

St Clement's Parish Church, Jersey



March 12th, 2026

Dear Church Family,

In this week's communication, we would like to share 2 practical things that impact our church life here in St Clement and St Nicholas.

The first is our **Electoral Roll**. If you consider St Clement or St Nicholas to be *your* church, and are not yet signed up to our Electoral Roll, then can we encourage you to do so. This helps us to be clear who our church family are, and enables you to vote to influence things at congregational meetings. We know that many of you are already signed up, and if that's you, then thank you. But it may be this has passed you by in previous years, or you are new to the church over the last year, and if that's you, then please do sign up. Forms will be available at both churches from this Sunday through to Palm Sunday.

The second thing, is in preparation for our Easter Egg Trail on Saturday 4th April. We would love the church building to be looking its best as we welcome our community in, and so on **Saturday 28th March between 10am and 12noon**, we would love us to give the church a **Spring Clean**. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work", or more Biblically as 1 Peter 4:10 says "Each of us should use our gifts to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms"! So please put the date in your diary, and come down with duster in hand, to make our church sparkle & shine ready for Easter!

We look forward to seeing you at our services this week for Mothering Sunday, with the opportunity to be thankful for all those who show love and care to us, which points us to the one who cares for us perfectly - Jesus.

With our love and prayers,

James & Katie.

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Upcoming Services and Events

THURSDAY 19th Noon – 1.30pm

Lent Lunch in Caldwell Hall Supporting Motor Neurone Disease.

Sunday March 22nd

9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church

10.30am Family Service at St Clement Church

Saturday April 4th : Easter Egg Hunt at St Clement Church. 2pm -4.30pm FREE fun easter trail, all age activities and refreshments.

No booking needed. Any questions, please contact St Clement Church by email: stclementjersey@outlook.com

Useful information

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**Welcome to St Clement Parish Church
Mothering Sunday Family Service with baptism**

March 15th, 2026

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**O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today,
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.**

**Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.**

Confession:

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.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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. **All: Amen.**

Profession of Faith

Let us affirm together our common faith in Jesus Christ

Do we believe and trust in God the Father source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do we believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us, and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do we believe in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God, and makes Christ known in our world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Baptism

Parents and godparents come to the font

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must be born again of water and the Spirit; and has given us baptism as the sign and seal of this new birth.

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome this child and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

All: With the help of God we will.

Parents and godparents the church receives this child with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.

Will you pray for him and walk with him in the way of Christ and draw him by your example into the life and worship of Christ's Church.

All: With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore, I ask you the parents and godparents:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my Sins

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

Prayer over the Water: Heavenly Father now sanctify this water that by the power of your Holy Spirit he may be cleansed from Sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may he walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Baptism I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Signing with the cross: Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.

After the Baptism Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen**

A Candle is presented. God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All: Shine as a light in the world to the glory God the Father.

The Welcome and Bible

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All: We welcome you into the fellowship of faith. We are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

**Fathers and mothers,
sisters and brothers,
all those who love us,
for whom we care:
help and befriend them,
keep and defend them,
Jesus our Saviour,
this is our prayer.**

**And for those others,
fathers and mothers,
children who hunger,
they must be fed:
we would be caring,
readily sharing,
one with another
our daily bread.**

**Sisters and brothers,
fathers and mothers,
we who together
offer our praise:
hear our thanksgiving,
God ever living,
may we walk with you
all of our days.**

Bible Reading: Matthew Chapter 7, verses 24-29

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Ending: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Talk: James

Wise living is doing what Jesus says - it is the most solid foundation for our lives.

**The wise man built his house upon the rock
The wise man built his house upon the rock
The wise man built his house upon the rock
And the rains came tumbling down**

**The rains came down and the floods came up
The rains came down and the floods came up
The rains came down and the floods came up
And the house on the rock stood firm**

**The foolish man built his house upon the sand
The foolish man built his house upon the sand
The foolish man built his house upon the sand
And the rains came tumbling down**

**The rains came down and the floods came up
The rains came down and the floods came up
The rains came down and the floods came up
And the house on the sand went splat!**

Prayers of Intercession:

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Eternal God, you are like a mother who is compassionate, loving and wise. Guide us in the ways of goodness.

We give thanks for all who have nurtured and helped us grow in faith and trust. May we proclaim your love with joy.

Protect and nurture all parents and children, that through love given and received lives may be blessed.

Be with all for whom this day brings pain and regret. May the comfort of your presence be known.

We entrust to your care all in any kind of need. Encircle them with your love.

From the cross Jesus commended his mother to the care of his beloved disciple. Hear the cry of all who mourn. Comfort and sustain them in their grief.

and at the end: **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the mighty one.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!**

The Grace: 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

The Blessing: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen