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***March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025***

Dear friends of St. Clement and St. Nicholas,

Rather like the people stuck in space recently, I hear snippets of news as I circulate around the parish but feel slightly apart from planet St. Clement and drifting towards the tunnel as I try to leave as little as possible on the pending tray. I do get the impression that the recruitment process has started far more efficiently than any diocese as the deanery is keen to fill vacancies quickly rather than see it as an opportunity to save money - ( despite research showing a gap of over six months has a long term cost ). Unlike any normal organisation the C of E has a convention of not advertising until the clergy are out of the church door - very strange –

I think Martin can fill you in on where they are up to - but I am not supposed to know !

What I do know is that there is an event at St. Aubin - see below .

I hope you are keeping well,

David

### **Exhibition of Bosdet Cartoons, St Aubin on the Hill, Tuesday 1st to Sunday 6th April**

The Glass Rainbow Trust will be holding the third of our exhibitions of restored Bosdet cartoons, this time of cartoons created for the windows at St Aubin on the Hill. The previous exhibition prompted generous coverage in the Church Times.

The Marriage at Cana window which fills the west gable of the church facing the road, is the largest and one of the finest of Bosdet's windows in Jersey. We are delighted to be displaying 9 cartoons from that window, including 4 cartoons 11 feet high depicting the main lights, together with the original watercolour of the design approved by the Ecclesiastical Court.

16 restored works of art will be on display making this the largest of our three exhibitions made possible by the generosity of The Jersey Community Foundation, and the support of Jersey Heritage, La Société Jersiaise, the Rector of St Brelade and the church community at St Aubin's.

**DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD BY ONE HOUR AT  
1am on March 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Welcome to St Clement Church  
Family Service for Mothering Sunday**

**March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Lent Lunch in Caldwell Hall. Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Noon – 1.30pm**

Delicious homemade soup, bread and cheese, fresh fruit, tea and coffee.  
**Minimum donation of £5 per person. Proceeds for Missions to Seafarers**

**A&M 136**

**Fathers and Mothers  
sisters and brothers,  
all those who love us  
for whom we care:  
help and befriend them.  
keep and defend them,  
Jesus our Saviour,  
this is our prayer.**

**And for those others,  
fathers and mothers,  
children who hunger,  
they must be fed:  
we would be caring,  
readily sharing,  
one with another  
our daily bread.**

**Sisters and brothers  
fathers and mothers,  
we who together  
offer our praise:  
hear our thanksgiving,  
God ever living,  
may we walk with you  
all of our days.**

Today we celebrate Mothering Sunday, traditionally the day people returned to their "Mother Church" where they had been baptised, to the place where they had been nurtured, loved and formed into the ways of God.

Today we celebrate mothers too, and all who have been like mothers to us.

And so we say together:

For the care of mothers; **Thanks be to God.**

For their patience when tested; **Thanks be to God.**

For their love when tired; **Thanks be to God.**

For their hope when despairing; **Thanks be to God.**

For their service without limit; **Thanks be to God.**

God is like a loving father and a loving mother who forgives us when we forget that we have a loving parent in heaven. Who is with us, and will forgive us when we do not love and when we hurt others in what we do or fail to do.

Let us then show our love for God by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

God we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

God, forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of the needs of others ;

God, forgive us **Save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do, and think and say;

God, forgive us **Save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

God, , forgive us. **Save us and help us.**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us declare our Faith in God

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

**A & M 137**

**God of Eve and God of Mary,  
God of love and mother-earth,  
thank you for the ones who with us  
shared their life and gave us birth.**

**As you came to earth in Jesus,  
so you come to us today;  
you are present in the caring  
that prepares us for life's way.**

**Thank you that the Church, our Mother  
gives us bread and fills our cup,  
and the comfort of the Spirit  
warms our hearts and lifts us up.**

**Thank you for belonging, shelter,  
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,  
and for those who have no children,  
yet are parents under God.**

**God of Eve and God of Mary,  
Christ our brother, human Son,  
Spirit, caring like a Mother,  
take our love and make us one!**

### **The Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke: (Luke 2 33-35)  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

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

**Sermon: David** This week an incident involving the RAF attracted more letters to the editor than most international outrages .  
It was the partial destruction of a national icon. Not by inaccurate bombing but two drunken aircraft men attacking a Paddington sculpture on a park bench. They were fined and given community service but I thought the best punishment advocated by readers was a ' hard stare' ! Paddington won the hearts of many including Queen Elizabeth. The creation conjures up images of childhood innocence . Aunt Lucy and then the Brown family took on the role of parent and were frequently exasperated and kept busy clearing up after a succession of calamities as the innocent bear explored the confusing world. Mothering Sunday is a lovely day for us to remember and give thanks for mothers and all who have cared for us. Loving us despite the chaos and mistakes. If I was their commanding officer I think I would instruct them to contemplate their heinous crime with a marmalade sandwich every breakfast.

### **A&M 184**

**For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies**

***Lord of all to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r  
Sun and moon and stars of light.**

*Lord of all to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise*

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
Pleasures pure and undefiled.

*Lord of all to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise*

For each perfect gift of thine  
To our race so freely giv'n  
Graces human and divine,  
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n

*Lord of all to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise*

For thy church which evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Off'ring up on ev'ry shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love:

*Lord of all to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.*

**The Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent:** God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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** Prayers ending: Lord in your mercy **All: Hear our Prayer**  
We give thanks for the Church and for the Bible where we discover the mother's heart of God. May we in turn learn how to encourage and care for one another and through our witness make known the good news of Jesus and his love.

We pray for our mothers and all who care for and nurture others. As they model God's compassion, may they also be filled with God's peace, even in the midst of challenges.

We pray for mothers who have lost their children through the violence of conflict and for children who have lost their mothers. And we remember mothers living through present conflicts .. Gaza, Ukraine, the Congo, Sudan ... we pray for all struggling to find food, water and medicine for their children.

We pray for women who long for children and children who long for mothers. We pray for people whose mothers were not able to look after them and for mothers who feel guilty that they are unable to look after their children.

We pray for people we know who are suffering, who are weary, who have lost hope.  
*A little time for your own prayers.*

God, you are like a mother bear, or a mother hen, whose nature is to comfort. Wrap your loving arms around all who need to know a mother's love.

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 forever and ever. Amen.

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Now thank we all our God,  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was is now,  
and shall be 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

**The 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.