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***Please put a note in the 'reference' box for online banking so treasurers know what the payment is for and/or from whom, if that is important. Thank you.***

**November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Dear friends of St Clement and St Nicholas,**

This week is Advent Sunday so the countdown to Christmas begins as we light the Advent wreaths in the two churches. With Christmas Day on a Sunday Advent is as early as it can be and coincides with our annual Gift Day. For as many people as we have the details there will be an envelope in the churches and hopefully people can collect them this Sunday. The ones left will be posted.

For those who have not received one before and are not on the mailing list we have included the text of the letter after the service and in this e mail and we also include attachments of the different forms. If you would like a printed version do let us know. Maybe you are reading this on our web page, please consider supporting the Gift Day.

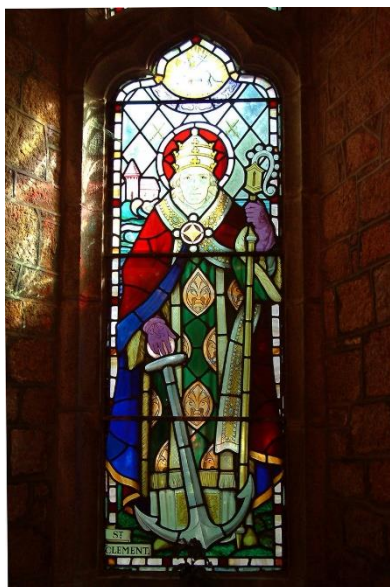
We need to raise around £12,000 to make up the difference between weekly giving and other sources of income and expenditure. It costs over £1,000 a week to run the churches whether we turn up, read services at home or watch the recordings. See the top of this letter for bank transfer details and please always give a reference eg 'donation' to help the treasurers.

We hope you are keeping well,  
David

**The Real Advent Calendars have arrived!** and are available on a first-come-first served basis at St Nicholas and St Clement this Sunday – November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

They cost **£4** each, with all the proceeds going to St Clement's Church

The chocolate is Fairtrade and palm oil free, the packaging is recyclable and there is a 24 page Christmas story-activity booklet included with each one.



**St Clement's Parish Church  
St Clements' Day Family Service  
November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**CA 108 Colours of Day**

**Colours of day dawn into the mind  
The sun has come up, the night is behind  
Go down in the city, into the street  
And let's give the message  
To the people we meet**

***So light up the fire and let the flame burn  
Open the door, let Jesus return  
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow  
Tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.***

**Go through the park, on into the town  
The sun still shines on, it never goes down  
The light of the world is risen again  
The people of darkness  
Are needing our friend.**

***So light up the fire and let the flame burn  
Open the door, let Jesus return  
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow  
Tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.***

**Open your eyes, look into the sky  
The darkness has come, the sun came to die  
The evening draws on, the sun disappears  
But Jesus is living  
And his Spirit is near.**

***So light up the fire and let the flame burn  
Open the door, let Jesus return  
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow  
Tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.***

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath. One candle for each week of Advent and the middle one for Christmas Day.*

**Lighting the Advent Candle – First Sunday of Advent**

In this season of advent, we watch and wait and pray for the coming of light into the world. We long for the day when the things of darkness: selfishness and greed, suffering and oppression, shall be no more.

**All: Lord, by your presence, light up the past that we might learn from it with thankfulness.  
Light up the present that we might live it with love.  
Light up the future that we might prepare for it in hope.  
As we watch and wait and pray, may we always be ready to encounter the Lord  
who is always with us. Amen.**

The first candle is lit: We light this candle for all God's people, struggling to be bearers of hope in a troubled world.

**All: O God, as we wait for your promise, give us light, give us hope.**

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.**

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**

**A&M: 34**

**Earth was waiting, spent and restless,  
With a mingled hope and fear  
Faithful men and women praying,  
"surely, Lord, the day is near:  
The Desire of all the nations  
It is time he should appear!**

**Then the Spirit of the Highest  
To a virgin meek came down,  
And he burdened her with blessing,  
And he pained her with renown,**

**For she bore the Lord's anointed  
For his cross and for his crown.**

**Earth has groaned and laboured for him  
Since the ages first began  
For in him was hid the secret  
Which through all the ages ran  
Son of Mary, Son of David  
Son of God and Son of Man.**

**The First Reading is taken from Romans, Chapter 13, beginning to read at the eleventh verse (Romans, 13, 11-14)**

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.<sup>[c]</sup>

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

**The Gospel Reading.** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew **(Mathew 24: 36-44) Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup> "But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son,<sup>[f]</sup> but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

<sup>42</sup> "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

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

**Reflection: Martin** Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church's year. We have changed from Year C to Year A, the year when the focus of the gospel readings switches from Luke to Matthew. This is also the time of year when I buy two calendars: the Common Lectionary, which helps David, Tracy and I to choose the Bible readings for the year ahead, and also a lop-eared rabbit calendar, something we have done ever since we had a house rabbit. However, this year we had a surprise: our order for a lop-eared rabbit calendar went in as usual but back came a calendar of classic British motorbikes. Perhaps 'bunnies' came next to 'bikes' in the publisher's warehouse!

We tend to think of time as circular (here we are in Advent again) but it actually goes in a straight line. Jesus told his disciples that no one knows the day or the hour when the Son of Man would come again, so as Christians we are to expect the unexpected. We are called to watch and wait; to discern the signs of the coming of the kingdom, and to work with God to bring it about.

The unexpected may turn out to be good news, although I won't be buying a classic British motorbike any time soon. However unpredictable the world may be, I hope that you will be encouraged to keep a holy Advent.

