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October 6th, 2022

Dear friends of St. Clement and St.Nicholas,

Cantabile Choral Evensong at St Clement Church, Sunday October 16th, 2022 at 5.45pm, celebrates Vaughan Williams's contribution to congregational hymns (150th anniversary of his birth on 12 October). All Welcome.

Over the last week people will have learned of the sad passing of Richard Lane. Our thoughts and prayers are with Anne and the family. Richard was our covenant secretary for several years as well as attending both churches and will be greatly missed.

In this season of harvest we think about the offering of gifts and skills. Ones we need to be offered at the moment are to help with funerals. It doesn't seem so long ago that a funeral could be staffed with just the sexton , organist and clergy. Increasingly families ask for several CDs to be played and live streamed on Face book to relatives around the World.



The clergy are really struggling to find people free at a week's notice during the day to press the buttons. Those who have done are often already busy volunteering elsewhere or at work. Please let the clergy know if you could help with one of these jobs. If technology is not your skill set maybe there is somebody who is able to weed the drive at St Nicholas or cut its hedge ? Reading the Bible at the services is allocated on the day to people who are there in good time but we could easily be missing out people willing and able - do let Tracy know for St Nicholas and Evelyn at St. Clement, it is good to involve more people. On which

theme do let Tracy know if you would be willing to join a rota for the prayers of intercession.

Harvest is about all sorts of gifts so do offer yours.
We hope you are keeping well,

David

**Welcome to St Clement Church,
Service of Morning Worship**

October 9th, 2022

CA114



**Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which take the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps
With loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
Nor can we guess its grace,
Till we become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit
makes his dwelling.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **and also with you.**

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

We sit or kneel to confess our sins

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We stand

Blessed is the Lord, **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**
therefore shall our hearts dance for joy **and in our song we will praise our God.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Creator and Redeemer of all; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world and in your great love fashioned us in your image. Now, through the deep waters of death, you have brought your people to new birth by raising your Son to life in triumph. May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

Blessed be God for ever.

CA 333

**It is a thing most wonderful,
Almost too wonderful to be,
That God's own Son should come from heav'n,
And die to save a child like me.**

**And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept and toiled, and mourned and died,
For love of those who loved him not.**

**I sometimes think about the cross,
And shut my eyes and try to see
The cruel nails and crown of thorns,
And Jesus crucified for me.**

**But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
Of that great love which, like a fire,
Is always burning in his heart.**

**And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more,
Until I see thee as thou art.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

We keep silence We say the Old Testament Canticle

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty. Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all.

Riches and honour come from you and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; yours it is to give power and strength to all. And now we give you thanks, our God, and praise your glorious name. For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. 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.

Old Testament Reading

The First Reading is taken from 2 Kings, 5 beginning to read at the first verse (2 Kings 5 1-3. 7-15)

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.^[a]

² Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

⁷ As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"

⁸ When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

¹¹ But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

¹³ Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

¹⁵ Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant."

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

We stand to sing the Gospel Canticle (to the tune Thy hand, O God, has guided)

**O bless the God of Israel,
who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us
and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy,
of rescue and release;
God shall fulfil the promise
to bring our people peace.**

**Now from the house of David
a child of grace is given;
a Saviour comes among us
to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald,
forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation,
the messenger of Day.**

**Where once were fear and darkness
the sun begins to rise —**

**the dawning of forgiveness
upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims
along the paths of peace:
O bless our God and Saviour,
with songs that never cease!**

The Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 17 11-19)
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy^[b] met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

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

Reflection: Tracy: You might say that Covid has shown us what it feels like to treat the other as 'unclean'. Circles appeared on the floor to keep us at a safe distance from each other; masks were obligatory (still are in hospital) and hugging someone not in your household, forbidden. The other week I heard an isolation deck had been set up on a cruise ship for people testing positive – imagine being stuck in a cabin without a porthole for a week! In Jesus' day there were rules for people suffering from leprosy. Chapters 13 and 14 of Leviticus in the OT cover regulations about infectious skin diseases and in what circumstances a priest can recognise a person as being clean or unclean. A person found to have an infectious disease had to live on their own away from habitation and cry 'unclean, unclean'. At least we were spared that humiliation. Perhaps spend a little time considering how long those ten had been living apart from their family and friends. Their loneliness. Their pain. The fear they inspired whenever they were seen. There was no purpose to their life. They could not work and they were utterly reliant on the charity of others. In healing the ten of leprosy Jesus gives them back to their families to enjoy their relationships and to pick up where they left off. It would seem only one – a foreigner too – appreciated what Jesus had done for him. Had this one person allowed himself to be alive to hope? Had he dreamed of a healing? Had he prayed to God to see his family again one day? We shall never know. What is sure is that he alone knew that it was his faith in Jesus that had made all the difference.

We stand to sing the Creed (to the tune O the deep love of Jesus)

**We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end. 8.7.8.7.D**

Prayers of Intercession

We sit or kneel

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our witness as Christians to the love of God for all who are marginalised in our society and feel of little worth.

We pray for the work of the Leprosy Mission and for all who suffer from leprosy and need treatment.

We pray for all who work in hospitals and care for those with Covid and other infectious diseases.

We pray for Ukraine and Russia and for an end to war and conflict.

We pray for the Shelter Trust's work to support the homeless in Jersey.

We pray for loved ones who are ill at this time.

We give thanks that God seeks us out and leads us to eternal life. We remember before God our loved ones parted from us and now in God's light and pray for those in mourning.

And at the end: Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity: Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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**

The Lord's Prayer:

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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 for ever and ever. Amen.



CA 359

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journey's run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People of realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
The pris'ners leap to lose their chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the humble poor are blest.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name like incense shall arise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.**

**Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.**



The Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

We say the Grace together

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.

**Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God.**