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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.

November 13th, 2024

Dear friends of St. Clement and St. Nicholas,



Parishioners responded well to the change of arrangements for Remembrance Sunday. A few from St. Clement were welcomed at St. Nicholas and over 80 plus three dogs assembled outside the Parish Hall where Pat Troy read the Roll of Honour. We had only set up 40 chairs in the hall but needed about 65 and accompanied by Graham on the portable organ we had a short service and most stayed on for refreshments.

On the 24th we will have a combined service at St. Nicholas with the Bishop of Salisbury and just four weeks from now we begin Christmas festivities with the Happy Hatchlings nativity in St. Nicholas.



Another change we hope will go well is and our first Early Christingle on the 15th before the Carol service that evening - hopefully we will attract people who will be away at Christmas. Time seems to be rushing by !

We hope you are keeping well,

David

Pauline's dog Dolly, who behaved very well at both services.

Notices for this week – November 17th, 2024

9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

10.30am Holy Communion at St Clement

Welcome to St Clement Church Service of Holy Communion November 17th, 2024

A&M 740

**O changeless Christ, for ever new,
who walked our earthly ways,
still draw our hearts as once you drew
the hearts of other days.**

**As once you spoke by plain and hill
or taught by shore and sea,
so be today our teacher still,
O Christ of Galilee.**

**As wind and storm their Master heard
and his command fulfilled,
may troubled hearts receive your word,
the tempest-tossed be stilled.**

**And as of old to all who prayed
your healing hand was shown,
so be your touch upon us laid,
unseen but not unknown.**

**In broken bread, in wine outpoured,
your new and living way
proclaim to us, O risen Lord,
O Christ of this our day.**

**O changeless Christ, till life is past
your blessing still be given;
then bring us home, to taste at last
the timeless joys of heaven.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
and also with you.

**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.**

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 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.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, Heav'nly 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 second Sunday before Advent: Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 Daniel, Chapter 12, beginning to read at the first verse (Daniel 12 1-3)

“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise^[a] will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

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

A&M 669

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast':
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live':
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched,
my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all the day be bright':
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

The Gospel Reading: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
(Mark 13: 1-8) **Glory to you, O Lord**

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!" "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

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

Sermon. Tracy The lion's den, the writing on the wall, the fiery furnace; these are the stories that make exciting reading in the Book of Daniel. Our reading comes from the last chapter and it is here that we have reference to resurrection for the first time in the Old Testament, be it only for the Jewish nation. Daniel was exiled to Babylon as a young man. His life in Babylon was spent in positions of influence as he proved himself again and again to be a man of integrity who was eventually promoted to oversee those appointed as governors in Babylon. But not all wanted to follow Daniel's good example and looked for ways to bring him down a peg or two. What we learn from Daniel is that he remained faithful to the God of Israel and that he nurtured this relationship with regular times of communion. He prayed three times a day – which in itself got him into trouble – and out of it.

As we set aside time with the One who offers us loving presence every day we will build up provisions to help us through our lives and others. A little like the nurse who vaccinated me against flu the other week, teaching my immune system how to defend itself. As we wonder about the consequences of another four years of Trump in the White House and the air of unpredictability that surrounds him, it will be good to remind ourselves of the loving faithfulness of God – loving faithfulness that will never changes.

We might also remember and pray for our brothers and sisters who cannot openly profess their faith in Jesus because it will put their lives and their families at risk.

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.**

Give thanks for God's loving, faithful presence with us.

Pray for people living against the backdrop of death and destruction. May the still, small voice of peace, persevere in the heat of hate and greed.

(Continue to pray for the Middle East, for Ukraine and Russia.)

Pray for people who are holding on to their faith in God despite huge pressures around them to reject their faith.

(Pray for the people of North Korea where owning a Bible can get them killed Iran, where becoming a Christian is illegal and Afghanistan, where the discovery of faith in Christ can be a death sentence.)

Pray for our Chief Minister and the team around him. For our deputies in this parish and for all who support us when we need help.

Pray for our families and friends and all in need.

Pray for people we know who have been bereaved and who are at the beginning of their journey without their loved one.

And at the end 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 evermore. Amen.

A & M 454

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with all, fasting alone,
living, dying, rising again;
love, only love is his way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood'.
Love, only love, is his sign. (refrain)

Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this' he said, lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'
Love, only love, is his news. (refrain)

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
Sisters and brothers, parents and kin.
Love, only love, is his name. (refrain)

Love is his name, love is his law,
Hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another; I have loved you.'
Love, only love, is his law. (refrain)

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one;
love, only love, is his word.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.*

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

All sit or kneel: 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.**

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.

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 Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.

Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others;

we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

CA 205

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded.
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.**

**Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which he gives them when we pray.**

**Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
fading is the worldling's pleasure,
boasted pomp and empty show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.**

We say the Grace together:

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.