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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.

July 4th, 2024

Dear Friends of St Clement and St Nicholas

A number of people have been laid low by a Covid outbreak - we hope you all feel well soon.

I am pleased to report that St. Nicholas is progressing well. Old water damaged wall boards are being replaced, there is a new fuse box - so electric lighting after weeks of candles - and the walls are painted.

Heritage Joinery have made two perfectly rounded windows to replace the one which exploded inwards and a matching one to replace the damaged and rotten one on the other side.

Meanwhile at St. Clement I am encouraging everyone to clear things out of the vestry ready for the organ repair firm who, on July 29th, will start a two week overhaul of the 100+ year old leather in the giant bellows and connections to the organ pipes, so we should be back to hearing the organ again, although the piano music has been lovely.

We hope you are keeping well,
David

Notices for this week – July 7th 9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

10.30am Holy Communion at St Clement

The Parish of St Clement, Service of Holy Communion July 7th, 2024

A&M 6

**Lord, as the day begins
lift up our hearts in praise;
take from us all our sins,
guard us in all our ways:
our every step direct and guide
that Christ in all be glorified!**

**Christ be in work and skill,
serving each other's need;
Christ be in thought and will,
Christ be in word and deed:
our minds be set on things above
in joy and peace, in faith and love.**

**Grant us the Spirit's strength,
teach us to walk his way;
so bring us all at length
safe to the close of day:
from hour to hour sustain and bless,
and let our song be thankfulness**

**Now as the day begins
make it the best of days
take from us all our sins
guard us in all our ways
our every step direct and guide
that Christ in all be glorified!**

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

Prayer of Preparation: **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.**

Prayer of Penitence 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 on 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, Heavenly 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 Sixth Sunday after Trinity: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 Ezekiel, Chapter 2, beginning to read at the first verse (Ezekiel 2 1-5)

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.' And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them

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

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**Word of God, renew your people,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
In this place and in this time.**

**Word of hope and Word of healing,
make us now your living sign.
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

**Word of peace and Word of justice,
make us now your living sign
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

**God alone the power we trust in,
make us now your living sign
Recreate us for your purpose
in this place and in this time.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (Mark 6 1-13)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph,^[a] Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

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

Reflection. **David** Rebellious x 3 , revolting , obstinate and stubborn. Well God did not pull any punches in his message to Ezekiel about the people of Israel. Make sure they get the message that they need to mend their ways and be certain that a prophet had been amongst them. If this year's ordinands are leading worship in churches as priests or deacons , following their ordination last week, then they have a pretty uncompromising Old Testament reading to base their sermon on. So maybe they will be tempted to skip that reading and use the reading from Corinthians , not a cheery one for someone at the start of ministry as it is describing Paul's life of insults and hardship. Ministry is not looking easy. So maybe the third reading will be more positive. If Paul was having a hard time in ministry we discover that even Jesus struggled . He warns them that people who knew them before their conversion might not take them seriously. Like the sower sowing the seed in the parable, just a small amount of ministry will yield fruit. Let us remember the newly ordained and their congregations. Let's hope words like revolting , obstinate , stubborn and rebellious do describe them. May they grow together in harmony being flexible to change and seek understanding between groups and generations .

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**

God of grace, fill your Church with all that makes for inspired living. Help your people to trust in you and be filled with faith.

Give to all in authority the wisdom and strength they need to match the hour ... especially for people who work for peace in seemingly impossible situations.

Remembering the twelve disciples who relied on the hospitality of others to sustain them, we pray for generous hearts to meet the needs of others. May our communities be places of welcome and care.

Remembering the twelve were sent out to heal the sick, pour out your healing Spirit on all in need. May we be instruments of your healing love. Spend a little time praying for people known to you who are suffering in any way.

God of grace, Jesus knew the love of family and friends. Be with all who mourn the loss of someone close to them. And we entrust all who have died into the hope of your life and love.

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, now and evermore.

Preparation of the Table:

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***Bread of life, hope of the world,
Jesus Christ, our brother:
Feed us now, give us life,
Lead us to one another.***

**As we proclaim your death,
as we recall your life,
we remember your promise
to return again. (Refrain)**

**Hold us in unity,
in love for all to see
that the world may believe in you
God of all who live. (Refrain)**

**You are the bread of peace,
you are the wine of joy
broken now for your people
poured in endless love. (Refrain)**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story. **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story **This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father for the food; he took bread; gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. This is our story: **This is our song; Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world. This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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.

Prayer before the Distribution:

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 God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Dismissal: 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**

THE FINAL HYMN A&M 477

**Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news to all the nations take:
Proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
That all the world his glorious praise may sing.**

**Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all,
He will in grace respond to all who call:
How shall they call if they have never heard
The gracious invitation of his word?**

**Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
Share God's good gifts – let no one be denied;
Live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose
Your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.**

**Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
Go till the nations his great name adore
And serve him, Lord and King for evermore.**

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.**