

St Clement's Parish Church, Jersey



June 4th, 2026

Dear Church Family,

It was good to be away on retreat last week, and find space to receive from the Lord through worship, teaching, prayer and reading, as well as plenty of rest and refreshment (though sleep was tricky with the heat!)

Before we left, we had an encouraging evening on the Thursday for our Annual meetings, and thank you to all who came to those. We have attached to this letter **minutes from the congregational meeting** (thank you to Tracy for doing these so quickly), so that all those in our church family can see what we discussed, who was voted in to various leadership positions, and a summary of what we shared as we look forwards to the future. These minutes are simply for your information and encouragement and will be formally 'adopted' at next year's meeting.

As we look forward to this second half of the summer term, there is much to be encouraged by and pray for. Our '**Summer Fridays**' begin this week, as we seek to engage with families from our primary schools, and build relationships with them. Preparations are well underway for '**Baby Basics**' to come into the space at St Nicholas during the next few weeks, as we partner with them in meeting very practical needs for new families in the community. Links with the local schools continue to grow, as **we welcome Year 2 from St Clement into the church next Tuesday** afternoon. And through '**Coffee & Chat**' once a month on Thursday mornings, we look forward to building community both within the church family, and with those in our wider local community. The '**Bible Course**' also continues on a Tuesday evening, and we are really enjoying meeting together to encourage one another around God's Word.

This Sunday, at both services, we conclude our journey through the book of Mark in our preaching, as we get to the heart of what the Gospel is. So please come along as we seek to encourage one another as we worship together. **Sunday is also election day**, so don't forget to cast your vote and then to pray for those who are elected as Paul urges us to - *"I urge them that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Saviour"* (1 Timothy 2:1-3)

Finally, please remember our next '**Family Food**' on Sunday 21st June - more details next week.

With our love & prayers,
James & Katie.

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Upcoming Services and Events

Tuesday June 9th, 2026

7pm Bible Course in the Caldwell Hall

Sunday June 14th June

9am Holy Communion at St Nicholas Church

10.30am Morning Worship at St Clement Church

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

7th June 2026

Welcome

Hymn:

**Hills of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.**

**Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
your seers have longed to know their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.**

**Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

**Shout, as you journey home,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.**

The Greeting:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ 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.

Introduction to 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. **Amen.**

The Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, Heavenly 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: God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

Hymn:

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
till travelling days are done.

Scripture Readings:

The First Reading:

Romans 4:13-25 (page 795 in church Bibles)

After which we say...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading:

Mark 15:15-39 (page 720 in 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: 'Through the death of Jesus, we have life'

The Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession:

God our rock, you are our sure foundation. Keep your Church stable in this ever-changing world.

God our rock, give courage and strength to all in government. May your wisdom permeate their decisions and actions.

God our rock, strengthen all who provide for their families and communities so that all may flourish.

God our rock, be with all who feel weary. Be with all who are in trouble. Be with all who are suffering in any way. May your presence surround them.

God our rock, nothing can overcome your love for us and with you there is eternal life. May that hope be known to all coming to the end of their lives. May your comfort be with all who mourn.

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 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...

Hymn:

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ my God!
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

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, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a

woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit,

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name,
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.

Hymn:

**Father, I place into your hands,
the things I cannot do.
Father, I place into your hands
the things that I've been through.
Father, I place into your hands
the way that I should go,
for I know I always can trust you.**

**Father, I place into your hands
my friends and family.
Father, I place into your hands
The things that trouble me.
Father, I place into your hands
the person I would be,
For I know I always can trust you.**

**Father, we love to see your face,
we love to hear your voice.
Father, we love to sing your praise
and in your name rejoice.
Father, we love to walk with you
and in your presence rest,
For we know we always can trust you.**

**Father, I want to be with you
and do the things you do.
Father, I want to speak the words
that you are speaking too.
Father, I want to love the ones
that you will draw to you,
For I know that I am one with you.**

The Blessing:

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.**

The Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Minutes of the Congregational meeting 2026

A meeting of the congregation of St. Clement's Parish Church with St. Nicholas was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 21st May at 7.15pm for the following business:

1. To approve the Minutes of the previous Congregational meeting and address any matters arising.
2. To receive and approve, the 2025 Church Accounts, for St. Clement Parish Church and for St. Nicholas.
3. To appoint an independent examiner for the 2026 Church Accounts.
4. To elect a Treasurer and Safeguarding Officers for 2026-2027.
5. Words from clergy – looking back and looking forwards.

The Rector began with words from Acts 2 that recorded the first days of the early church. He said the church is meant to embody God's presence and that the fellowship is to love one another deeply and to love their community too. The meeting began with prayer.

Apologies: Anne Lane, Carole Martin, Jacqueline Richomme,
Jayne Salsac, Pam Turner, Ian Bromley

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 10th April 2025 were approved.

Proposer: Tim Tindall

Secunder: Rosemary Collier

There were no matters arising.

