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**October 16th, 2025**

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

Double entry bookkeeping requires all the debit entries to exactly equal the credit entries. The debits are traditionally supposed to be nearest the door and the credits nearest the window. This piece of advice was no help to me earlier in the week, when a trial balance I was working on wouldn’t balance, despite my best efforts.  These included dividing the difference by 9 (indicating a transposition error) and looking for a transaction that equalled the difference (indicating a missing or a duplicate entry). I am embarrassed to admit that it always gives me a thrill when I discover the difference and have the satisfaction of saying to myself “it balances!” Advent Sunday (30th November this year) traditionally marks the start of a season of reflection, during which we are encouraged to examine our lives and amend them where necessary to prepare for the coming of our Saviour. Most (all?) of us have things that are out of balance in our lives that can do with being identified and addressed.  Let’s never forget the inspiration of Scripture that Paul speaks of in this Sunday’s first reading as an invaluable aid to living a balanced life**.**

Best wishes

Martin

**A thank you letter from the Grace Trust;**

To all at St Clements Church, thank you so much for your Harvest donation this year. This is always such a boost to our supply and stock for the Grace Trust Foodbank. Thank you for your concern for those struggling in Jersey right now. We are of course seeing a good number of people coming our way, for some it may be the first time that they have had to find where Lewis Street is.

We had 3,325 visits to the foodbank last year. We reckon that through the course of a year

In all our projects and foodbank we see and help at least 750 people. We would struggle to reach this many without your support. In every sense this wonderful, some working, some not, sad, funny, struggling, bewildered, chaotic community are all part of your congregation too.

Also and more importantly, we know that Harvest time is a time of recognising where our provision truly comes from. Acknowledging what the Lord has done. May you be blessed this season as a Church and individually may you *“*Ponder anew what the Almighty can do”

In Jesus name.

Vini – General Manager

Grace Trust.

**Welcome to St Clements Parish Church**

**Service of Holy Communion**

**October 19th , 2025**

**A&M 765**

**Praise to the Lord,**

**the Almighty, the King of creation;**

**O my soul, praise him,**

**for he is thy health and salvation:**

**all ye who hear,**

**now to his temple draw near,**

**joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord,**

**who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,**

**shieldeth thee gently from harm,**

**or when fainting sustaineth:**

**hast thou not seen**

**how thy heart’s wishes have been**

**granted in what he ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord,**

**who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;**

**surely his goodness and mercy**

**shall daily attend thee:**

**ponder anew**

**what the Almighty can do,**

**if to the end he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord!**

**O let all that is in me adore him!**

**All that hath life and breath,**

**come now with praises before him!**

**Let the ‘Amen’**

**sound from his people again:**

**gladly for aye we adore him!**

**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 eighteenth Sunday after Trinity:** Almighty and everlasting God,

increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy;

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 2 Timothy, Chapter 3, beginning to read at the 14th verse.**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. *2 Timothy 3:14-4:5*

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

**A&M 711**

**Like a mighty river flowing,**

**like a flower in beauty growing**

**far beyond all human knowing**

**is the perfect peace of God.**

**Like the hills serene and even,**

**like the coursing clouds of heaven,**

**like the heart that’s been forgiven**

**is the perfect peace of God.**

**Like the summer breezes playing,**

**like the tall trees softly swaying,**

**like the lips of silent praying**

**is the perfect peace of God.**

**Like the morning sun ascended**

**like the scents of evening blended**

**like a friendship never ended**

**is the perfect peace of God.**

**Like the azure ocean swelling**

**like the jewel all-excelling**

**far beyond our human telling**

**is the perfect peace of God.**

**The Gospel Reading** We remain standing

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth? *Luke 18 1-8*

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

**Sermon: Martin.** The Pastoral Epistles (1 & 2 Timothy and Titus) may have been written to specific individuals, but they have been invaluable to generations of Christians ever since.  They stress faith rather than evangelism, Jewish heritage, the centrality of salvation, the importance of a clearly formulated faith and good church order. Here we see theology and ethics all mixed up together! Our passage contains the notorious reference to Scripture being “God breathed”, which many to this day take to mean that that it is infallible. But the passage as a whole is about inspiration: Paul seeking to inspire Timothy in his journey of faith.  Scripture is where Timothy can find food for the journey. Scripture, Paul says, makes people wise for salvation, and is useful for teaching and for equipping the student to live well as a Christian.  Scripture is whole food, not fast food.  Our passage ends with a warning that people will turn away from sound doctrine, and the remedy for Timothy, and for us, is to keep our heads: to keep calm and carry on, sustained by a wholesome diet of Scripture that has been inspired by God.

**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*

Watch over us Lord. Help us to know your presence.

Guide all who sit in judgement or whose political office gives responsibility over others.

Equip your church for the work to which you call it. May those who are persecuted for their faith in you know strength and courage.

May your abiding presence be known by all who cry out day and night.

Be with those who mourn and need comfort. Thank you for all whose lives have inspired us and whose memory fills us with love.

Watch over us Lord.

**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 whom 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.**

**A&M 421**

**All for Jesus, all for Jesus,**

**this our song shall ever be**

**for we have no hope, nor Saviour**

**if we have not hope in thee.**

**All for Jesus, thou wilt give us**

**strength to serve thee, hour by hour,**

**none can move us from thy presence**

**while we trust thy love and power.**

**All for Jesus, at thine altar**

**thou wilt give us sweet content;**

**there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee**

**in the solemn sacrament.**

**All for Jesus, thou hast loved us**

**all for Jesus, thou hast died;**

**all for Jesus, thou art with us**

**all for Jesus crucified.**

**All for Jesus, all for Jesus**

**this the church’s song must be,**

**till, at last, we all are gathered**

**one in love and one in thee.**

**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 praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:

for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **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.**

**A&M 757**

**One more step along the world I go,**

**one more step along the world I go;**

**from the old things to the new,**

**keep me travelling along with you.**

***And its from the old I travel to the new;***

***Keep me travelling along with you.***

**Round the corners of the world I turn**

**more and more about the world I learn**

**all the new things that I see**

**you’ll be looking at along with me. (Refrain)**

**As I travel through the bad and good**

**keep me travelling the way I should**

**where I see no way to go,**

**you’ll be showing me the way, I know. (Refrain)**

**Give me courage when the world is rough**

**keep me loving though the world is tough**

**leap and sing in all I do**

**keep me travelling along with you. (Refrain)**

**You are older than the world can be**

**you are younger than the life in me**

**ever old and ever new**

**keep me travelling along with you. (Refrain)**

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.**