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May 16th, 2024

Dear Friends of St Clement and St Nicholas

NOTICES OF SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK:

Sunday May 19th : 9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

10.30am Holy Communion at St Clement

12.15pm Baptism

Sue and I attended Simon's Town Methodist Church on our recent holiday in the Western Cape and on the second Sunday, the minister began the service by asking whether there were any visitors in the congregation. We looked at each other and decided not to put up our hands! Of course we were visitors, but the Holy Spirit that first came upon Jesus's disciples at Pentecost transforms all who believe in Jesus into children of God. As St Paul said, "And by him (the Holy Spirit) we cry 'Abba, Father.'" Sadly, family ties are not guarantees of sweetness and light, but it is because of the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost that we can say "We welcome you into the fellowship of faith. We are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you," words that will be spoken during the baptism of Grace Perry after our Sunday service.

On a completely different subject, some of you will know that Robert Sharp has volunteered to take over from me as treasurer. The handover has taken much longer than we expected as the result of changing our bank mandate and Internet banking but "T" (treasurer's) Day has finally come – Sunday 19th May! We will mark the occasion at the end of the service before we sing the final hymn. This is an important ministry in the life of the church, and I am very grateful that Robert has offered his time and talents. Thank you, Robert!

We hope you are keeping well. Martin

ECCLESIASTICAL MEETING: TUESDAY MAY 28th

An Ecclesiastical Assembly will be held at St Clément's Parish Hall on Tuesday 28 May 2024 at 7.00pm to:

1. Receive and, if approved, adopt the Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Assembly held on 26 May 2022.
2. Approve the Churchwardens' Accounts for the period 1st April 2023 to December 31st, 2023 previously examined by the Committee appointed for that purpose.

The reason for these changes is that the year end for Trésor has changed from 31st March to 31st December, so the accounts to be approved are for a nine-month period.

3. Elect Church Officers for the year 2024 - 2025
4. Name a committee to examine the Churchwardens' Accounts for the year 2024
5. Revised plans for - the churchyard storage sheds will be presented for approval and agreement to apply for planning permission and a faculty

The meeting will be followed by a short congregational meeting for St. Clement and St Nicholas to approve the 2023 accounts and appoint representatives to Deanery Committees.'

Welcome to St Clement Church Service of Holy Communion May 19th, 2024

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 illumining.**

**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.**

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 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

**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. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of

them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

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. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"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. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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

A & M 247

**Holy Spirit, gift bestower,
breathe into our hearts today.
Flowing water, dove that hovers,
Holy Spirit, guide our way.
Love inspirer, joy releaser,
Spirit, take our fears away.
Reconciler, peace restorer,
move among us while we pray.**

**Holy Spirit, Christ proclaimer,
wisdom bringer, light our way.
Fire that dances, wind that whispers,
Holy Spirit, come today.
Ease disturber, comfort bearer,
move among us while we pray.
Truth revealer, faith confirmer,
rest within our hearts today.**

The Gospel Reading: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John: (John 15 26-27; 16 4-15) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to

you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

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

Sermon: Martin The only place in the New Testament where the Holy Spirit is called ‘the Advocate’ is here in John’s Gospel, during what is known as the Farewell Discourse, which takes place at the Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples on the night before he died. The term ‘Advocate’ can be misleading, especially here in Jersey where it has legal connotations. It is a translation of the Greek word *parakletos*, which is a combination of *para* (beside, or alongside) and *kalein* (to call). So according to John, the Holy Spirit is a first responder, a person who attends the scene of an accident or emergency to provide expert assistance: think dialling 999 rather than engaging a lawyer! The disciples would have felt anxiety, fear and grief as it began to dawn on them that Jesus would shortly be leaving them. He had been their companion, comforter, aide, intercessor, guide, teacher and truth-speaker for three years. The Holy Spirit would be (and is) all of these things: a very present help in time of trouble, in the words of Psalm 46. This is Jesus’ Pentecost Promise, to us and to all that put their trust in him.

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: We sit or kneel
Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Holy Spirit, come to your Church. Refresh us. Renew us. Give courage to all who call upon your name and witness to your saving love.

Pray for all who cannot worship freely.

Holy Spirit, come to your world. Unite us. Where there is hatred, bring love, where there is darkness, light and where there is sadness, joy. Bring peace to troubled places.

Pray for Ukraine, Israel and Gaza

Holy Spirit, come to your creation. Renew the face of the earth with your life-giving presence. Give us renewed energy and passion to care for all that you have made.
Pray for all seeking to make life better for others.

Holy Spirit, come to your people. Bring comfort to all in any kind of distress or weakness.
Pray for people you know who are in pain, whether in mind, body or spirit.

Holy Spirit, 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 loving presence.
Pray for all you know who have been bereaved or are remembering an anniversary.

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

The Peace We stand to share 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.

CA 84

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that as you love, so may I love,
and do what you would do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure:
until my will is one with yours
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fulfil my heart's desire,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your heav'nly fire.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.**

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.

All sit or kneel: 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: We stand

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

Notices: 2023 Financial statements, appointment of Treasurer.

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.**

CA 245

**Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
taught by thee, we covet most
of thy gifts at Pentecost,
holy, heav'nly love.**

**Love is kind, and suffers long,
love is meek, and thinks no wrong,
love than death itself more strong;
therefore give us love.**

**Prophecy will fade away,
melting in the light of day;
love will ever with us stay;
therefore give us love.**

**Faith will vanish into sight
hope be emptied in delight;
love in heav'n will shine more bright;
therefore give us love.**

**Faith and hope and love we see
joining hand in hand agree;
but the greatest of the three,
and the best is love.**

**From the overshadowing
of thy gold and silver wing
shed on us, who to thee sing,
Holy, heav'nly love.**

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.**