## **A&M 42 Longing for light**

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness  
Longing for truth, we turn to you  
Make us your own, your holy people  
Light for the world to see.**

***Christ, be our light !  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness  
Christ, be our light  
Shine in your church gathered today.***

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled  
Longing for hope, many despair  
Your word alone has power to save us  
Make us your living voice. (Refrain)**

**Longing for food, many are hungry  
Longing for water, many still thirst  
Make us your bread, broken for others  
Shared until all are fed (Refrain)**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless  
Longing for warmth, many are cold  
Make us your building, sheltering others  
Walls made of living stone. (Refrain)**

**Many the gifts, many the people  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong  
Let us be servants to one another  
Making your kingdom come. (Refrain)**

**The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent:** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Intercessions: On Advent Sunday we pray:**

Lord, as we watch and wait for your dawning Kingdom, teach us to walk in the way of your Son. Help us to be a healing presence in the world.

Lord, as we watch and wait for your reign of peace, we pray for Jerusalem and the Middle East, for all places where peace is missing and people live with oppression, violence or abuse. May we all learn to lay aside the ways of darkness and put on the armour of light.

Lord, as we watch and wait in your saving presence, strengthen all who work for justice and integrity in our communities. Help us to cherish the earth that sustains us and not squander its resources.

Lord, be with all who watch and wait by the side of someone they love. Be with friends and loved ones who are ill, for all alone, fearful and anxious. Spend a little time praying for someone on your mind ...

Lord, we give thanks for all who are now at peace in your kingdom and pray for loving comfort to surround all who mourn.

At this time of Advent, a prayer from John Henry Newman:

Lord, stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be light to others. Amen.

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

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**

#### **CA282 Hills of the North rejoice**

**Hills of the north rejoice  
Echoing songs arise  
Hail with united voice  
Him who made earth and skies  
He comes in righteousness and love  
He brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the southern seas  
Sing to the list'ning earth  
Carry on ev'ry breeze  
Hope of a world's new birth  
In Christ shall all be made anew  
His word is sure, his promise true.**

**Lands of the east, arise  
He is your brightest morn  
Greet him with joyous eyes  
Praise shall his path adorn.  
The God whom you have longed to know  
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.**

**Shores of the utmost west  
Lands of the setting sun  
Welcome the heav'nly guest  
In whom the dawn has come  
He brings a never – ending light  
Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

Shout, as you journey on  
Songs be in ev'ry mouth  
Lo, from the north they come  
From east and west and south  
In Jesus all shall find their rest  
In him the longing earth be blest.



**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

## **GIFT DAY LETTER**

The Rectory, La Rue du Presbytere, St Clement, JE2 6RB  
[stclementjersey@outlook.com](mailto:stclementjersey@outlook.com) November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Dear Friend of St Clement and St Nicholas**

This is the first joint Gift Day letter. It reflects the increased links between the two churches, they are each vital to the other. Without the contributions from both we would join the parishes who have lost a full time rector or are having the provision reviewed. In turn we are part of the Deanery and some of our yearly Parish Share supports its administration and the support of churches which might be struggling. Finally we are part of our new Diocese of Salisbury and the Church of England and we contribute to both those bodies which includes the cost of training clergy for the future. If we add our own costs of maintaining services, buildings and administration it means we have to raise almost £2,000 each week. That comes from a variety of sources including weekly giving, fees for services we take, hall rental and income on money people have left in their wills.

I am pleased to report that despite the disruptions of Covid ( when hall rents fell to zero and church services with congregations were banned or limited ) we paid our Parish Share in full and having used up some reserves the hall rentals have recovered. We have continued to send out the weekly service by e mail and post which has added some costs but is welcomed by many as a way of keeping in touch. As the diocese has kept clergy stipend increases to an average of 3% over this year and next and the Deanery has made some savings, our Parish Share is staying the same at £57,000, so our total costs have increased by less than inflation. We still expect shortfall of around £12,000 - similar to last year- and with the retirement of our amazing jam factory ( Pam) income will drop by £4,000 next year.

The bottom line is we do need people to give generously to the Gift Day.

We also ask everyone to help us make the most of their Gift Day donations and any giving. So for

the sake of risking some wasted paper we have included two forms - just ask when you need more. The first Jersey Tax payers can fill in for gifts of £50 or more or when a series of gifts has added upto £50 or more. The second is an annual covenant form. Maybe you have already a five year covenant in place but the amount pledged will naturally have declined in value, please consider starting a new one early. It would really help our covenant secretaries if all the covenants could start in January so forms can be sent in at the same time.

Jacqueline Richomme at St. Clement and Ian Bromley at St. Nicholas treat these with total secrecy. At the end of a year they just ask you to sign a form to confirm the amount you first promised or a lower figure if circumstances have changed. They then claim the tax. Sorry if you have read similar words from me about tax reclaims in previous letters but we still lose out on too many tax claims which add £25 for every £100 given.

For our regular giving, the replacement of the collection bag is also an encouragement to give by standing order. It avoids missing out when people are away and our bills still come in and saves finding cash on Sundays or tapping your bank card.

So in summary we are doing our best to limit our costs and bring in extra income but we still need everyone to give generously, efficiently and regularly.

If you would like more information about the finances or how to give or fill in any forms our treasurers and covenant officers are happy to help.

The forms are attached (within the email only) are as follows:

Tax Reclaim  
Deed of Covenant  
Standing Order – St Clement or St Nicholas Church  
Gift Day Response Form

Thank you for reading this.

David Shaw  
Rector