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**July 24th, 2025**

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

Stephen Covey wrote a hugely popular business and self-help book in 1989 called “the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People”. It became so popular that Bill Clinton invited him to the White House to advise him how he could incorporate it into his presidency. In his book, he coined the phrase “The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.”  He thought that keeping your focus and efforts on your most important goals would help you to accomplish them. This phrase was ringing in my ears when Tracy preached on our Gospel reading last Sunday, the story of Mary and Martha.  She said that it wasn’t a question of choosing contemplation over action, but of focusing on the main thing: Jesus.  Many of us have been involved in one way or another in the preparations for Monday 28th July, when we will get to meet the three candidates for the next Rector of St Clement.  Making sure that the day goes well is of course hugely important, but I think that the main thing is to follow the advice of John the Divine, who wrote the Book of Revelation: “Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the church.”  May we meet the candidates with open ears, eyes, hearts and minds, and may we all (including those of us who cannot be there on Monday) pray for wisdom and discernment for the Selection Committee.

Martin

**Notices: Tomorrow Monday July 28th at 5.45pm Reception in Caldwell Hall to meet the candidates for Rector**

**Sunday August 3rd: 9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church**

**10.30am Holy Communion at St Clement Parish Church.**

**Welcome to St Clements Parish Church**

**Family Service with Baptism**

**July 27th, 2025**

**CA 564**

**Praise him, praise him,**

**praise him in the morning,**

**praise him in the noontime,**

**Praise him, praise him,**

**praise him when the sun goes down.**

**Love him, love him,**

**love him in the morning,**

**love him in the noontime,**

**Love him, love him,**

**love him when the sun goes down.**

**Trust him, trust him,**

**trust him in the morning,**

**trust him in the noontime,**

**trust him, trust him,**

**trust him when the sun goes down.**

**Serve him, serve him,**

**serve him in the morning,**

**serve him in the noontime,**

**serve him, serve him,**

**serve him when the sun goes down.**

**Jesus, Jesus,**

**Jesus in the morning,**

**Jesus in the noontime,**

**Jesus, Jesus**

**Jesus when the sun goes down.**

**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. **All: 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**

**A&M 274**

**Father, we adore you,**

**lay our lives before you:**

**how we love you.**

**Jesus, we adore you,**

**lay our lives before you:**

**how we love you.**

**Spirit, we adore you,**

**lay our lives before you:**

**how we love you.**

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

(Luke 11 1-13) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“‘Father hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.”

Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacityhe will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks fora fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

**Sermon: Robin Dupre**

**Our Father……**

Right at the start of the Lord’s Prayer, God the Father is addressed in familiar and familial terms which in English is captured by “Daddy”. If you find this too casual it is partly because the traditional language Lord’s Prayer always sounds very formal because it is archaic language.

One of the lay leaders in the Methodist Church told me how this hit home to her one Sunday. She works in the conveyancing department of one of the legal firms so is fluent and confident in French. Having identified several other French speakers in the congregation she announced that they would sing the second hymn in French. I assume they had the words in their hymn book - it was a country parish!

It was half way through the second verse when it suddenly struck her that they were addressing God with the 'tu' form not the 'vous' form. “Generations of school teachers had hammered in to me that you only use 'tu' for members of your close family, small children and the family pet, and here we were using it to address God.”

By this use of family language Jesus invites his followers to share something of his own relationship his Father, and the communion this relationship creates in the world. Every time we pray we attempt to open ourselves more fully to that direct relationship with God that Jesus knew. One where we have a conversation, and, as in most conversations, spend about half the time listening.

**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 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 Bible*** 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 736**

**When I needed a neighbour,**

**were you there, were your there?**

**When I needed a neighbour.**

**were you there?**

***And the creed and the colour***

***and the name wont matter,***

***were you there?***

**I was hungry and thirsty,**

**were you there, were you there?**

**I was hungry and thirsty,**

**were you there?**

***And the creed and the colour***

***and the name wont matter,***

***were you there?***

**I was cold, I was naked,**

**were you there, were you there?**

**I was cold, I was naked,**

**were you there?**

***And the creed and the colour***

***and the name wont matter,***

***were you there?***

**When I needed a shelter,**

**were you there, were you there,**

**When I needed a shelter,**

**were you there?**

***And the creed and the colour***

***and the name wont matter,***

***Were you there?***

**When I needed a healer,**

**were you there, were you there?**

**When I needed a healer,**

**were you there?**

***And the creed and the colour***

***and the name wont matter,***

***were you there.***

**Wherever you travel,**

**I’ll be there, I’ll be there,**

**wherever you travel,**

**I’ll be there.**

***And the creed and the colour***

***and the name wont matter,***

***I’ll be there.***

**The Collect for the sixth Sunday after Trinity.** Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you

that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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:**

Heavenly Father, help us to witness to the love we find in Jesus and show us how to build up your church in the world.

You have made a world where all may be fed. Please help us to share our riches with those who have little.

May we never take for granted the natural beauty of our island home and be inspired to look after it.

May the riches of your peace permeate to all living with war and conflict. *Please continue to pray for the people of Gaza and Ukraine.*

Give courage and strength to all who speak up for the vulnerable and weak and may justice come for all who find themselves exploited by others.

You are always ready to hear the cry of those who call out to you. Pour out your blessing on all who suffer.

Heavenly Father, our life is bound up with your life. Hold us all our days and bring us at the last to know the deepness of your love. May all who mourn know the comfort of love.

Prayers ending: Lord in your mercy **All: Hear our prayer.**

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

**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.**

**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 for ever and ever. Amen**

**CA 676**

**This is the day, this is the day**

**that the Lord has made,**

**that the Lord has made;**

**we will rejoice, we will rejoice**

**and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that the Lord has made,**

**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**This is the day, this is the day**

**that the Lord has made.**

**This is the day, this is the day,**

**when he rose again,**

**when he rose again,**

**we will rejoice, we will rejoice**

**and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day when he rose again,**

**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**This is the day, this is the day,**

**when he rose again.**

**This is the day, this is the day,**

**when the Spirit came,**

**when the Spirit came,**

**we will rejoice, we will rejoice**

**and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day when the Spirit came;**

**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**This is the day, this is the day**

**when the Spirit came.**

**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**

**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**