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March 13th , 2024

NOTICES

Thursday March 14th: 12noon to 1.30pm The fourth of the five Lent Lunches.
The Lent Lunch this week will raise money for Les Amis.

Sunday March 17th: 9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas (by candlelight as electricity is still off:
10.30am Holy Communion at St Clement

Thursday March 21st: 12noon to 1.30pm Last of the five Lent Lunches. The final one will raise money for Sanctuary Trust

Sunday March 24th: 9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas (by candlelight as electricity is still off:
10.30am Palm Sunday Family Service with Baptism

Dear friends of St. Clement and St. Nicholas,

After some of the fiercest storms we can remember and the sound of rushing wind in St Clement (the organ) I finally have some spring like news. Helped by weather more suited to climbing around on a roof we can see some real progress at St. Nicholas.

Unlike the old tiles which relied on gravity and a limited number of nails ,(many falling off in high winds) every one of the new tiles is fixed with a stainless steel system which will resist future storms. The organ builder has also confirmed he has booked accommodation for two weeks at the end of July to rebuild the 120 year old leather sections of the organ at St Clement.



As you read this I will be in Salisbury for a Deanery clergy visit which will include services in the cathedral and talks and meetings with people from Salisbury Diocese.

Last Thursday the Lent Lunch raised an amazing **£470 for Mission to Seafarers** and over 40 lunches were served with a choice of five delicious soups.

This Thursday is for Les Amis. Do support if you can by attendance or donation.

We hope you are keeping well,

David

**St Clement Parish Church, Service of Holy Communion,
March 17th 2024
The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

CA 379

**Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us
o'er the worlds tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing ev'ry blessing
if our God our Father be.**

**Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know,
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe:
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.**

**Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavn'ly joy,
love with ev'ry passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.**

**Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
and also with you.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the Inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the

only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. 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.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, Heav'nly King, Almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent: Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 First Reading is taken from Jeremiah Chapter 31, beginning to read at the 31st verse (Jeremiah 31 31-34)

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to^[d] them, declares the LORD. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

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

A&M 140

**All ye who seek for sure relief
in trouble and distress,
whatever sorrow vex the mind
or guilt the soul oppress;**

**Jesus who gave himself for you
upon the cross to die,
opens to you his sacred heart:
O to that heart draw nigh.**

**Ye hear how kindly he invites;
ye hear his words so blest:
'All ye that labour come to me,
and I will give you rest.**

**O Jesus, joy of saints on high,
thou hope of sinners here,
attracted by those loving words
to thee we lift our prayer.**

**Wash, thou our wounds in that dear blood
which from thy heart doth flow;
a new and contrite heart on all
Who cry to thee bestow.**

The Gospel Reading Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 12 20-33)
Glory to you, O Lord.

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me. "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up^[a] from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

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

Sermon: Martin: Jesus says: "when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself". It's an odd expression. When (in the book of Numbers) the Israelites were dying from snakebites in the desert during their flight from Egypt, God commanded Moses to nail a bronze snake to a pole and lift it up so that anyone who looked upon it would live. Jesus would also bring life by being raised up on a cross. The cross is not an add-on to the Christian faith: it is the way to eternal life. The grain has to fall to the ground before it will produce seeds. Seeing Jesus is not enough: we have to decide to follow him, and in order to follow him, we have to love him, and the Cross shows us the love of God. I pray that as we journey through Holy Week, we will resolve to follow Jesus knowing that the reconciling and renewing love of God will be at work in our lives. It's a love that Jeremiah foresaw in our first reading when he saw a time when God would put his law in people's minds and write it on their hearts.

As we gaze upon Jesus lifted up on the cross this Easter, I pray that we may come to realise the extent of God's love for us and that we may be transformed by it and, like Jesus, shine as a light in the darkness of our world.

The Creed: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession: Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

You come to meet us, O Lord, long before we search for you. May your Church be a precious gateway to encountering your presence and glory ... may we grow in faith and love and witness to your love in our lives.

You come to meet us, O Lord, amidst the struggles and tensions of life. Give all people courage to stand for justice and peace. We pray for the people of Gaza and Israel. May weapons be laid down and may people make decisions for peace and reconciliation.

You come to meet us, O Lord, in moments of faithfulness and failure. Give us grace to confront the darkness within and to embrace your new life. We pray for all people held captive by unhelpful thoughts, addiction or by anything that prevents them living to their potential.

You come to meet us, O Lord, in strength and weakness. As you shared our frailty, give comfort to all who are suffering, in mind, in body, in spirit. May your healing peace meet them at their point of deepest need.

You come to meet us, O Lord, in your cross and resurrection. Draw to yourself all who have died. Comfort the grieving and, when it is our time, receive us into your kingdom where we shall know as we are known.

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

The Peace: Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

All: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

A&M 448

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

The Lord be with you. **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread,* and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,* he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit * that this bread and

this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer: 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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayers after Communion: Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

We sing the FINAL HYMN CA 104

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning
Saviour, Master, King
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,
Hear us as we sing:**

***Yours the glory and the crown
The high renown, th'eternal name.***

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Pow'r and majesty concealing
by your humble birth: *(refrain)***

**Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified: *(Refrain)***

**Priestly King, enthroned for ever
high in heav'n above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love *(Refrain)***

**So our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long
ceaselessly upon you gazing
this shall be our song**

***Yours the glory and the crown
The high renown, th'eternal name.***

We say the Grace together: **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.**