very happy 2026

**Don't forget most church groups will continue to take a
break this week and will resume next week.**

**Thank you : for the many cards , presents and Good wishes
received in the vicarage over Christmas. Your love and
support means so much to us as a family.**