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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.

October 10th, 2024

Dear friends of St. Clement and St. Nicholas,

Thanks to a generous grant from Variety the toilets for the nursery in the hall behind St. Nicholas are being renewed. It was sad to hear that Mitchells Builders who were working on the job had gone out of business affecting a significant number of employees. Another builder has been appointed so the work can be finished. Apart from some minor electrical work the inside of St. Nicholas is back to where it was before the storm hit.

Time zooms by, it is almost a year since the tornado and many buildings have still to be fixed and as the parish magazine needs my Christmas service times this week and Mike our Sexton has just replenished the stocks of Christmas lights for the yew tree it feels as if we have left September well behind.

We hope you are keeping well,
David

Notices for this week – October 13th, 2024

9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church

10.30am Service of Morning Worship at St Clement

**Welcome to St Clement Church,
Service of Morning Worship**

October 13th, 2024

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**New ev'ry morning is the love
our wak'ning and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought
restored to life and pow'r and thought.**

**New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiv'n,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heav'n.**

**If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still, of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.**

**The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we need to ask,
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.**

**Only, O Lord, in thy dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and ev'ry day,
to live more nearly as we pray.**

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.

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**All I once held dear, built my life upon,
All this world reveres, and wars to own,
All I once though gain I have counted loss;
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.**

*Knowing you Jesus, knowing you,
There is no greater thing,
You're my all, you're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord.*

**Now my heart's desire is to know you more,
To be found in you and known as yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All- surpassing gift of righteousness. (Refrain)**

**Oh, to know the pow'r of your risen life,
And to know you in your sufferings.
To become like you in your death, my Lord,
So with you to live and never die (Refrain)**

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 Hebrews, Chapter four beginning to read at the twelfth verse (Hebrews 4 12-16)

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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

We stand to sing the Gospel Canticle (To the tune, O Jesus I have promised CA 503)

**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 10 17-31)

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother.'"

“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!” “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

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

Reflection: Martin The wealthy young man hadn’t done anything disgraceful like the Pharisees in last week’s gospel reading, which is why the question he put to Jesus about eternal life was so much more challenging. The Pharisees treated their wives as if they were possessions, to be disposed of as they thought fit. The encounter between the young man and Jesus is also about possessions, except that he was not able to give his up.

Attachment to possessions is a spiritual hazard, and we the people of God are better placed to understand this than the representatives of our secular society. This passage is traditionally called “the story of the rich young man”, but it should really called “the story of the smug disciples”, because they had given everything up to follow Jesus and were becoming self-righteous. Possessions or no possessions, God loves us equally with a love that is freely given, not earned.

We stand to sing the Creed: (To the tune Father, Lord of all creation CA 163)

**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.**

In our prayers this week pray for: Those who live in sight and sound of war and conflict and all whose injuries have changed their lives forever ...

Those who work in our banks and financial institutions ...

Those preparing themselves for university life and those looking for employment ...

Those whose days are restricted by their disability ...

Those whose care for another is exhausting them ...

Spend time praying for someone you know who is suffering in any way and for those grieving the loss of a loved one ...

And out of our gospel comes a prayer: May we learn to give out of our 'more than enough' to those with too little

Finally, 'Lord, let us be a channel of your blessing to others. We do not know how you will use our prayers, but we trust you absolutely, that we may play our part in your healing and redeeming work in the world'.

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

The Collect for the twentieth Sunday after Trinity God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 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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**O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me feel thee near me;
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;**

**My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer
And shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, thou hast promised,
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.**

**O let me see thy foot-marks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heav'n receive me,
My Saviour and my friend.**

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.**

Message from Pam: USED POSTAGE STAMPS. I appreciate that none of us receive as much mail with stamps on as we used to do be we all receive some. Please, if you are not collecting the stamps for another charity would you please save them for me. I used to trim them for the Leprosy Mission but since they gave up on stamps I am trimming them for **PARKINSON'S JERSEY**. Please leave a reasonable amount of envelope when you tear off the stamp.

THE LEPROSY MISSION. Before the pandemic, many of you had money boxes to fill with coins for the above charity. I appreciate that many of you do not use cash much these days but if you do and if you are willing, please ask me for a box so that you can make your contribution to a very worthy charity.

It is awful to know that 2000 years after our Lord, Leprosy is still a thriving problem.

Thank you. Pam