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**July 31st, 2025**

**Dear Friends of St Clement & St Nicholas**

A big thank you to all of you who were involved in any way with the selection process for our new Rector on Monday and Tuesday this week. Tracy and I were really pleased with the way that it went, and it was all rounded off by a magnificent reception in the Caldwell Hall.  It was good to see so many people there. I feel that together we gave the three candidates and the Selection Committee what they needed to make the choice.  Please respect the Dean’s request not to discuss outside of our fellowship until the announcement has been made, which hopefully won’t be long, but there are formalities to attend to.

**We were planning our second LITE (Lunch in the East) on Tuesday 5th August, but we have decided to postpone it until we can find a suitable venue, as the Caldwell Hall is fully booked and St Nicholas doesn’t have the necessary catering facilities.  More news soon.**

As things begin to calm down, the Collect for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity (which you will find in this order of service) is a good reminder of what we are all about and what we need: love and goodness.

Best wishes

Martin

Welcome to St Clement Church

Service of Holy Communion

August 3rd, 2025

**CA 6**

**All creatures of our God and King.**

**lift up your voice and with us sing**

**alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,**

**thou silver moon with softer gleam:**

***O praise him, O praise him,***

***alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,**

**ye clouds that sail in heav’n along,**

**O praise him, alleluia!**

**Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,**

**ye lights of evening, find a voice.**

***O praise him, O praise him,***

***alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,**

**make music for thy Lord to hear,**

**alleluia, alleluia**

**Thou fire so masterful and bright,**

**that givest us both warmth and light:**

***O praise him, O praise him,***

***alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**Dear mother earth, who day by day**

**unfoldest blessings on our way,**

**O praise him, alleluia!**

**The flow’rs and fruits that in thee grow,**

**let them his glory also show.**

***O praise him, O praise him,***

***alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**Let all things their Creator bless,**

**And worship him in humbleness,**

**O praise him, alleluia!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,**

**And praise the Spirit, Three in One.**

***O praise him, O praise him,***

***alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

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; though 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.

*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.**

*We stand to say the Gloria in Excelsis:* **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 Seventh Sunday After Trinity:** Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 Ecclesiastes, Chapter 1, beginning to read at the second verse: 2,12-14, 2: 18-23**

Meaningless! Meaningless!”  says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless!     Everything is meaningless.”I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind!

I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun.

This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labour under the sun.

For a person may labour with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labour under the sun? All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

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

**A&M 502**

**Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name!**

**In works of sovereign power**

**come shake the earth again,**

**that all may see, and come with reverent fear**

**to the living God,**

**whose kingdom shall outlast the years.**

**Restore, O Lord, in all the earth your fame,**

**and in our time revive**

**the church that bears your name,**

**and in your anger, Lord, remember mercy,**

**O living god,**

**whose mercy shall outlast the years.**

**Bend us, O Lord, where we are hard and cold**

**in your refiners fire;**

**come purify the gold:**

**though suffering comes,**

**and evil crouches near,**

**still our living God**

**is reigning, he is reigning here.**

**Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name!**

**In works of sovereign power**

**come shake the earth again,**

**that all may see, and come with reverent fear**

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**whose kingdom shall outlast the years.**

**The Gospel Reading** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**(Luke 12: 13-21) Glory to you, O Lord.**

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

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

**Sermon: Tracy**: A couple of weeks ago Martha was distracted by the tasks that were piling up around her. Today a certain rich man is distracted by the wealth piling up around him. Both were prevented from focussing their eyes on the giver of good gifts; Martha by the tasks in front of her and the rich man by his abundant harvest. The writer of Ecclesiastes is mired in his thoughts. 'Meaningless, meaningless, utterly meaningless'. I can hear tones of Victor Meldrew, that bad tempered, grumpy, ever complaining man that appeared on our TV screens some years back. Our writer, who is thought to be King Solomon, is getting tangled up in his thoughts and irritations and the seeming unfairness of it all. Didn't he too, reap from the labour of those who had come before him? What comes out of this for us? Perhaps the best thing for us is to make the most of our blessings. In our eyes our blessings may pale into insignificance when measured against what we perceive as blessings in others' lives but we must take care because then we will become ungrateful for what we do have. Instead we must cherish and enjoy all that God has blessed us with today and share those blessings with others.

**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** Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Generous God, set our hearts at peace that we may trust in you for all that we need.

Generous God, we pray for farmers worried about their crops; for people worried about paying their bills, for people living with increasing debt. Lead them step by step to a place of security.

Generous God, we pray for starving peoples. Especially at this time for the people of Gaza. Work miracles in the hardened hearts of men and women so that the hungry will be fed and those in need of medical assistance will receive it.

Generous God, we pray for our community. May we do our best to support and encourage each other.

Generous God, your compassion extends throughout creation. Hear our prayers for all in any kind of need … Sustain them in their troubles and restore in them hope in you.

Generous God, you are the source and goal of all life. We lay before you all who have died and pray for all who mourn.  Draw us all to yourself we pray.

**The Parish Prayer: Lord God, we thank you that you know all our needs before we ask and that you go ahead to prepare the way for us. We pray for the person you have chosen to be our next Rector. May they respond gladly to your call. While we wait, send your Holy Spirit to help us to be patient, to build us up in faith and love, and to equip us to serve you well with all our heart, soul, mid and strength.**

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 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 of 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 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.**

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**: Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  **Amen**

**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 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 625**

**Take my life, and let it be**

**consecrated, Lord, to thee;**

**take my moments and my days,**

**let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move**

**at the impulse of thy love;**

**take my feet, and let them be**

**swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing**

**always, only, for my King;**

**take my lips, and let them be**

**filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold;**

**not a mite would I withhold;**

**take my intellect, and use**

**ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine,**

**it shall be no longer mine;**

**take my heart: it is thine own;**

**it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour**

**at thy feet its treasure-store;**

**take myself, and I will be**

**ever, only, al for thee.**

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.**

**Notices for next week:**

**Tuesday August 5th: No LITE (Lunch in the east)** due to Caldwell Hall being fully booked in August.

Information will be given for the next one in September

**Sunday August 10th:**

9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church

10.30am Morning Worship at St Clement Church

1pm Wedding and Baptism at St Clement Church