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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.

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July 25th 2024

Dear Friends of St Clement and St Nicholas

Choosing leaders seems to be a theme of the moment. As the UK has begun to settle into a new government America has dominated the media. Back in Jersey interviews are going on as I type for the next rector of St. Brelade. You have to like taking weddings if you go there !

I am not entirely clear what attributes the American people will take into consideration when they vote for a president. They will only succeed if they make the right appointments to share in the government. Parishioners often have a long list. Our parish system tends to try and squeeze potential specialists into broad generalists when most of the skills and energy is already within the congregation and ministers linked with a church. As we remember St Brelade and St Aubin in our prayers let us also give thanks for everyone who gives of their time and expertise in St. Clement and St Nicholas.

We hope you are keeping well,
David

NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK

July 28th, 2024

9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas
10.30am Family Service with Baptisms



We celebrated 2 special 80th birthdays on Sunday.

The first was Margaret Figget whose birthday was Sunday 21st and Evelyn Tucker whose birthday was (Monday) 22nd July.

Happy Birthday was sung and flowers presented to the two of them.



New window being made for St Nicholas Church.

**Welcome to St Clements Parish Church
Family Service with Baptisms
July 28th, 2024**

CA 201

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising
keep me praising till the end of day.**

***Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!***

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting
give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting
keep me resting till the end of day. (refrain)**

**Give me love in my hearts, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving
keep me serving till the end of day. (refrain)**

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,
Keep me burning till the end of day. (refrain)

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. **All: Amen.**

Profession of Faith by all the congregation.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All; I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

A&M 389

*Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is the dove,
Teach us the truth and help us believe,
Show us the Saviour's love.*

You spoke to us long, long ago,
Gave us the written word;
We read it still, needing its truth,
Through it God's voice is heard. (Refrain)

Without your help we fail our Lord,
We cannot live his way;
We need your power, we need your strength,
Following Christ each day. (Refrain)

The Gospel Reading: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 6 1-21) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

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

Sermon: David When governments consider how to allocate what are often dismissed as 'hand outs' they will frequently try to impose limits. Age or income are obvious factors.

I was involved in the old parish welfare committee system. I doubt detailed minutes were kept but whether help was given was heavily influenced by opinions as much as a formula. In contrast the loaves and fishes are given out generously to everyone. No forms, no income limits, just have as much as you need - and more was left than they started with. It is a living parable of God's generosity. As we regularly pray 'forgive us our trespasses' let's remember the abundance of God's grace as we fulfill our part 'as we forgive those who trespass against us'. We no more deserve forgiveness than the hungry deserved to be fed. We are called to be part of God's generosity in how we forgive or give to others.

Parents and godparents come to the font.

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit; and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome these children and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God we will.

Parents and godparents the church receives these children with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.

Will you pray for them and walk with them in the way of Christ and draw them by your example into the life and worship of Christ's Church. **All: With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore, I ask you the parents and godparents:

Do you turn to Christ? **I turn to Christ**

Do you repent of your sins? **I repent of my Sins**

Do you renounce evil? **I renounce evil.**

Prayer over the Water: Heavenly Father now sanctify this water that by the power of your Holy Spirit they may be cleansed from Sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Baptism I baptise you the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Signing with the cross: Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.

After the Baptism Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen**

A Candle is presented. God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Welcome and Bibles 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.**

A&M 595

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

The Collect for the ninth Sunday after Trinity: Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Prayers of Intercession: Lord, your love surpasses all understanding. May we rejoice in it. Lord, transform our politics to serve your will and advance your peace. May storms of conflict pass and may humankind embrace peace. May your words of wisdom live on the lips of all peacemakers.

Lord your provision exceeds our need. Help us to share our plenty with others. Bless all who take food and medical provisions to the hungry. We pray for pregnant women living in places of conflict who are fearful for their lives and the lives of their unborn children. May they receive all they need today.

Lord, stretch out your hands to bless all who long for healing and release from their suffering.
Spend some time praying for people known to you who are struggling.

Lord, your love holds us through the darkness of death and grief. Comfort all travelling through seasons of tears. May they know the comfort of family, friends and strangers.
Spend a little time acknowledging God's love for you and pray for your needs over the coming week.

Prayers ending: Lord in your mercy **All: Hear our prayer.**

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

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 for ever and ever. Amen

CA 202

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, 'I am strong'
let the poor say I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us
And now let the weak say, 'I am strong',
let the poor say, 'I am rich',
because of what the Lord has done for us.
(Repeat from the beginning)
give thanks.**

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

KENYAN BLESSING

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**