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**August 28th, 2025**

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

I had the pleasure of sitting next to Winston Le Brun at the lunch following the Visite Royale on 20th August, who was for many years an *arpenteur* (French for someone who measures land), an essential role in the Jersey legal system, including for the Royal Court as it undertook its duties on the day.  He told me that in the past, every legal practice would have had its own *arpenteur* but these days there are fewer of them, although encouragingly, there are three currently in training.  He also reminded me that there are 11 inches in a Jersey foot, or *pied de perche*, and thatit was essential to know which units of measurement (Imperial or Jersey), were being used in a contract of sale: let the buyer beware!  The Collect for today, the eleventh Sunday after Trinity, is a prayer for God to grant us a measure of his grace that we may receive his promises.  Fortunately, we have a God who never short-changes us or uses dodgy units of measurement.  Grace is freely given not carefully weighed out. As our second hymn puts it, “Immortal love, for ever full, for ever flowing free, for ever shared, for ever whole, a never-ebbing sea.”

Sad news to report from the Myatt family: John died on Monday. John and Brenda were involved for many years in the life of our church and were much loved.

Best wishes

Martin

**Welcome to St Clements Parish Church**

**Service of Holy Communion**

**August 31st, 2025**

**A&M 362**

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs,**

**with angels round the throne;**

**ten thousand thousand are their tongues,**

**but all their joys are one.**

**‘Worthy the Lamb that died; they cry,**

**‘to be exalted thus’;**

**‘Worthy the Lamb, our lips reply,**

**‘for he was slain for us’.**

**Jesus is worthy to receive**

**honour and power divine;**

**and blessings, more than we can give,**

**be, Lord for ever thine.**

**Let all that dwell above the sky,**

**and air, and earth, and seas,**

**conspire to lift thy glories high,**

**and speak thine endless praise.**

**The whole creation joins in one**

**to bless the sacred name**

**of him that sits upon the throne,**

**and to adore the Lamb.**

**The Greeting:**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
**and also with you.**

**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 Preparation:**

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 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.**

*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 Collect for the Eleventh Sunday After Trinity**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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**

*We sit for the First Reading*

**The First Reading is taken from Hebrews, Chapter thirteen, beginning to read at the first verse**

**(Hebrews 13, 1-8, 15-16)**

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you;  never will I forsake you.”[So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.    What can mere mortals do to me?”

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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

**CA 315**

**Immortal love, for ever full,**

**for ever flowing free,**

**for ever shared, for ever whole,**

**a never-ebbing sea.**

**Our outward lips confess the name**

**all other names above;**

**love only knoweth whence it came**

**and comprehendeth love.**

**O warm, sweet, tender, even yet**

**a present help is he;**

**and faith has still its Olivet,**

**and love its Galilee.**

**The healing of his seamless dress**

**is by our beds of pain;**

**we touch him in life’s throng and press,**

**and we are whole again.**

**Through him the first fond prayers are said**

**our lips of childhood frame;**

**the last low whispers of our dead**

**are burdened with his name.**

**Alone, O love ineffable,**

**thy saving name is giv’n;**

**to turn aside from thee is hell,**

**to walk with thee is heav’n.**

**The Gospel Reading** We remain standing

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

**(Luke 14 1, 7-14) Glory to you, O Lord.**

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable:

“When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. 1But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests.

For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

**Sermon: Tracy:** Parable of the Dinner Party by Michael Coffey

She entered the party like a caped queen

her heels lifting herself up to thinner air

almost to where she wanted to be

she saw the table spread with boutique finery

charcuterie and artisanal cheeses and duck liver pate

red and white and bubbling wine for every course

she approached the gathering and saw on the far end

the out-of-fashioned, the rough handed and wrong spoken

the servants and migrants who picked the butter lettuce

on the near end she saw well-labelled suits

handbags with leather and metal clasps

that look of confidence in the eyes of the highly educated

she saw one chair near her with those of her kind

she sat and mingled and sipped wine and laughed controllably

and knew which fork to use for the appetizer

the host came and thanked her for taking

the seat at this end and assured her warm-voiced

that someday, she too, could join him at the other

**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.**

*We sit or kneel:* Generous God, may we be generous and hospitable people welcoming all as if your Son.

Give us leaders who are mindful that they have been chosen to serve the needs of the people.

Be with all who are fearful of the future – those living with the constant sights and sounds of war and conflict, those living with illness, both physical and mental. May your light shine in dark places.

We remember those close to us who have died. May all come to hear you invite us into your nearer presence.

**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 James who you have chosen to be our next Rector. May you bless James, together with Katie and their family with all they need at this time and may you build us up in faith and love to serve you well with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. Amen**

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 67**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,**

**the Holy One, is here.**

**Come, bow before him now,**

**with reverence and fear.**

**In him no sin is found,**

**we stand on holy ground.**

**Be still for the presence of the Lord,**

**the Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord**

**Is shining all around;**

**he burns with holy fire,**

**with splendour he is crowned.**

**How awesome is the sight,**

**our radiant King of light!**

**Be still for the glory of the Lord**

**is shining all around.**

**Be still for the power of the Lord**

**is moving in this place;**

**he comes to cleanse and heal,**

**to minister his grace.**

**No work too hard for him,**

**in faith receive from him.**

**Be still for the power of the Lord**

**is moving in this place.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread,\* and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,\* he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit \* that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**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.**

**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**: *We stand*

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Father of all,we give you thanks and praise,that when we were still far offyou 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**

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.**

**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.**

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**Forth in the peace of Christ we go;**

**Christ to the world with joy we bring;**

**Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,**

**Christ in our hearts, the world’s true King.**

**King of our hearts, Christ reigns in us;**

**kingship with him his servants gain;**

**with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,**

**Christ’s world we serve to share Christ’s reign.**

**Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth**

**this world of time to consecrate,**

**our world of sin by grace to heal,**

**Christ’s world in Christ to re-create.**

**Prophets of Christ, we hear his word:**

**he claims our minds, to search his ways;**

**he claims our lips, to speak his truth,**

**he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.**

**We are his Church, he makes us one:**

**here is one hearth for all to find;**

**here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;**

**here is one faith, one heart, one mind.**

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: September 7th, 2025**

**9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church**

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