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*January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

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

Tourists arriving in South Africa around this time of year are sometimes referred to as 'swallows' and greetings to all you swallows from Jersey reading the letter / service or watching on line. Current short term migrations from St Clement and St Nicholas include Florida, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Hopefully all of you are having a wonderful time and returning when the weather becomes warmer.

Without even having to leave our houses five of us from Jersey joined several other clergy and readers from Salisbury Diocese for safeguarding training via Zoom over the last two weeks. Whilst it confirmed in my mind that we were right to have live rather than zoom services during Covid restrictions, it certainly saves time and flights.

You will find a revised safeguarding information poster at the back of the churches. It reminds us that whatever our age churches should be a safe place for everyone. If you have any concerns for people in the church or outside in the wider community feel free to contact any of the clergy or the diocesan contacts listed, as there are safe and confidential routes to professionals who can help.

We hope you are keeping well,

David

## NOTICES

### FAIRTRADE

#### Thursday February 2nd 7.30pm—9pm

Jersey Fairtrade Island Group invites you to a **"FAIRTRADE CONCERT"** at Hautlieu School featuring Singer/Songwriter Andy Flannagan -Organ Music for the Soul . **Tickets £6.00 + booking fee** available from Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/510674139097>

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**Friday February 3rd 1pm—1.50pm**

Jersey Fairtrade Island Group invites you to  
A Lunchtime Presentation at St Helier Town Hall With Sir Stephen Timms MP **“WHY DOES FAIRTRADE  
MATTER.**

**Tickets £5.00 + booking fee**, available from Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/510579255297>

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**LENT LUNCHESES:**

The current status of the weeks for Lent Lunch are:

**March 2nd** coordinator and helpers needed;

**March 9th** St. Clement's Choir;

**March 16th** St Nicholas ;

**March 23rd** group in aid of Macmillan;

**March 30th** Mission to Seafarers.

Please put these dates in your diary to come along and support or offer to help.

Contact Carole on [carole27martin@gmail.com](mailto:carole27martin@gmail.com)

**St Clement Church 10.30am Service of Morning Worship in Christmastide  
January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**OPENING HYMN CA 580**

**Rejoice the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
And triumph evermore.**

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

**Jesus the Saviour reigns  
The God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains,  
He took his seat above. (refrain)**

**His kingdom cannot fail;  
He rules o'er earth and heav'n  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus giv'n (refrain)**

**He sits at God's right hand  
Till all his foes submit  
And bow to his command  
And fall beneath his feet.**

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.  
You laid the foundation of the earth and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, our light and our salvation, to you be glory and praise for ever. To dispel the darkness of our night you sent forth your Son, the firstborn of all creation, to be the Christ, the light of the world. Rejoicing in the mystery of the Word made flesh, we acclaim him Emmanuel, as all creation sings to you: Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever.**

*We to sit or kneel to confess our sins*

You were born for our salvation: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
You came as Saviour to bring wholeness and peace: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You come to bring light into the darkness of our lives: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**  
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.**

*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, God of all glory, through your Son the Christ. His name is Jesus **because he saves his people from their sin**

He will be called Emmanuel: **God is with us.**

Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel: **he has come to his people and set them free.**

He gave up the glory of heaven **and took the form of a servant.**

The Word was made flesh **and we beheld his glory.**

In humility he walked the path of obedience **to die on the cross.** God raised him to the highest place above and gave him the name above every name: **Jesus Christ is Lord.**

So all beings in heaven and earth will fall at his feet, and proclaim to the glory of God: **Jesus Christ is Lord.** Today Christ is born: **Alleluia.** Today the Saviour comes: **Alleluia.** Today the angels sing on earth: **Alleluia. Glory to God in the highest.**

## **A&M 102**

**Jesus, come! For we invite you,  
Guest and Master, Friend and Lord;  
Now, as once at Cana's wedding,  
Speak, and let us hear your word:  
Lead us through our need or doubting,  
Hope be born and joy restored.**

**Jesus, come! Transform our pleasures,  
Guide us into paths unknown,  
Bring your gifts, command your servants  
Let us trust in you alone!  
Though your hand may work in secret,  
All shall see what you have done.**

**Jesus, come in new creation,  
Heaven brought near in power divine;  
Give your unexpected glory  
Changing water into wine:  
Rouse the faith of your disciples  
Come, our first and greatest Sign!**

