

Sunday 8th February 2026 The Second Sunday before Lent /Creation Sunday

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from Genesis (1.1 - 2.3)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "*Let there be light*"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "*Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.*" So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "*Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.*" And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "*Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.*" And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "*Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.*" And it was so. God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "*Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.*" So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "*Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.*" And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "*Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.*" And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "*Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.*" So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "*Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.*" God said, "*See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.*" And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

A reading from Romans (8.18-25)

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Psalm 136

- 1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for / he is / gracious: for his / mercy en /
dureth for / ever.
- 2 O give thanks unto the God of I all / gods: for his / mercy en/dureth
for / ever.**
3. O give thanks unto the Lord of / all I lords: for his / mercy en / dureth
for / ever.
- 4 Who alone / doeth great I wonders: for his / mercy en / dureth
for / ever;**
- 5 Who by his excellent wisdom / made the / heavens: for his / mercy en /
dureth for / ever;
- 6 Who laid out the earth a/bove the / waters: for his / mercy en/
dureth for ever;**
- 7 Who made the / great / lights: for his I mercy en / dureth for **ever;**
- 8 The sun to / rule the / day: for his / mercy en/dureth for ever;**
- 9 The moon and the stars to / govern the / night: for his / mercy en / dureth
for / ever.
- 23 Who remembered us when we / were in / trouble: for his / mercy
en / dureth for / ever;**
- 24 And delivered us / from our / enemies: for his / mercy en dureth **for ever;**
- 25 Who giveth food to all / flesh: for his / mercy en dureth for ever.**
- 26 O give thanks unto the / God of / heaven: for his / mercy en/dureth for /
ever.

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Matthew (6.25-34) **Glory to you, O Lord.** Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 'Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? 'Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'



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Welcome to our worship today.

Apologies that the text of the readings on the reverse is so small today. They were long readings to fit on the page. Please ask if you need a large print copy today.

HYMNS AT OUR CHORAL EUCHARIST : 174 , 138 , 378 , 514

TODAY	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (followed by tea / coffee)
TUESDAY	10.30 am	Sgwrs a Choffi (Chat and coffee) - in the back of 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 are very welcome to come and join the choir.
THURSDAY	10.30 am	Coffee and Chat in Norton Church - all welcome
	1.30 pm	Church grounds and cleaning group - all help welcome.
NEXT SUNDAY		15th February 2026
		Second before Lent / Creation Sunday
	8.30 am	Holy Eucharist (All Saints)
	10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (followed by tea / coffee)
	11.30 am	Sung Eucharist in Norton church
	4.00 pm	Healing and wellbeing service in Holy Cross

Tenby trip : thank you to all who have indicated they would be interested in coming on another trip to Tenby be this year. We have pencilled in Wednesday 24th June and will take firm bookings in a few weeks time.

Ash Wednesday : 18th February : 10.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and 7 p.m. Choral Eucharist in All Saints. During Lent **Stations of the Cross** will take place in All Saints on Wednesdays at 12 midday.

Marie Curie Daffodil Concert : Saturday 28th February at 7 p.m. in All Saints with the Gwalia Singers. Please see details on posters for tickets.

A flavour of Wales (2) with Rob Pendry : on **St. David's Day** : Sunday 1st March at 6 p.m. in All Saints. A entertaining evening of music , scenery , television from around Wales. Tickets / entry £5. *A great way to celebrate St. David's Day.*

A tribute to Ivor Novello 'We'll gather Lilacs' : Friday 6th March at 7 p.m. in All Saints given by Ros Evans , Owen Webb and Sian Davies. Tickets £12. See posters for details / tickets.

Barbara Cards 2025 total : last year, a wonderful £2045 was raised through the sales of Barbara's Cards at the back of church. A number of charities including the church have benefited greatly from all the Barbara does in producing these Cards. I'm sure it is on behalf of all of us we thank Barbara for this. But also a huge thank you to all who purchase the cards. Since Barbara started selling cards £21000 has been raised. An incredible achievement.

Sea Shanties and Pancakes : a FREE half term event for children on Tuesday 17th February (Shrove Tuesday - Half term) from 2 - 3.30 p.m. in the Lower Church Rooms. All very welcome. Can you please let families you are in contact with know. **If anyone is able to help by making a couple of pancakes, it would be really appreciated if you could let me know. Thank you.**

Storm in a Teacup : volunteers from the RNLI are organising a children and family event in our church rooms on 21st March. Posters with the details will be out soon or have a word with Brenda Stephens if you want to know more.

50 Club Winners January 2026 : the draw took place at men's society and the winners were 1st : 28 Mair Williams , 2nd :34 Patsy Gicarregui, 3rd : 24 Sue Wilkinson. Congratulations to the winners. If anyone wishes to join please speak to Stuart.

Pastoral Visiting : Can I please continue to ask that you let me now of those in need of visits / contact. When leading worship it is sometimes difficult to keep track of those missing so your help is greatly appreciated.