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***January 20th, 2022***

Dear friends of St. Clement and St. Nicholas,

This Sunday marks the 90th anniversary of the death of Reverend Lee  who founded St Nicholas. With help from Brian Blampied’s research and much digging into archives, Martin has put together a fascinating history of his life. A copy is included with this mailing.

To commemorate his passing we are encouraging the St Nicholas congregation to plan to drive to the churchyard after the 9am service for a brief service by his grave. The short service will be at 10am so do come early for the 10.30am service and join us.

On, off, on again - having gained permission for bread and wine to resume at the two churches via the priest dipping the bread into the wine, we held a good conversation at the monthly clergy Chapter and whilst we have specific permission to continue, the Dean will be seeking general permission from Bishop Trevor for this method for the rest of the deanery, if churches wish to distribute in this way.

The good news is that refreshments are back on again for both churches.

Last week’s theme was the different gifts people have and their use in the life of the church.  We are still looking for people with the gift of pressing buttons to make CDs work in funeral services and also to pick up on some or all the duties of treasurer for St Clement, which Martin is kindly covering on top of all his other tasks.

We hope you are keeping well,

David

**St Clement Church 10.30am Family Service January 23rd, 2022**

The Lord our God, the Almighty reigns.

**Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**As it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**CA 411**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us**

**You are one with us, Mary’s Son**

**Cleansing our souls from all their sin**

**Pouring your love and goodness in**

**Jesus, our love for you we sing**

**Living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, now and ev’ry day**

**Teach us how to pray, Son of God**

**You have commanded us to do**

**This in remembrance Lord of you**

**Into our lives your power breaks through**

**Living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us**

**Born as one of us, Mary’s Son**

**Led out to die on Calvary**

**Risen from death to set us free**

**Living Lord Jesus, help us see**

**You are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you**

**Live my life for you, Son of God**

**All your commands I know are true**

**Your many gifts will make me new**

**Into my life your power breaks through**

**Living Lord.**

**The Welcome and Bible for Mara James Berry :** There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith. We are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

God in Christ has revealed his glory. **Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting. **The Lord’s name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord**. O praise the name of the Lord!**

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives; Father, forgive us.

**Save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; Father, forgive us . **Save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do, and think and say**;** Father, forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us; Father, forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son; Father, forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world through Jesus Christ our Lord*.* **Amen**

Let us declare our Faith in God

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

**CA 841**

**I’ve got peace like a river**

**I’ve got peace like a river**

**I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.**

**I’ve got peace like a river**

**I’ve got peace like a river**

**I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.**

**I’ve got joy like a fountain**

**I’ve got joy like a fountain**

**I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.**

**I’ve got joy like a fountain**

**I’ve got joy like a fountain**

**I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.**

**I’ve got love like an ocean**

**I’ve got love like an ocean**

**I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.**

**I’ve got love like an ocean**

**I’ve got love like an ocean**

**I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.**

**The First reading is taken from Nehemiah, Chapter 8, beginning to read at the first verse (Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10)**

All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded for Israel.

2So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. 3He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. **6**Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, “Amen! Amen!” Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

**8**They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Nehemiah+8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-12502a)] and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read.

**9**Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

**10**Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

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

**The Gospel Reading.**

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke . Glory to you O Lord**

**(Luke 4 14-21)**

**14**Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. **15**He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

**16**He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, **17**and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

**18**“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.”[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+4&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25083f)]

**20**Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. **21**He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

**Reflection Martin**

Today’s gospel reading stops before we hear what those who were assembled in the synagogue thought of Jesus after he claimed that he was the fulfilment of Isaiah’s prophecy. The following verses tell us that they initially spoke well of him until he told them that no prophet is accepted in their home town.  Why did their praise so quickly turned to fury, to the extent that they tried to kill him?  Because the people of Israel believed that they had an exclusive covenant with God, who would deliver them from their oppressors.  They were so scandalised to hear that God’s grace was unlimited that they were unable to receive it at all. After his resurrection, Jesus sent his Spirit so that the Church could continue to proclaim good news to the poor, freedom for prisoners, sight for the blind, and liberty for the oppressed. The task that Jesus gave us is to find ways of breaking down the boundaries that limit God’s love and fulfil Isaiah’s ancient prophecy as we set out into 2022 and beyond.

CA 413

**Lord of all hopefulness**

**Lord of all joy**

**Whose trust, ever childlike**

**No cares could destroy**

**Be there at our waking**

**And give us, we pray**

**Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,**

**At the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness,**

**Lord of all faith**

**Whose strong hands were skilled**

**At the plane and the lathe**

**Be there at our labours**

**And give us, we pray**

**Your strength in our hearts, Lord**

**At the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindliness**

**Lord of all grace**

**Your hands swift to welcome**

**Your arms to embrace**

**Be there at our homing**

**And give us we pray**

**Your love in our hearts, Lord**

**At the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness**

**Lord of all calm**

**Whose voice is contentment**

**Whose presence is balm**

**Be there at our sleeping**

**And give us, we pray**

**Your peace in our hearts, Lord**

**At the end of the day.**

**The Collect for third Sunday of Epiphany**  Almighty God,whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace,

and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through 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**

Prayers ending: Lord in your mercy **All: Hear our Prayer**

**Intercessions:** God our Father, we thank you for welcoming us in love.  Hear us as we pray for the church, the world and for all in need.

As your son preached the good news of Isaiah in the synagogue in Nazareth, we pray for all who preach your word, that they may inspire others and draw them to you in faith, hope and love.

We look upon our troubled world and pray for its peoples and their leaders, especially for all who are caught up in conflict.  We pray that peace and justice may prevail.

God our Father, in a world that feels more divided than ever, we pray for the day when your will is done on earth as it is in heaven. We pray for our neighbours, whoever and wherever they may be.

Let us be thankful for the glories of the natural world, for the longer days, calm weather and the promise of spring.

Pray for all who seek restoration and healing in body, mind and spirit and for all who help them, including the medical profession, social workers and counsellors.

Give thanks for the lives of those who have died recently and pray that families and friends who mourn for their dear-departed will be comforted

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, so in faith and trust we pray:

**The Lord’s Prayer: All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy**

**kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread** **and forgive us our trespasses** **as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

**CA 20 All over the world**

**All over the world the Spirit is moving,**

**All over the world**

**As the prophets said it would be**

**All over the world there’s a mighty revelation**

**Of the glory of the Lord**

**As the waters cover the sea.**

**All over the Church the Spirit is moving**

**All over the Church**

**As the prophets said it would be**

**All over the church there’s a mighty revelation**

**Of the glory of the Lord**

**As the waters cover the sea.**

**All over us all the Spirit is moving**

**All over us all**

**As the prophets said it would be**

**All over us all there’s a mighty revelation**

**Of the glory of the Lord**

**As the waters cover the sea.**

**Deep down in my heart the Spirit is moving**

**Deep down in my heart**

**As the prophets said it would be**

**Deep down in my heart there’s a mighty revelation**

**Of the glory of the Lord**

**As the waters cover the sea.**

**The Grace May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore**. **Amen**

All our problems **We send to the cross of Christ**

All our difficulties **We send to the cross of Christ**

All the devils works **We send to the cross of Christ**

All our hopes **We set on the risen Christ**

**The Blessing And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen**