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**September 18th, 2025**

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

I have decided to cut right back on my paid work with effect from the end of September in order to concentrate on being Ministre Desservant of St Clement’s Church while we wait for James our new Rector.  The words of Jesus in this Sunday’s gospel reading (“No one can serve two masters”) have really struck a chord with me!  However, I won’t be able to describe myself as “nearly retired”.  Being Ministre Desservant has been a challenge, but also a privilege. The Apostle Paul told the Galatians to “carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2).  I am so very grateful to all of you who in big or small ways have enabled me to take on the challenge.

Martin

**Welcome to St Clements Parish Church**

**Service of Holy Communion**

**September 21st, 2025**

**Dates for your diary**

**HARVEST WEEKEND**

**Thursday 25th – Sunday 28th September**

Mike and Dacia have been working hard, planning for opportunities for us to be together and to help others. They are:

**Thursday 25th, 1-5pm Caldwell Hall Bake & Chat -**

**Friday 26th, 10–12.30pm Caldwell Hall MacMillan's Jersey Greatest Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 27th, 10-12pm in Church Preparation for Harvest**

**Harvest Festival, St Clement's Family Service - Sunday 28th 10.30am**

To this end it will be really helpful if Mike and Dee can get some idea of how many can help and what can be supplied.

If you would like to get involved in any way please let Jayne, Tracy or Martin know.

**CA12**

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus,**

**His the sceptre, his the throne;**

**Alleluia, his the triumph,**

**His the victory alone:**

**Hark, the songs of peaceful Sion**

**Thunder like a mighty flood:**

**Jesus, out of ev’ry nation,**

**Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia, not as orphans**

**Are we left in sorrow now;**

**Alleluia, he is near us,**

**Faith believes, nor questions how;**

**Though the cloud from sight received him**

**When the forty days were o’er**

**Shall our hearts forget his promise,**

**‘I am with you evermore’?**

**Alleluia, bread of angels,**

**Here on earth our food our stay;**

**Alleluia, here the sinful**

**Come to you from day to day.**

**Intercessor, friend of sinners,**

**Earth’s redeemer, plead for me,**

**Where the songs of all the sinless**

**Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia, King eternal,**

**He the Lord of lords we own;**

**Alleluia, born of Mary,**

**Earth his footstool, heav’n his throne;**

**He within the veil has entered**

**Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;**

**He on earth both priest and victim**

**In the Eucharistic Feast.**

**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 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**: Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills

to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 Amos, Chapter 8, beginning to read at the fourth verse**

Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, saying, “When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?”— skimping on the measure,  boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat.The Lord has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done. *Amos 8 4-7*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**A&M 602**

**Blest are the pure in heart,**

**For they shall see our God;**

**The secret of the Lord is theirs,**

**Their soul is Christ’s abode.**

**The Lord, who left the heavens**

**Our life and peace to bring,**

**To dwell in lowliness with men,**

**Their pattern and their King;**

**Still to the lowly soul**

**He doth himself impart,**

**And for his dwelling and his throne**

**Chooseth the pure in heart.**

**Lord, we thy presence seek;**

**May ours this blessing be;**

**Giv us a pure and lowly heart,**

**A temple meet for thee.**

**The Gospel Reading** We remain standing

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke%2016&version=NIV#fen-NIV-25628b)] of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon: Martin** The gospel reading deals with a subject that is as difficult today as it was back in the time of Jesus: forgiveness.  In fact, it might be more difficult, as we have so many more rules and regulations to keep and so many more opportunities to break them.  The Rehabilitation of Offenders (Jersey) Law, 2001 is the legislation that governs the declaration of criminal convictions.  Under this law there are some convictions that can never be spent. Perhaps this is right for the protection of society, but striking the balance between the interests of the many and the interests of the few is never going to be easy.  When it comes to individuals and families, we all know how the lack of forgiveness can be very long lasting, sometimes running down the generations.  But without forgiveness, there will be no future. The gift that the church can give to the world is the insight that the only way out of the present hatred in the world is grace. The task we have been given, of making known God’s unending love, demands that we take whatever steps are necessary.  It may be shocking, and the numbers won’t add up, but it is Good News for a fearful, angry and unforgiving world.

**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*

***Prayers of Intercession***:

Lord, sustain us with your presence.

Guide all nations in the way of peace and justice.

Fix our hearts where true and lasting treasures may be found.

Quieten the hearts of all in distress. Heal the sick and comfort the weary.

May those who grieve find hope in your love.

Fill us with your peace.

**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 38**

**An upper room did our Lord prepare**

**For those he loved until the end:**

**And his disciples still gather there,**

**To celebrate their risen friend.**

**A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:**

**To share his bread, his loving cup.**

**Whatever burdens may bow us down,**

**He by his cross shall lift us up.**

**And after supper he washed their feet**

**For service, too, is sacrament.**

**In him our joy shall be made complete –**

**Sent out to serve, as he was sent.**

**No end there is! We depart in peace,**

**He loves beyond our uttermost:**

**In ev’ry room in our Father’s house**

**He will be there, as Lord and host.**

**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**: Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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.**

**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 loyal throne.**

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

**At thy feet its treasure – store**

**Take myself, and I will be**

**Ever, only, all 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.**