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January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

January is a time for reviewing church finances and planning for the coming year.

At Deanery level Martin and I sit on the finance committee. The good news is that between all the churches, the Deanery met its payments to Salisbury Diocese, central Church of England finances ( which includes training future clergy) local costs of running the Deanery and clergy stipends and pensions. In all that amounts to just over £800,000 per year. St. Clement and St. Nicholas played their part, paying their share in full- £57,000. Martin will be briefing us all in more detail about our church accounts once they have been audited. The preliminary results are very positive. In a year when many households have faced challenges it is encouraging that collections, gift day and bank transfers were on budget allowing St. Clement to match expenditure with income. Caldwell Hall made a surplus and its hall rental income is forecast to be higher this year allowing us to keep it in good order and add to building reserves. Apart from losing its roof St. Nicholas also had a good year and made a significant contribution to our ability to pay share.

Thank you to everyone for playing a part in this. Jacqueline Richomme looks after the St. Clement covenants and has recently sent out the tax forms to sign. If you pay Jersey tax and give to the church by cash, card or transfer please think about covenanting. It adds 25% to your giving and if circumstances change and you give less than you planned you just write in the lower number. Only the donor and Jacqueline are involved so it is all very private. In all we claimed £13,000 tax back on regular giving and gift day so it makes a significant difference. As was very clear over Christmas, time and talents are also crucial to the ministry of the church so thank you for those gifts as well.

We hope you are keeping well,

David

## Family Service January 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 with welcome

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 20

**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 this land the Spirit is moving**

**All over this land**

**As the prophets said it would be.**

**All over this land 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 Welcome and Bible**

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 66**

**Be still and know that I am God**

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**Be still and know that I am God.**

**I am the Lord that healeth thee**

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**I am the Lord that healeth thee.**

**In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.**

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**The First reading is taken from Colossians Chapter 1, beginning to read at the fifteenth verse Colossians, Chapter 1, 15-20**

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

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 1 1-14)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

**Reflection David** Christmas is surely over and here we are again with the reading we use at midnight and Christmas Day. A fortnight ago we were thinking of the baptism of Jesus as an adult but we have moved back in time again as this Sunday is designated as 'The presentation of Christ in the Temple'. Mary and Joseph followed the Jewish rules and 40 days after the birth, if they could, parents would bring the baby to the Temple. We have a visual link with our Christmas celebrations with the use of candles as the remembrance of this event was celebrated from the sixth century on February 2nd in the feast of Candlemas. Candles were blessed and carried. In turn this evolved in France into La Chandeleur with crepes being given out. Candles and crepes in the midst of dark, rainy, cold days - sounds like this feast needs reviving a bit and a good excuse to rehearse recipes for Shrove Tuesday which this year is on 13th February.

## **CA 162**

**Father, I place into your hands  
The things I cannot do,  
Father, I place into your hands  
The things that I've been through  
Father, I place into your hands  
The way that I should go,  
For I know I always can trust you.**

**Father, I place into your hands  
My friends and family  
Father, I place into your hands  
The things that trouble me.  
Father I place into your hands  
The person I would be  
For I know I always can trust you.**

**Father, we love to see your face,  
We love to hear your voice,  
Father, we love to sing your praise  
And in your name rejoice  
Father, we love to walk with you**

And in your presence rest,  
For we know we always can trust you.

Father, I want to be with you  
And do the things you do.  
Father, I want to speak the words  
That you are speaking too.  
Father, I want to love the ones  
That you will draw to you,  
For I know that I am one with you.

**The Collect for the fourth Sunday of Epiphany:** Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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

Let us say a prayer for those who need to be remembered today:  
*After each sentence, offer a prayer ...*

Those who have made the news headlines because of what they have done or said ...

Those who have been brought to our attention through a meeting or conversation ..

Those who are in hospital, in care, or in a place which is strange to them ...

Those in whose family, marriage or close relationship, there is stress or a break-up ...

Those who are waiting for a birth, or a word which someone else must say ...

Those who need to forget the God they do not believe in and meet the God who believes in them  
...

Those whose love or need we should not forget to share with God ...

Lord, we believe that you hear our prayer and will be faithful to your promise to answer us.

**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

**A & M 800**

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul

*And I will trust in you alone,  
And I will trust in you alone,  
For your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness  
And he anoints my head with oil  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights. (Refrain)

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one.  
For you are with me, and your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

*And I will trust in you alone,  
And I will trust in you alone,  
For your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

### **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	<b>We send to the cross of Christ</b>
All our difficulties	<b>We send to the cross of Christ</b>
All the devils works	<b>We send to the cross of Christ</b>
All our hopes	<b>We set on the risen Christ</b>

### **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