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July 3rd, 2025

Dear Friends of St Clement & St Nicholas

I began this letter from Blagdon, Somerset with the sound of the occasional whirr of helicopters taking off from Glastonbury on a very warm Summer's day – although not quite as warm as in Jersey! You have been sizzling!

Over the last two weeks we visited Berry Head in Devon where Henry Lyte received inspiration for his hymn 'Abide with me' and driven passed the rock near Blagdon, Somerset that inspired Augustus Toplady to pen 'Rock of Ages'. We have worshipped with the saints in Cornwall and Somerset and as is often the case discovered various links that bind us together. The best link of all is that we can trace our Christian heritage back to the seventy-two people who went out two by two (so says Mark in his gospel) to let people know the good news of the kingdom of heaven. Today our brothers and sisters in Jesus number some 2.4 billion people – all tracing their links to two of those seventy two. That speaks into the loving generosity that people have found through the outworking of the words and works of Jesus that have power to change lives in meaningful ways.

Let us find encouragement in that as we continue to pray for our life together under the banner of St. Clement and for our new Rector-to-be.

Tracy

Notices for next week: July 13th, 2025

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

CA 227

God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of thy face; shine upon us, Saviour, shine, fill thy Church, with light divine; and thy saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.

Let all thy people praise thee, Lord; be by all that live adored; let the nations shout and sing glory to their Saviour King; at thy feet their tribute pay, and thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord; earth shall then her fruits afford; God to us his blessing give, we to God devoted live; all below, and all above, one in joy and light and love.

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 Third Sunday After Trinity: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 Galatians, Chapter 6, beginning to read at the first verse. (Galatians 6: 1-16)

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load. Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

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

CA 686

Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me, with me exhalt his name; when in distress to him I called, he to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around the dwellings of the just; deliv'rance he affords to all who on his succour trust.

O make but trial of his love; experience will decide how blest are they, and only they, who in his truth confide.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear; make you his service your delight, your wants shall be his care.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore, be glory as it was, is now and shall be evermore.

The Gospel Reading Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (Luke 10 1-11, 16-20) Glory to you, O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road

"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.

"Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me."

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

Sermon: Tracy: When we returned from holiday our patch of green was a sea of dancing cat's ears, some gaily distributing seeds with abandon!

'A man reaps what he sows'. Or, as the Message translation of the Bible says 'what a person plants, he will harvest'. Obvious really. Plant anger and you will receive anger. What are the seeds in our lives? I think they cover what we do, what we think, what we say and what we pray. At the moment we are waiting for the seeds of our prayers for the life of St. Clement under new leadership to sprout – hopefully we will not have much longer to wait! However many, many of our prayers will lie before us, seemingly unanswered. We must take heart. Often we do not see the little stem, the tiny bud until it is caught in a certain light. Then we say, how could we have missed it? Our often small acts of love, our sometimes clumsy prayers, all coming from the heart, will reap a crop. Remember the words of Jesus 'those who hear the word, retain it and by persevering, produce a crop. We must wait patiently and carry on with our planting and tending. And going back to my letter, keep in mind those seventy two disciples have so far produced a crop of over 2 billion people who put their trust in Jesus.

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.

Lord, you bid us proclaim peace and announce your kingdom. Strengthen your Church for this ministry. Equip us with the necessary gifts to inspire people to know and love you.

Lord, you invite your followers to sit light to material possessions. Help us not to be chasing after wealth and status. Give to all who guide the nations wisdom to shape the common good and be just and compassionate to all.

Lord, you declared that workers deserve fair pay for their labours. May all find a place in this world and contribute to the well-being of society. Give courage to all who work for fair conditions of employment.

Lord, you sent out disciples to cure the sick. Bind up our wounds of body and mind. Give hope in suffering and help us to rest in your love.

Lord, your love extends beyond length of days. Reach into the depths of our sorrow and raise us to the brightness of heaven.

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.

CA 456

My God, and is thy table spread, and does thy cup with love o'erflow? Thither be all thy children led, and let them all thy sweetness know.

Hail, sacred feast, which Jesus makes! Rich banquet of his flesh and blood! Thrice happy all, who here partake that sacred stream, that heav'nly food.

What wondrous love! What perfect grace, for Jesus, our exalted host, invites us to this special place who offer least and need the most.

O let thy table honoured be, and furnished well with joyful guests; and may each soul salvation see, that here its sacred pledges tastes.

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 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: O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 238

Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, awake!
God's saving news
to all the nations take:
proclaim Christ Jesus
Saviour, Lord and King,
that all the world
his worthy praise may sing.

Go forth and tell!
God's love embraces all;
he will in grace
respond to all who call;
how shall they call
if they have never heard
the gracious invitation
of his word?

Go forth and tell!
where still the darkness lies;
in wealth or want,
the sinner surely dies:
give us, O Lord,
concern of heart and mind,
a love like yours
which cares for humankind.

Go forth and tell!
the doors are open wide;
share God's good gifts –
let no one be denied;
live out your life
as Christ your Lord shall choose,
your ransomed pow'rs
for his sole glory use.

Go forth and tell!
O Church of God, arise!
Go in strength
which Christ your Lord supplies;
go till all nations
his great name adore
and serve him, Lord and King,
for evermore.

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.