

Almighty Father, in your great mercy you gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Acts (9.1-6)

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

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

Psalms 30

1 I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have / raised me / up: and have not let my / foes / triumph / over me.

2 O / Lord my / God: I cried out to / you and / you have / healed me.

3 You brought me up, O Lord, / from the / dead: you restored me to life from among / those • that go / down to the / Pit.

4 Sing to the Lord, you / servants of / his: give / thanks to his / holy / name.

5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour / for a / lifetime: heaviness may endure for a night, but / joy / comes • in the / morning.

6 In my prosperity I said, 'I shall / never be / moved: you, Lord, of your goodness, have / made my / hill so / strong.'

7 Then you hid your / face from / me: and / I was / utterly dis/mayed.

8 To you, O / Lord, I / cried: to the Lord I / made my / suppli/cation:

9 'What profit is there in my blood, if I go / down to the / Pit?: Will the dust praise you / or de/clare your / faithfulness?

10 Hear, O Lord, and have / mercy up/on me: O / Lord, / be my / helper.'

11 You have turned my mourning / into / dancing: you have put off my sackcloth and / girded / me with / gladness;

12 Therefore my heart sings to / you without / ceasing: O Lord my God, I will / give you / thanks for / ever.

A reading from Revelation (5.11-14)

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands

of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

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Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St John (21.1-19)

Glory to you, O Lord.

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake.

But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

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4th May 2025 - EASTER 3
Alleluia Christ is Risen ! He is Risen indeed Alleluia !
Christian Aid week begins

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 228 , 532 . 327 . 563

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)
MONDAY		Bank Holiday
TUESDAY	10.30 am	Chat a Coffi - all welcome
	2.00 pm	Norton Craft Group - all welcome
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments
	2.00pm	Bible study/prayer group (church rooms)
	6.00 pm	Joyful Noise (junior Choir) - all children very welcome
	7.00 pm	Adult choir practice - all welcome
THURSDAY		80th Anniversary of VE day
	10.30 am	Coffee & Catch up (Norton)
	1.30 pm	Church and Grounds working group - all help very welcome
SATURDAY	9.00 am to 11 a.m. Breakfast in the Lower Church Room in aid of Christian Aid. Please speak to April for details <i>and on Wednesday 14th in All Saints 9-10</i>	
NEXT SUNDAY		11th May - Easter 4
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (All Saints) - followed by tea / coffee
	4.00 pm	Choral Evening for the anniversary of VE Day

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.

Christian Aid Week 2025 : this Saturday 10th May from 9-11 a.m. in the Church Rooms and on Wednesday 14th May in All Saints from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. we will be holding "A Big Brekkie" to raise money for Christian Aid. Please speak to April Beynon for details and to let her know if you can come along.

Funeral : of Beryl Richards will take place in All Saints on Monday 12th May at 12.30 pm.

Men's Society : Monday 12th May at 6.30 for 7 in the BCYC. The speaker will be : Gary Williams. All are very welcome. If you can make it please let Dorian know so he can arrange the food order.

Confirmation Candidates : would those wishing to be confirmed in June please stay for a meeting following our 10 a.m. service next Sunday (11th May.) Thank you.

Joseph's Smile : Thank you to all who have been supporting this appeal so generously : The local charity Joseph's Smile is asking for donations of packs of children's vests, to fit children of 18 months to 13 years. These vests are altered to help secure the Hickman lines through which the children receive chemotherapy. Packs from the major supermarkets are ideal and these packs usually can be bought for about £4 or £5. Pastel colours are popular Any donations of vests will be collected by Caroline Jones from church and delivered directly to the charity.
<https://josephssmile.org/about/>

Prayer for VE Day 80th Anniversary : Almighty God, we remember this anniversary of Victory in Europe, and we give thanks for the peace we now enjoy, a peace purchased at such a high cost. We remember with gratitude the courage and sacrifice of those who served in the war, and we pray for the families who lost loved ones. As we look to the future, we pray that you will guide us to build a world where peace is a reality, and where all people can live in harmony and safety. Grant us the wisdom to learn from the past and the courage to work for a brighter future, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Concerts coming up in All saints in May : Friday 16th May at 7 p.m. : Swansea Excelsior Choir. **Friday 30th May** at 4 p.m. (free concert) : Bristol University Orchestra.