

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 (18.1-11)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

Psalms 139. 1-7

1 O Lord, you have searched me / out and / known me: you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my / thoughts • from a/far.
2 You mark out my journeys / and my / resting place: and are acquainted with / all my / ways.
 3 For there is not a word / on my / tongue: but you, O Lord, / know it / alto/gether.
4 You encompass me behind / and be/fore: and / lay your / hand up/on me.
 5 Such knowledge is too / wonderful / for me: so high / that I / cannot attain it.
6 Where can I go then / from your / spirit?: Or / where can I / flee • from your / presence?
 7 If I climb up to heaven, / you are / there: if I make the grave my bed, / you are / there / also.

A reading from Philemon verses 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the

church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love — and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother — especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Luke (14.25-33)
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 'For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." 'Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 'So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

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

God of compassion, in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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7th September 2025 - Trinity 12

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 49 , 465 , 392 , 564

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)
TUESDAY	10.30 am	Chat a Coffi - in All Saints - Croeso i bawb - all very welcome
	2.00 pm	Coffee and craft in Norton Church - all welcome
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Holy Eucharist followed by refreshments
	2.00pm	Bible study/prayer group (church rooms)
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice (All Saints) - all welcome
THURSDAY	10.30 am	Coffee and Chat in Norton Church - all are welcome
	1.30 pm	Church and Grounds working group in All Saints - all help very welcome
NEXT SUNDAY		14th September 2025 - Holy Cross Day
	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. 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'.

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 !

Harvest Festival : Sunday 5th October : Thos year we are supporting the work of USPG and during our 10 a.m. service Sue King will tell us something about the charity and it's work. , 11.30 a.m. Harvest Eucharist in Norton. **At 4 p.m.** we will be joined by the band and songsters of the Salvation Army for a service of **Harvest Songs of Praise.**

Fish and Chip lunch : for Harvest will take place on Wednesday 8th October following the 10.30 service. All are welcome. Please sign up with your food order as soon as you can.

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

Chat a Coffi : will be starting back on Tuesday 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 - 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.**

Thank you to the Swansea Building Society for their sponsorship of this concert.

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 Ministry Area 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 will be 48 places on the bus (£25) and then we will keep a reserve list. Please sign up as soon as you can. Can you please pay the £25 when booking. Places are now limited.

Funeral : of Gaynor Donaldson will take place in All Saints on Monday 15th September at 10.30 a.m.