**Jesus, come! Surprise our dullness,  
Make us willing to receive  
More than we can yet imagine,  
All the best you have to give:**

**Let us find your hidden riches,  
Taste your love, believe, and live.**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, **he has come to his people and set them free.**  
Light has sprung up for the righteous **and joyful gladness for those who are true-hearted.**  
Glory to God in the highest **and peace to his people on earth.**

**The First Reading is taken from 1 Kings, Chapter 17, beginning to read at the eighth verse  
(1 Kings 17 8-16)**

<sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>9</sup> “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” <sup>10</sup> So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” <sup>11</sup> As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”  
<sup>12</sup> “As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”  
<sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.’”  
<sup>15</sup> She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. <sup>16</sup> For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

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

**Hymn: CA 163**

**Father, Lord of all creation,  
Ground of Being, Life and Love;  
Height and depth beyond description  
Only life in you can prove:  
You are mortal life’s dependence:  
Thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;  
Yours is ev’ry hour’s existence,  
Sov’reign Lord of time and space.**

**Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,  
We, your people, make our prayer;  
Help us love – as sisters, brothers –  
All whose burdens we can share.  
Where your name binds us together  
You, Lord Christ, will surely be;  
Where no selfishness can sever  
There your love the world may see.**

**Holy Spirit, rushing, burning  
Wind and flame of Pentecost,  
Fire our hearts afresh with yearning  
To regain what we have lost.  
May your love unite our action  
Nevermore to speak alone:  
God, in us abolish faction,**

## **God through us your love make known.**

The people who walked in darkness **have seen a great light.** For to us a child is born **to us a Son is given.**

His name will be called Wonderful counsellor, mighty God, **the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

Glory to God in the highest **and peace to his people on earth.**

### **The Gospel Reading;**

#### **Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 2 1-11)**

##### **Glory to you, O Lord**

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

<sup>4</sup> "Woman,<sup>[a]</sup> why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, <sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

**Reflection Martin:** John never tells us too much or too little in his gospel, only what we need to know, so the fact that there were six water jars has to be significant. It is – six is one less than seven! Seven in the Bible signifies perfection, so John wants us to know that this celebration in Cana in Galilee was one stone jar short of a wedding feast and if you will, Jesus was the seventh stone jar. He is the one who makes communities whole. We struggle to do things well, but when Jesus is among us, he transforms us and all our efforts.

It doesn't surprise me that Jesus' first miracle was at a wedding feast. When there's a wedding, people forget their niggles and gripes and celebrate life and love. When people get married, the old life passes away and something new is born, something beautiful and full of hope and new possibilities. All weddings are special but occasionally David, Tracy and I take part in one that reminds us in a big way that love is stronger than death.

John saw Jesus as the wine at the wedding banquet: the new wine which was poured out when he died on the cross. The old wine was past its sell-by date; no longer any good for drinking. The new wine never stops flowing, in streams of love and forgiveness. It is flowing now, and it will continue to flow in his heavenly banquet to which we are all invited. All we have to do is accept his invitation.

**The Creed:** 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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Glorious God, you reveal your glory in signs and wonders every day. Open our eyes to the miracles that meet us.

God of justice, work in the hearts of all who hold authority over others so that they defend the poor and weak and make decisions without partiality and prejudice. Guide all who choose force to get their own way on to the pathways of peace. Continue to pray for peace in Ukraine.

God of love, you transformed water into wine and shared in the joy of two becoming one. May all seeking to be married know the joy of your presence with them. Pray for Luke and Kateryna as they begin their life together as man and wife.

God of hope and faithfulness, we place before your loving kindness all whose grasp on hope is failing, all who feel overwhelmed by sickness, by difficulties, by sadness. Transform our weakness by your strength and bring your healing presence to us.

God of eternal life, with you is the well of life. Shine your light on all who have died or are nearing death. Help them find the comfort they need. Raise us we pray to your love which touches the heavens

**The Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Epiphany** God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face 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**

**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.**

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Immortal, invisible,  
God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid  
From our eyes.  
Most blessed, most glorious  
The Ancient of Days  
Almighty, victorious  
Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting,  
And silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains  
High soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
Of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest,  
To both great and small;  
In all life thou livest,  
The true life of all,  
We blossom and flourish  
As leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish  
But naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory,  
Pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee,  
All veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render,  
O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour  
Of light hideth thee.

**The Blessing** Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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.**