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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 31st, 2024

Dear Friends of St Clement and St Nicholas

Cut through the orange plastic and giant spiders webs and you find a season of remembrance. Giving thanks for all those we love and see no longer and a chance to remember inspiring Christians of the past. It is also a year on from one of the most powerful storms to hit Jersey, making its landing in St. Clement and wreaking havoc in the F.B. area.

The JEP came to photograph St. Nicholas which is as good as new after over £100,000 of restoration and a lot of hard work, skill and a very supportive Ecclesiastical Insurance. The ever resilient St. Nicholas congregation moved out for only a few weeks and then worshipped by the light and warmth of candles. Danny the roofer, Tim sourcing materials, Brett and his team at Heritage Joinery, Chad - electrics , Martin sorting the claims out and a particular thanks to Mike, Harry and Olly who were there from the very beginning as I perched on the roof handing down dislodged tiles whilst lodging the claim with the insurance company on my mobile. Mike was putting the finishing touches to the paintwork yesterday.

Please make a special effort to come to St. Nicholas on November 24th at 9am when the Bishop of Salisbury will bless the church at a combined service with St Clement (**no 10.30am service that day.**)

As you go through the area spare a thought for the surprising number of homes which are awaiting repairs or shrouded in scaffolding.

We hope you are keeping well,

David

Notices for this week – November 3rd, 2024

9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

10.30am Holy Communion at St Clement

Notices for next week: November 10th, 2024

NO service at St Clement Church. Instead please go to the Parish Hall for 10.50am Parish Hall Memorial Reading of names and at 11am Remembrance Service in the Parish Hall.

The Parish of St Clement, Service of Holy Communion November 3rd, 2024

A & M 308

**Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.**

**Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.**

**Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!**

**Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
The way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.**

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.**

Prayers 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 All Saints Day: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 Revelation, Chapter 21, beginning to read at the first verse (Revelation 21: 1-6)

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

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

A & M 300

**Glory to you, O God,
for all your saints in light,
who nobly waged and won
the fierce and well-fought fight.
Their praises sing,
who life outpoured
by fire and sword
for Christ their King.**

**Thanks be to you, O Lord,
for saints your Spirit stirred
in humble paths to live
your life and speak your word.
Unnumbered they
whose shining light**

**informs our sight
from day to day.**

**Lord God of truth and love,
'Your kingdom come', we pray
give us your grace to know
your truth and walk your way.
Your will be done
here on this earth,
till saints in earth
and heaven are one.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (John 11: 32-44)
Glory to you, O Lord.

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days."

Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

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

Reflection: Martin John says when Lazarus was raised from death it was like someone waking from sleep - everyone recognized him when they took off his grave clothes - but Jesus said that his resurrection would be more like what happens when a seed is planted. (John 12:24). This set me thinking: how difficult it is to recognize a seed when it's still a seed; and even when we see what the plant is, it's still not always easy to say what it is (thank goodness garden centres put helpful labels on their plants!)

This is what happened to Jesus: people didn't recognize him for who he really was (the Son of God), and when he was raised from the dead, many people still didn't recognize him. Mary thought he was the gardener, and Thomas refused to believe until he actually touched him. We don't always recognize the potential in each other. We are more inclined to see the shrunken, non-descript looking seed, not the beautiful life that lies within that God sees and loves. I find it really encouraging to think that we are All Saints, and I hope you do too.

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**

Prayers for All Saints: We give thanks for people past and present whose lives reflect God's ways and whose witness has inspired us to bear fruit. May we be filled with that same Spirit that blessed them and go on to bless others.

Search the hearts of the power-hungry and blood-thirsty for seeds of humanity and cause hearts to grow with compassion and peace. *Spend time praying for the Middle East and for Russia and Ukraine.*

We pray for people in pain and suffering and for those who will meet their needs today. *Pray for our health professionals in hospital and in surgeries all over the island. Pray for carers in a home-setting. Pray for carers at breaking point. Pray for people known to you who are unwell at this time.*

Jesus tells Martha she will see the 'glory of God'. In Revelation we read that God will wipe away tears and that death will be no more. Such big thoughts! Help us to rest in the knowledge that in the fullness of time all will be well.

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:

A&M 434

**Christ bids us break the bread
and share the cup he gave,
in token of the blood he shed
for those he died to save.**

**It was for us he came,
to bear, by human birth,
a crown of thorn, a cross of shame,
for every child on earth.**

**The Saviour crucified
in glory rose again:
we here remember him who died,
ascended now to reign.**

**Our hearts his word obey,
in thankfulness and love:
we feed on Christ by faith today
and feast on him above.**

**O Christ, once lifted up
that we might be forgiven
we take the bread and drink the cup
and share the life of heaven.**

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: God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**

A&M 296

**For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.**

Alleluia, alleluia.

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia, alleluia.

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia, alleluia

From earth's wide bounds, from oceans farthest coast
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Alleluia, alleluia.

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.**