

St Clement's Parish Church, Jersey



February 26th, 2026

Dear Church Family

We are writing this week's letter from Harrogate in North Yorkshire, where we are having an amazing time at the New Wine National Leaders' Conference - uplifting worship with 2,000 other church leaders, challenging talks, encouraging stories of what God is doing across the UK, and time to encounter God afresh for our lives and ministry.

One of the themes has been to 'choose to kneel' - pursuing a posture of dependence on our Heavenly Father and serving others unconditionally as Jesus served us. So as James mentioned last Sunday at the services, we would like to invite whoever would like to come to **'Pray at the Rectory' on each Sunday in March between 4 and 5pm**, starting this Sunday 1st March. We will simply open the Scriptures, and give plenty of space for prayer, as we seek his Heart for our lives, our church, our community and our future. If this resonates with something in your heart, just come for some or all of that time.

One other thing we would love to share with you this week, is an event we are going to hold on **Saturday 4th April between 2 - 4.30pm** (the Saturday between Good Friday & Easter Sunday) for families in our community - **an Easter Egg Hunt in the church and grounds, with Easter trail, all-ages activities and refreshments.**

We want to welcome people of all-ages, as we share the good news of Easter in very practical ways. It is an opportunity for all of us in our church family to be involved, from baking to serving refreshments, from welcoming to car parking, from manning activities to talking with people on the day, and of course, lots of prayer beforehand! So please listen out for ways you can be involved in simple mission with our community.

As we sang in one of the songs this evening - *"How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God, and all will see, how great, how great, is our God"*. We long for all in our community see how great our God is, but it starts with simple hospitality, welcome and showing we care.

I am sure we will have much more to share with you over the next few weeks from our time here in Harrogate, but for now have a great rest of your week.

With our love and prayers,

James & Katie.

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Welcome to St Clement's Parish Church Service of Holy Communion in Lent

March 1st, 2026

A&M 709

Light of the minds that know him,
may Christ be light to mine!
my sun is risen splendour,
my light of truth divine;
my guide in doubt and darkness,
my true and living way,
my clear light ever shining,
my dawn of heaven's day.

Life of the souls that love him,
may Christ be ours indeed!
the living bread from heaven
on whom our spirits feed;
who died for love of sinners
to bear our guilty load,
and make of life's brief journey
a new Emmaus road.

Strength of the wills that serve him,
may Christ be strength to me,
who stilled the storm and tempest,
who calmed the tossing sea,
his Spirit's power to move me,
his will to master mine,
his cross to carry daily
and conquer in his sign.

**May it be ours to know him
that we may truly love,
and loving, fully serve him
as serve the saints above;
till in that home of glory
with fadeless splendour bright,
we serve in perfect freedom
our strength, our life, our light.**

The Greeting

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; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession

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.

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.**

The Collect for the Second Sunday in Lent: Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent, may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in His Way may we come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A&M 621

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity
interpreted by love!
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm.
O still small voice of calm,

The First Reading

The first reading is taken from Romans, Chapter 4, beginning at verse 1 -

located in your bible on page 795

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

We remain standing

The second reading is taken from John chapter 3, beginning at verse 1 –

located in your bible on page 749

John 3: 1-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Sermon: *Tracy*

When Nicodemus made that night time journey to see Jesus he would not have realised that his secret meeting would become known to the world. We hear a little of their conversation but we are left wondering about its impact upon Nicodemus. Wind forward to the day of Jesus' crucifixion, when Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for Jesus' body in order to place it in his own tomb. With him, and in broad daylight, is Nicodemus, carrying a weight of myrrh and aloes to anoint the body. It seems that Nicodemus had reached the conclusion that Jesus' presence in his life had been blessing – treasure - gift, and that because of Jesus Nicodemus had been able to draw closer to the Father. Which was everything he wanted. During Lent let us draw closer to the Father through Jesus who told Nicodemus in no uncertain words, how much God loved the world. And that includes you and me.

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

Loving God,

Come to your Church and meet us as we seek to deepen our faith.

Help us to see each other as children of the same heavenly Father and to love each other. May we seek each other's good.

Increase in us your gift of grace and charity. Help us to meet each other's needs.

Be with all who long for reprieve in their sufferings. Restore hope in your healing presence.

Be with all who mourn. Speak words of life and love to them.

Lord, in your mercy. **hear our prayer.**

And at the end

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

The Peace

We stand to share the Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us share with one another a sign of God's peace...

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**Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, he is with us.
Break this bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here.**

*In this bread there is healing,
in this cup is life for ever.
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.*

**Here is grace, here is peace.
Christ is with us, he is with us;
know his grace, find his peace,
feast on Jesus here.**

In this bread.....

**Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, he is with us;
we'll proclaim, till he comes,
Jesus crucified.**

In this bread.....

The Communion Prayer:

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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 indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance; that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds, we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, 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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

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.

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.

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.

Amen.

Please come forward to receive communion.

Prayer after Communion:

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you 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.

A&M 510

**Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract of scare?
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.**

The Dismissal:

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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.

Notices for this week

Thursday March 5th Noon – 1.30pm
Lent Lunch in Caldwell Hall

Sunday March 8th, 2026

9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church

10.30am Morning Worship at St Clement Church

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