

# St Clement's Parish Church, Jersey



May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Dear Church Family,**

In the Lord's Prayer, we pray the words "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven".

Between Ascension and Pentecost (this year, Thursday 14th May to Sunday 24th May), Christians from across the globe, and across denominations, will join in prayer for an initiative called '**Thy Kingdom Come**', following the example of the first disciples who we read in Acts 'joined together to pray', between the Ascension of Jesus and his sending of the Spirit on that first Pentecost Sunday.

As part of this initiative, we are encouraged to pray for 2 things: The first, is to pray 'Come Holy Spirit' for the big issues of our world, of which there are many at this current time. The second, is to 'Pray for 5' - for 5 people we know (family, friends, colleagues...) to come to know the saving love of God in Jesus Christ.

**We encourage you to give a few minutes each day, between next Thursday 14th May and Sunday 24th May, to pause & pray where you are - to simply pray 'Come Holy Spirit' for our world, and to 'Pray for 5' people close to you who you would love to come know Jesus.** On Sunday, there will be a few resources available at our services to help you do this, as we prioritise prayer together.

(To encourage you, please visit the following weblink to see the former Archbishop of York's encouragement to

pray: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQSh5NPx\\_Kk#:~:text=Join%20the%20global%20wave%20of%20prayer%2030th,us%20to%20pray%20for%20five%20people%20as](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SQSh5NPx_Kk#:~:text=Join%20the%20global%20wave%20of%20prayer%2030th,us%20to%20pray%20for%20five%20people%20as)  
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Keeping to the global theme, **the 'Watoto Children's Choir' from Uganda, East Africa, is coming to Jersey later this May!** They will be performing 3 concerts during their time here, and it is a musical experience that will truly inspire and encourage you, your friends, and family. Tickets are free, and the concert are on the following dates:

**29th May 7pm at All Saints Church, St Helier**

**30th May 7pm at Freedom Church, St Helier**

**31st May 6pm at Christian Portuguese Mission, St Helier**

Knowing the choir, and the project they are a part of, we know it will be an experience well worth your time. Please speak to James or Katie direct if you want to book a ticket.

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A further reminder that our **Annual Meetings will take place on the evening of Thursday 21st May, starting at 7pm, in the Parish Hall. Financial accounts for both St Clement Parish Church and St Nicholas are now available**, and are attached to this letter (if you receive it by email), if you wish to read these before the meetings. Some paper copies will be available, too, at both church buildings, from Sunday.

There is still time to sign up for our first **Family Food @ The Rectory this Sunday (10th May)**. This is time to gather as a church family, to enjoy being together as a church family, and to grow in community as we do so. Come any time from 12.30pm, and we will eat around 1pm. We do need to know if you are coming (!), so **please let James or katie know by Friday night at the latest by calling 851992**.

And finally from us, the **Bible Course starts next Tuesday (12th May) at 7pm in the Caldwell Hall**. Again, **it's not too late to sign up** for this great opportunity to grow together, as we explore the Bible together, and see God's big story for our lives and our world. Details are at both church buildings, and again, contact James or Katie if you want to come.

As we close this letter this week, we want to let you know that following Martin's stint as ministre desservant of St Clément, the Dean of Jersey has asked him to 'stand in' at Trinity following Canon Geoff Houghton's retirement. Martin will continue to be involved in the life of St Clement's Church, but he will be serving at Trinity two Sundays a month until such time as a new Rector is appointed, and helping oversee various aspects of their church life. Martin and Sue will need wisdom to balance their time and energies between St Clément and Trinity, so please pray for them over the coming weeks and months, for God's strength, wisdom and peace, and may we support them well during this time.

With our love & prayers,

James & Katie.

### **Upcoming Services and Events**

**Sunday May 17th**

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

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

### Useful information

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(the reference "St Clements Parish Church" is correct for payments to St Nicholas)

## Welcome to St Clement Church Morning Worship

10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### Welcome

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.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### Hymn:

**Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till he become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.**

Preparation:

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.

## Confession & Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'.

So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith...

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within in us and restore us to the joy of your salvation;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse *you* from *your* sins, and restore *you* in his image to the praise and glory of his name, 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.**

Psalm 36, verses 5 to 10:

**Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the skies.**

**Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,  
your justice like the great deep.**

**You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.  
How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!**

**People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
They feast in the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from your river of delights.  
For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.**

**Continue your love to those who know you,  
your righteousness to the upright in heart.**

Hymn:

**There is a redeemer  
Jesus, God's own son  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah  
Holy one.**

***Thank you O my Father  
for giving us your Son  
and leaving your Spirit  
till the work on earth is done.***

**Jesus my Redeemer  
Name above all names  
Precious lamb of God, Messiah  
Oh, for sinners slain.**

***Thank you O my Father...***

**When I stand in glory  
I will see his face  
And there I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place.**

***Thank you O my Father...***

Scripture Readings:

**The First Reading:**

Acts chapter 17 verses 22 to 31  
(page 783 in the church Bibles)

*After which we say...*  
This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Reading:**

Mark chapter 7 verses 1 to 23  
(page 711 in the church Bibles)

*Before which we say...*

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

*After which we say...*

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

Sermon: '

The Gospel cuts to the heart of the issue - the problem of the human heart; it's the reason Jesus came'

Hymn:

**Holy Spirit living Breath of God  
Breathe new life into my willing soul  
Let the presence of the risen Lord  
Come renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause Your word to come alive in me  
Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit come abide within  
May Your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover every sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings into works of grace  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit from creation's birth  
Giving life to all that God has made  
Show Your power once again on earth  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see.**

Affirmation of Faith:

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family In heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession:

Love of the Father, love of the Son, pour out your Holy Spirit upon the church. May we receive you with joy.

Keep us faithful to your commandment to love as we are loved.

Teach us how to pray for people who work for peace and for people who are intent on violent ways to get what they want. Bring peace in our time Lord.

Thank you for people who speak up for others and have a vision to enrich community for all. We pray for everyone standing for election in Jersey. Give wisdom to all who vote. Loving Spirit, breathe upon all who suffer your life-restoring presence.

Blessed Lord you hold us all in the palms of your hand. Bring all the departed to the place of refreshment and peace. Bring us to share in the life you give.

*These or other responses may be used....*

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

*At the end, the following may be used...*

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

The Collect:

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours Now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn:

**I the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night;  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them:  
they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?...*

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them;  
my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?...*

The Blessing:

May the Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**