

# St Clement's Parish Church, Jersey



February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Dear Church Family,

It was so good to welcome many of you to the Rectory last Sunday afternoon, and really helpful for us to begin to put names to faces! We took real encouragement from seeing people from across the church family enjoying conversations together, with a real sense of community.

On the theme of community, one of the things the New Testament says we do when we gather together as a church community, is to serve one another, in our worship together. So at St Clement church, a simple way we can do this more, is to widen the pool of people who read the Bible readings and lead us in Prayer at our 10.30am service. So please have a think if you can be part of a team who serve us in this way - no prior experience is necessary; just willing hearts as followers of Jesus! There will be a sheet for you to sign up at the service this Sunday.

Please continue to pray for Katie as she attends the National Children's & Families Ministry Conference Thursday to Sunday this week (5th-8th Feb).

Lastly, if you left a grey coat at the Rectory last Sunday afternoon, we have kept it safe here, so please pop round to collect it when convenient for you.

With our love and prayers,

James & Katie."

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**Welcome to St Clement Parish Church  
Service of Morning Worship**

**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**A&M 676**

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains  
of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish;  
but naught changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you  
**and also with you.**

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear  
and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the  
forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the  
service of God.

*We sit or kneel to confess our sins.*

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed.

Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have  
not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly,  
love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. 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.**

Blessed is the Lord,  
**for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**and in our song we will praise our God.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, Creator and Redeemer of all; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the waters of chaos you drew forth the world and in your great love fashioned us in your image. Now, through the deep waters of death, you have brought your people to new birth by raising your Son to life in triumph. May Christ your light ever dawn in our hearts as we offer you our sacrifice of thanks and praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

#### **A&M 42**

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.**

*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine on your church gathered today.*

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.**

*Refrain*

**Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.**

*Refrain*

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.**

*Refrain*

**Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.**

*Refrain*

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*We keep silence.*

*We say the Old Testament Cantic*

**Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever, for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty.**

**Everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all.**

**Riches and honour come from you and you rule over all.**

**In your hand are power and might; yours it is to give power and strength to all. And now we give you thanks, our God, and praise your glorious name.**

**For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

*We sit for the first reading*

The First Reading is taken from Romans, Chapter 8, beginning to read at the 18<sup>th</sup> verse.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

*Romans 8 18-25*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

We stand to sing the Gospel Cantic to the tune *Thornbury* (CA689)

**O bless the God of Israel,  
who comes to set us free,  
who visits and redeems us  
and grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy,  
of rescue and release;**

**God shall fulfil the promise  
to bring our people peace.**

**Now from the house of David  
a child of grace is given;  
a Saviour comes among us  
to raise us up to heaven.  
Before him goes the herald,  
forerunner in the way,  
the prophet of salvation,  
the messenger of Day.**

**Where once were fear and darkness  
the sun begins to rise —  
the dawning of forgiveness  
upon the sinner's eyes,  
to guide the feet of pilgrims  
along the paths of peace:  
O bless our God and Saviour,  
with songs that never cease!**

**The Gospel Reading.** *We remain standing*

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

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life.

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

*Matthew 6: 25 - 34*

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

**Sermon** *Tracy*

In my early twenties I met people of a similar age whose hope in Jesus outshone my own. It made me think hard. Similar happened when I read a book by Richard Wurmbrand, a Romanian priest who experienced imprisonment and torture by the Communist regime of

Romania. He endured 14 years in various penal facilities, three in solitary confinement in a cell twelve feet underground with no lights or windows. Throughout his imprisonment his faith was unwavering and he was as 'sunlight' to his fellow inmates. Once out of prison he and his wife devoted their lives to being a voice for the persecuted church. His books are still available and are a challenging read. Why I thought of Richard Wurmbrand was the passage set for us from Romans because amidst deprivation and excruciating pain he was still able to consider his 'present sufferings not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us'. Richard's laser beam focus was on Jesus, the source of his hope. As we live through our own challenges may we learn to do the same.

We stand to sing the Creed to the tune Ebenezer (CA 571)

**We believe in God the Father,  
God almighty, by whose plan  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.  
We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary  
upon whom the Spirit came.**

**Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.  
We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
till as judge he comes again.**

**We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion,  
one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows no end.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*We sit or kneel*

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 Collect for the Second Sunday before Lent.**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, 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.**

### **A&M 650**

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not,  
thy compassions they fail not,  
as thou hast been thou forever will be.**

***Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.***

**Summer and winter,  
and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

*Refrain*

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

*Refrain*

### **The Blessing**

The Lord bless you and watch over you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

*We say the Grace together:*

**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.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

***Church Notices for next week:  
February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026***

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

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