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April 10th, 2025

Dear friends of St. Clement and St. Nicholas,



Spring has certainly arrived. The magnolias are amazing this year and if the peach trees in my retirement garden yielded as much fruit as the blossom in the picture here of one of them I will be sitting by the roadside selling trays as they do in France. Despite the blossom this tree yielded only couple of small fruit last year. Advice please !

Do come to the Ecclesiastical Assembly on Thursday in the Parish Hall at 7pm. It is important that we support this meeting as it accepts the accounts of the grant we receive from the parish and in the parish it mirrors the parish annual assembly, so I chair and the Connetable sits with me and visa versa.

We were reminded at a clergy day in St. Brelade, last Monday, by Bishop Andrew (who is a suffragan bishop in Salisbury) that the origins of the word parish and parishioner pre date by centuries parish as civil administration which grew out of and alongside the church parishes. The origin of the word is the people living beyond the city walls. Being part of the mainstream

society but at times detached. I point out from time to time that in terms even just of their financial contributions, Anglican parishioners are the most dedicated of any group in their support of the parish system. The Lt. Governor spoke in the afternoon and thanked the churches for all they do in their communities. The way people inter act with the church might be very different to former years with sparse regular attendance but record numbers at Christmas but as I say goodbye to groups like Le Squez Youth Club, which I have chaired for many years, it is clear that people appreciate the church being around. A coachload of very small children arrived from Samares School on Thursday and had great fun exploring the church, 'playing' the organ and running around the

Meadow and woodland. The day before an older group in the school had demonstrated a knowledge about Holy Week which I suspect is well above most adults in the parish. R.E. is very much part of the curriculum and the teachers report that it is one of their favorite subjects.

Over £500 was raised at a packed Lent Lunch for Mission to Seafarers - congratulations and thanks to all involved.

The final one this week is on **FRIDAY in the PARISH HALL** do come and enjoy excellent food, company and support Citizen's Advice. Bring friends , it's a very big venue.

We hope you are keeping well and we will see you at Palm Sunday services.

David

**Welcome to St Clement's Parish Church
Palm Sunday Family Service with Baptism and welcome.**

April 13th, 2025

Notices for Holy Week:

6pm Maundy Thursday Service in St Clement Church

Good Friday 11am: Meadow Walk at St Clements Parish Church
(Not 10am as David has put in the L'Amarrage Parish Magazine)

2pm Hour before the cross at St Nicholas Church

CA 14

*All glory, laud and honour,
To thee, Redeemer King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest
the King and blessed one. (Refrain)

The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortals, joined with all things
Created, make reply (Refrain)

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present (Refrain)

To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise. (Refrain)

**Thou didst accept their praises
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest
thou good and gracious King.**

***All Glory, laud and honour,
to thee, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.***

We remain standing and hold up our palms:

Minister: God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen**

**All: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Behold your king comes to you O Zion, meek and lowly, sitting upon a donkey. Ride on in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.

Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever; and the sceptre of your kingdom is a righteous sceptre.

You have loved righteousness and hated evil; therefore God, your God has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

**All: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Minister; This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Minister: We have come together as the Family of God in our Father's presence to offer him praise and thanksgiving; to listen to his holy word and to bring before him the needs of the world.

Today and in the week to come we remember Christ coming into his own city to complete his work as our saviour, to suffer, die and to rise again.

Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

The Collect for Palm Sunday: Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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**

And now we confess together: **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

Minister: 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**

Profession of Faith by all the congregation.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All; I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen

CA 972

**Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,
In power and wisdom for ever adored.
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;
Our joyful hosannas re-echo above.**

**Blessed, most blessed, all blessed is he
Whose life makes us whole, and whose
Death sets us free:
Who comes in the name of the Father of light
Let endless hosannas resound in the height.**

The Gospel Reading.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 22: 14-23: end)

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!" They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."

Ending: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Reflection: David You might imagine the obvious reading for this Sunday would be about Palm Sunday and Jesus riding into Jerusalem. Praises ring out - "Hosanna !" - Cloaks and palms

thrown down as for a king. A few grumbles reported but the mood is buoyant. Then next Sunday and we celebrate Jesus is risen "Alleluia !" with hot cross buns and delicious home made jam and far too much chocolate. But the majority of Christians skip the difficult part, barely aware of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. A little like my aunt who used to read the last pages of an Agatha Christie first and then read knowing who had done it, so we know the miraculous ending and skip the hard part.

I always thought it a bit odd that the 1662 Book of Common Prayer ignored Palm Sunday for the Sunday communion before Easter Day but maybe the selectors were being realistic. Few will come along to Maundy Thursday so let's make sure they don't forget where communion comes from because by Easter Day we will be too busy to look back.

The reading selected in fact goes on for so long we used to warn people to sit down if they had dodgy knees !

This year let us try and make the time to not only celebrate Palm Sunday but plan to follow on the journey through Holy Week and not skip round the hard bits to the joy of Easter Day. Communion on Thursday with Taize music sung by the choir then a walk with prayers **on Friday at 11am** (*Not 10am as David has put in the L'Amarrage Magazine*) in the Meadow finishing at the top of the woodland with hot drinks and hot cross buns or 2pm a reflective hour at St Nicholas. Hope to see you there.

Parents and godparents come to the font

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit; and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome this child and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God we will.

Parents and godparents the church receives this child with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.

Will you pray for him and walk with him in the way of Christ and draw him by your example into the life and worship of Christ's Church. **All: With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him

Therefore, I ask you the parents and godparents:

Do you turn to Christ? **I turn to Christ**

Do you repent of your sins? **I repent of my Sins**

Do you renounce evil? **I renounce evil.**

Prayer over the Water: Heavenly Father now sanctify this water that by the power of your Holy Spirit he may be cleansed from Sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may he walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Baptism I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Signing with the cross: Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.

After the Baptism Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen**

A Candle is presented. God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The Welcome and Bibles: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith. We are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

CA 201

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the end of day.**

***Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King.***

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting
give me peace in my heart, I pray
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting
keep me resting till the end of day. (refrain)**

**Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day. (refrain)**

**Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
give me oil in my lamp, I pray
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning
keep me burning till the break of day.**

***Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King.***

Prayers of intercession: The response to: **Lord in your mercy**

All: Hear our Prayer

Dear Lord, Fill your church with praise. Keep us steadfast in times of trouble and peace. May all who lead not abuse their position of power.

Give courage to all whose faithfulness is tested against popularity. Be with all who stare into the darkness of anxiety and pain.

Be alongside all who are bereaved.

Pray as you feel led - trusting that God will receive the prayers of your heart.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Minister: As Jesus taught his disciples so we pray: **The Lords 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.

A&M 164

**You are the King of glory,
you are the Prince of Peace,
you are the Lord of heaven and earth,
you're the Son of righteousness.
Angels bow down before you,
worship and adore,
for you have the words of eternal life,
you are Jesus Christ the Lord.**

***Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna to the King of Kings!
Glory in the highest heaven
for Jesus the Messiah reigns!***

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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: Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**