2. The Treasurer, Robert Sharp said he was grateful to Ian Bromley for his work as Honorary Treasurer. He said the St. Nicholas accounts showed a steady income of around £50,000 and that St. Clement was very grateful to receive £24,000 that enabled St. Clement to pay their parish share. Improvements to the St. Nicholas Church Hall were represented by monies expended by St. Nicholas church on improvements to the toilet block in support of Happy Hatchlings nursery. Variety, the Children's Charity of Jersey also made a substantial contribution

to the project which has been netted off against the total project cost. It was estimated that an additional £35,000 will be needed to complete the project. Some of this will be funded by St. Clement's Parish Church by way of a 2 year loan.

Re. the St. Clement accounts, Robert Sharp said there was a small surplus compared to the previous year but reminded everyone that it was not the church's objective to make an annual surplus. He was grateful for all the contributions via the offertory and gift day that enabled the church to pay the parish share in full, something St. Clement's Parish Church has been able to do for the last 25 years. The accounts were approved and adopted for 2025. The Rector thanked Robert Sharp and Ian Bromley for all their work on behalf of St. Clement and St. Nicholas.

Proposer: Mike Smith
Secunder: Cordelia Miller
All in favour

3. Martin Dryden said he was willing to continue as the independent examiner for the accounts and was duly elected.

Robert Sharp agreed to continue as Treasurer and was duly elected.

Proposer: Rosemary Collier
Secunder: Eileen Aldgate
All in favour

4. Martin Dryden and Tracy Bromley agreed to continue as Safeguarding Officers and were duly elected. The Rector said that he would be looking for someone to take over from either of them in due course.

Proposer: Tim Tindall
Secunder: Robert Sharp
All in favour

All were in favour of abiding by the Deanery safeguarding policy.

5. Words from clergy: Looking back and looking forwards

Martin Dryden was given the opportunity to look back over the past year. He began by saying how important the role of Rector is in terms of leadership and vision. Martin Dryden said the previous Rector's departure was unexpected and that he and Tracy Bromley had 'kept calm and carried on'. However they would not have been able to do this without everyone's help and encouragement. He said baptisms, weddings and funerals had carried on as normal at St. Clement and they had had over 1,000 people through the door at Christmas and had helped the parish celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Connections had also been made with the parish and schools. Martin outlined the process of finding a Rector and said how helpful it had been to think about what sort of church we would like to be. He said we had come through in good heart and that we were very pleased to have James and his family with us.

Rector, James Porter, then spoke about looking forwards with encouragement and hope. He gave a huge thank you to Martin Dryden and Tracy Bromley and said how much he enjoyed working with them. He thanked the church family for their welcome and said how much they were enjoying their time with St. Clement. He said it was 'full on' and that he was getting to know everyone and exploring new links. He said he and Katie wanted to share their lives with the congregation and for them to share their lives with them too as they journeyed together. He quoted from the book of Jeremiah *'I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'* (Jeremiah 29:11) and how he felt a sense of hope, seeing many opportunities to get involved in the community. James said he appreciated change was unsettling and that he recognised his ways were different to the last Rector but that he could only be himself. James confirmed that Mike Kidman would still be around, helping with the maintenance of both St. Clement, St. Nicholas and Caldwell Hall although he and Dacia were no longer

attending St. Clement. He wished them well.

He reported that he and Katie were making good connections with the schools and would be following up the success of the Easter trail with Ice Lollies and Games in the Meadow beyond the churchyard for an hour after school on alternate Fridays in June & July.

He said he was attending the Le Squez Youth Project and Community Support Group meetings and looking for opportunities for the church to be involved.

He reported on the mission project Baby Basics Jersey, a Christian charity providing essential baby items to families in need that were referred to the charity by Health and Social Care professionals. He said 30% of families came from Le Marais and that the charity needed additional physical space apart from St. Mark's Church where they were based. Therefore St. Nicholas would be ideal as additional space as the charity continued to grow. He said this would be an opportunity to breathe new life into St. Nicholas.

He said he believed St. Nicholas and St. Clement needed to work more as one church family with two church centres.

He said he would instate regular meetings of officers and there would be more sharing of leadership.

He said it had become clear when talking to people that the church had become more inward focussed and challenged everyone present that if we 'disappeared tomorrow would anyone notice'.

James said that he had written a piece for 'L'Amarrage' magazine describing the church as a Christian community serving St. Clement and seeking the flourishing of the whole community.

He finished by saying that he had great hope for the church and that with God a great future lay ahead.

Rosemary Collier asked about the possibility of providing activities for teenagers and the need to encourage young adults.

The Rector said that he was encouraged by three younger people attending church and that he and Katie were considering what the church might offer eg an after school activity at Caldwell hall once a week. He said Katie was attending Le Rocquier with a Baptist Group and that he had had a good meeting with the Humanities teacher from Le Rocquier. He said he was attending assemblies and that it was about building links and what we can do with the resources we have.

Constable Marcus Troy endorsed everything that Martin Dryden had said and thanked Martin and Tracy Bromley for their work during the interregnum. He thanked Tim Tindall and Robert Sharp and said he believed the parish was very fortunate to have James Porter as Rector.

The Rector ended the meeting with the Collect prayer for Pentecost.