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April 2nd, 2025

Dear friends of St. Clement and St. Nicholas,

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who has helped or attended the Lent Lunches. Last Thursday raised over £300 for Riding for the Disabled . Excellent attendance and food. This Thursday is raising money for Mission to Seafarers. **Next week it has been changed to FRIDAY in the PARISH HALL.**

Only the day before in the Parish Hall on Thursday 10th at 7pm we will be holding our earliest Ecclesiastical Assembly in recent history so I can leave less for people to do after I have retired. This is the meeting we encourage everyone who supports the church to come along and elect church wardens - currently Evelyn Tucker and Tim Tindall and Almoners - currently Eileen Algate and Carole Martin. All posts are of course open to apply for but after a 20+ years Evelyn is retiring (but thankfully still keen to polish the church and make coffee). Do speak with the wardens or clergy if you want to know more.

As will be advertised in the JEP as usual this meeting will also accept the Tresor accounts which have been examined by the Constable and Procureurs and after this meeting we will have a congregational meeting to approve the church accounts and elect reps to Deanery Synod and confirm our safeguarding policy.

Please come along if you can.

We hope you are keeping well,

David

Welcome to St Clement's Parish Church Service of Holy Communion in Lent
Notices for this week: April 6th , 2025

9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church
10.30am Holy Communion at St Clement Church

12.15pm Baptism at St Clement Church

Final Lent Lunch at ST CLEMENTS PARISH HALL

Friday April 11th, 2025 Noon – 1.30pm

Delicious homemade soup, bread and cheese, fresh fruit, tea and coffee.

Minimum donation of £5 per person.
Proceeds Citizens Advice

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Lead us, heav'nly Father, lead us
o'er the worlds tempestuous sea'
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing ev'ry blessing
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
all our weakness thou dost know,
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heav'nly joy,
love with ev'ry passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

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.**

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

We sit or kneel

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.

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Lent: Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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**

Readings: *We sit for the first reading*

The First reading is taken from Philippians, Chapter 3 beginning to read at the fourth verse. (Philippians 3 4-14)

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in^[a] Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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

**'Forgive our sins as we forgive'
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.**

**How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs, and will not let
old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!**

**Lord cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease.
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.**

Gospel Reading: *We remain standing*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 12 1-8)

Glory to you, O Lord

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

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

Sermon: Tracy Paul was under house arrest in Rome when he penned his letter to the Philippians in Greece. We have a small part in front of us today.

'I press on towards the goal ...' I am immediately transported on to a football pitch (unlikely I know!) and the quest to be a part of the strategy to put the ball into the right net. What it will mean is watching the ball and paying close attention to where my team members are placed. I must not get distracted by thoughts of what I will do after the match, aching muscles, etc etc. No distractions are allowed. Nothing that will stop me focussing on the match in hand. However Paul was not talking about football but about our life in Christ. Our mission as Christians is to focus on Jesus. And Jesus invites us to participate in a life of generous loving. In this 'game' we will need to work together with others. It is a team event and everyone has a part to play.

Jersey Deanery Synod met on Tuesday night. There was much talk about how the Deanery was 'Making Jesus known' ... so that all might flourish and grow, seeking His kingdom, here and now'. There are some wonderful initiatives in the island including retreats specifically for men to help meet mental health needs, the provision of 'baby basics' to meet the needs of new mums struggling with the financial impact of having a baby and the employment of someone to visit our residential and nursing homes with the aim of setting up 'Anna Chaplains' – people who visit and offer spiritual care, encouraging older people to see that they still have a place in the community – still have some part to play.

These initiatives have come from prayerful reflection. Perhaps in our own prayers and in talking with each other we might consider ways that our community of St. Clement might meet some of the needs around us. We have our wonderful natural cemetery and 'Len's Wood'. Is there something creative we can do with that? Or perhaps some of you might consider becoming 'Anna Chaplains'? Thinking and praying caps on!

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.**

As Mary anointed Jesus may our lives of loving and caring be like a fragrant perfume.
As Jesus said we will always have the poor with us, may we be generous with all that we have been given.

Spend some time praying for people living with constant conflict and a lack of food, water and medicine.

Remember those working to free people from rubble after the earthquake in Myanmar and all who watch and wait.

As Martha served at table ensuring guests were fed, may we be hospitable people.
As people searched Jesus out because of healing miracles, we pray for healing miracles in the lives of those we know.

Spend time praying for people known to you.

We give thanks for loved ones no longer with us and pray for all who need to know the comfort of love as they grieve.

Spend time praying for people who are grieving and give thanks that through the life and death of Jesus we can know eternal life.

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*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. 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.

Preparation of the Table

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**Glory be to Jesus,
who, in bitter pains,
poured for me the life-blood
from his sacred veins.**

**Grace and life eternal
in that blood I find;
blest be his compassion
infinitely kind.**

**Blest through endless ages
be the precious stream,
which form endless torments
did the world redeem.**

**Oft as earth exulting
wafts its praise on high,
angel-hosts rejoicing
make their glad reply.**

**Lift ye then your voices;
swell the mighty flood
louder still and louder
praise the precious blood.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

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 indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance; that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and mind we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and saying:

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.

We sit or kneel

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

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.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion: 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.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Please come forward to receive communion.

Prayers after Communion: Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **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 Dismissal: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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.**

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**Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him
for he is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm,
or when fainting sustaineth.
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
if to the end he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in us adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him.
Let the "Amen"
sound from his people again
gladly for ay we adore him.**

**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.**