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May 25th, 2023

Dear friends of St.Clement and St.Nicholas,

Next Tuesday at 7pm. we will be holding the annual Ecclesiastical Assembly in the Parish Hall. If you pay rates to a different parish please still attend but it is only St. Clement parishioners who can vote. As usual we will ask the parishioners to approve the Tresor accounts, elect Church Wardens and Almoners and a committee to examine next year's accounts.

We will also look at revised plans for storage sheds to be built in the churchyard behind the Sexton's shed and the Angel Tomb to store the many items of equipment needed to maintain the churchyard and woodland. We are fortunate to have both the land and surroundings and a dedicated Sexton Mike. He is helped, particularly digging graves, by Jason and Brock.

Hopefully the meeting will not last too long but I would be grateful if the congregation would make a point of coming along as we review the year and thank our Constable and parish for their support with the churchyard, church and rectory. A unique historic relationship we should never take for granted.

We hope you are keeping well,

David

St Clement Church 10.30am Family Service May 28th, 2023

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 114

**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 takes 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.**

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 246

**Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
In the truth that Christ makes known;
We have faith and understanding
Through your helping gifts alone.**

**Holy Spirit, come, console us,
Come as Advocate to plead,
Loving Spirit from the Father,
Grant in Christ the help we need.**

**Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
Come yourself to make us live,
Holy through your loving presence,
Holy through the gifts you give.**

**Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
You the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.**

**The First reading is taken from Acts Chapter 2, beginning to read at the first verse
(Acts 2 1-21)**

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[b] ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the

wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days, God says I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.^[c]

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

The Gospel Reading.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 20 19-23)

Glory to you O Lord

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

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

Reflection David Taking advantage of EasyJet's new direct flight to Amsterdam we enjoyed a short break. Rather like the Jerusalem of our Pentecost reading, it is a melting pot of nationalities. A fascinating museum described how the rulers of the city planned new canals in a series of rings with blocks of housing, with maps showing a regularity and logical layout that visitors easily miss in the chaos of thousands of bicycles and people.

In a week when Jersey shared its plans of new waterfront developments it was frustrating to witness the Dutch carving out new canals and districts of housing and commerce with a variety and style which will endure. Just as government and its departments need a whole range of skills to achieve the very best from its resources, so we read of Pentecost and afterwards, of different gifts being given by the Holy Spirit to the early church and ever since.

In a world which is evermore varied and challenging the churches need all their members to use the gifts they have been given, so God's greater plan can be revealed.

CA 564

Praise him, praise him

Praise him in the morning,

Praise him in the noontime.

Praise him, praise him,

Praise him when the sun goes down.

Love him, love him
Love him in the morning,
Love him in the noontime.
Love him, love him.
Love him when the sun goes down.

Trust him, trust him,
Trust him in the morning,
Trust him in the noontime.
Trust him, trust him
Trust him when the sun goes down.

Serve him, serve him,
Serve him in the morning,
Serve him in the noontime
Serve him, serve him
Serve him when the sun goes down.

Jesus, Jesus
Jesus in the morning,
Jesus in the noontime
Jesus, Jesus
Jesus when the sun goes down.

The Collect for Pentecost: God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

Spirit of truth, come to your Church. Fill us with love. Guide us in holding to your commandments.

Spirit of truth, come to the nations. Lead those who govern to build communities in which all may prosper.

Spirit of truth, come to our relationships. Move between us to strengthen the bonds which unite, and heal the wounds that divide.

Spirit of truth, come to all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens. Refresh us all with hope, faith and love.

Spirit of truth, come to the darkness of death. Make light to dawn for those whose hearts are weighed down with grief. May we all come to rejoice in your presence.

And may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and strength now and always.

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 666

The Spirit lives to set us free,
Walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
Walk, walk, in the light. (refrain)

Walk in the light
Walk in the light
Walk in the light
Walk in the light of the Lord

Jesus promised life to all
Walk, walk, in the light.
The dead were wakened by his call.
Walk, walk, in the light. (Refrain)

We know his death was not the end
Walk, walk in the light
He gave his Spirit to be our friend
Walk, walk in the light (refrain)

The Spirit lives in you and me,
Walk, walk in the light.
His light will shine for all to see,
Walk, walk, in the light.

Walk in the light
Walk in the light
Walk in the light
Walk in the light of the Lord

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