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Note from Ian: the name of our account is the same as St Clement but rest assured the account states **St Nicholas** on all our bank statements and correspondence. Thank you.

***Please put something in the 'reference' box when using online banking, our treasurers will know what the payment is for and/or from whom, that is important. Thank you.***

**June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

This Saturday our Churchwardens and Almoners will be sworn in at the Ecclesiastical Court which is held each year in the Royal Court. It also meets in churches at other times of the year to consider faculty applications for church building projects. The oaths are in French which is a reminder of the unique relationship between civil and ecclesiastical parish. This is followed by a short service in the Town Church when the staves are given to the Churchwardens. One has a crown on the top and the other a bishop's mitre. As Crown appointments the Lt. Governor is always involved in the interviews for rectors and the Dean on behalf of the bishop. Everyone is very welcome to come along and support them, just gather in the Royal Square at about 9.45am.

The Dean often uses the event to celebrate the essential work of volunteers in the church. If every person who has a role were to be sworn in as well we would be there all day, so a thank you to everyone else including treasurers, all involved in music, covenants, flowers....

In case you are interested we are looking for people to help form a social events committee. Please see Carole Martin or suggest ideas to her.

We hope you are keeping well,

David

## NOTICES

**Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>** 10am. Swearing in of Church Wardens and Almoners at the Royal Court followed by a service at the Town Church.

**Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>: 7pm – 8.30pm:** His Excellency and Dr Karen Kyd will be hosting The King's Birthday Levée in the gardens of Government House.

There will be refreshments and entertainment to enjoy from Les Quennevais School Steel Band, music by La Ronde Concert Band, Marching Display and Beating of Retreat by the Band of The Island of Jersey and a 21 Gun Salute by the 1781 Jersey Militia.

In addition, there will be a 'special' demonstration by one of their sports groups

Please go along with your spouse or partner and any family members. There will be lots of parking available at St Saviour Parish Church Field and limited disability parking at Government House. This is always a lovely event to relax in beautiful surroundings and an opportunity to join His Excellency and his wife in celebrating His Majesty's Official Birthday.

### Welcome to St Clement Church, Service of Morning Worship June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

CA 16

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name,  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem

*and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.*

O Prophets faithful to his word,  
In matters great and small,  
Who made his voice of justice heard

*now crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.*

All sinners, now redeemed by grace,  
Who heard your Saviour's call,  
Now robed in light before his face

*O crown him, crown him, crown him  
Crown him Lord of all.*

Let every people, every tongue  
To him their heart enthral:  
Lift high the universal song

*and crown him, crown him, crown him,  
Crown him Lord of all.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you. **and also with you.**

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

*We sit or kneel to confess our sins.*

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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.**

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, Lord our God, Creator and Redeemer of all; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world and in your great love fashioned us in your image. Now, through the deep waters of death, you have brought your people to new birth by raising your Son to life in triumph. May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

#### **A & M 644**

**God is Love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
Let creation sing before him,  
And exalt him with one voice .  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
he who spread the heav'ns above,  
he who breathes through all creation,  
he is Love, eternal Love.**

**God is Love: and he enfoldeth  
All the world in one embrace;  
With unfailing grasp he holdeth  
Every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
Under sorrow's iron rod,  
Then they find the selfsame aching  
Deep within the heart of God.**

**God is Love: and though with blindness  
Sin afflicts the souls of all,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
Holds and guides us when we fall.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
O'er us final triumph gain;**

**God is Love, so Love for ever  
O'er the universe must reign.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*We keep silence We say the Old Testament Canticle*

**Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty. Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all. Riches and honour come from you and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; yours it is to give power and strength to all. And now we give you thanks, our God, and praise your glorious name. For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. 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.**

**The First Reading is taken from Genesis, Chapter 3 beginning to read at the eighth verse (Genesis 3 8-15)**

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.'"

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

**We stand to sing the Gospel Canticle (Thy hand, O God, has guided CA689)**

**O bless the God of Israel,  
who comes to set us free,  
who visits and redeems us  
and grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy,  
of rescue and release;  
God shall fulfil the promise  
to bring our people peace.**

**Now from the house of David  
a child of grace is given;  
a Saviour comes among us  
to raise us up to heaven.  
Before him goes the herald,  
forerunner in the way,  
the prophet of salvation,  
the messenger of Day.**

**Where once were fear and darkness  
the sun begins to rise —  
the dawning of forgiveness  
upon the sinner's eyes,  
to guide the feet of pilgrims  
along the paths of peace:  
O bless our God and Saviour,  
with songs that never cease!**

### **The Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. (Mark 3 20-35)  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin. He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit." Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

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

**Reflection: Martin.** Jesus' statement, that those who were seated in a circle around him were his mother and brothers, sounds as if he was speaking out against his biological mother and brothers, but this cannot be right. He must surely have been targeting the teachers of the Law who had come down from Jerusalem, who had accused him of being demon-possessed. The question Jesus had in mind is who does and who does not do the will of God. It has been estimated that in 2024, at least 64 countries representing 49% of the people of the world will be holding elections. The next time we in Jersey will have the opportunity to vote is in 2026. In a society that is dominated by experts, all of us constantly take decisions about how far we trust the authorities. Shouldn't Jesus' criticism of the authorities of his day be a benchmark for us in how we relate to our 'powers that be', both elected and non-elected?

We stand to sing the Creed *Abbot's Leigh* O the deep love of Jesus CA 538)

**We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.  
We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.  
We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end. 8.7.8.7.D**

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

Lord Jesus, crowds flocked to see you. Give us thankful hearts to praise you. Spend a little time giving thanks for something that raised your spirits this last week.

Lord Jesus, stand alongside leaders and elected representatives as they grapple with the pace of change around us. Give them a vision of your Kingdom to guide them. Spend a little time praying for people working for peace in the world and making sure the needs of the most vulnerable are met.

Lord Jesus you call us not just friends but members of your family. Look in compassion on your brothers and sisters in their need ... Spend a little time praying for people you know who are finding life difficult.

Lord Jesus, at the end of our lives bring us into your eternal presence. Give comfort to all who mourn. Spend a little time praying for people watching and waiting by the bedside of a friend or relative coming to the end of their lives and for those mourning the death of a loved one.

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

**The Collect for the Second Sunday After Trinity:** Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, 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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Lord the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory:  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set out hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your word, Lord,  
And let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
Shine on me, shine on me. (refrain)

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display our likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me. (refrain)

**The Blessing:** The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace; 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.**