

Sunday 23rd June 2024

# The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

You are most welcome.

A message to new visitors is found on page 3. Our order of service begins on page 5.

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) 8:00am

Celebrant: The Rector

Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) 10:30am

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rector

Setting: 'A People's Mass', *Dom Gregory Murray* with 'The Coventry Gloria', Peter Jones

Hymns: 353, 357, 336, 475

Music at Communion:

'They that go down to the sea in ships' Herbert Sumsion

Postlude:

'Hornpipe from the Water Music', GF Handel



#### For your prayers

At This Time

Carolyn Bower, Baby Dylan Andrew Brooks, Gillian Kullman, Cheto Perez, HM The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, the bereaved, and those suffering during warfare

Recently Departed Iudith Dufau, Mabel Davis

Year's Mind

Joy Mildred Ball, Hugh Thomas North, Grace Alice Page, Pauline Thelma Leith, Doris Hursey, Elieen Mary Miller, Claud Peter Fabian Boulden, George Frederick Garrett, Joe Trussler, Margaret Hickson, Mary Daisy Minshull, Kenneth Herbert George Fright



## Reflection for the week

The Right Reverend Doctor Michael Turnbull

BEFORE YOU VOTE......

WARNING! This is not a party-political broadcast! Well, thank goodness for that. By this time in an election campaign, we are bored with promises and with politicians who look as tired as we feel.

But that doesn't mean that, as Christians, we should remain careless of our responsibilities. How are we to become informed by our faith about our voting intentions and our whole approach to an election which could reshape our national and local life.

No political party can claim to be the perfect answer to the needs of the nation. Politics is not only what goes on in Parliament. It is about the whole of the society in which we live. It is about how we live together and contribute to each other's lives. Our contribution is by no means only financial.

We make the communities in which we live good places to be by being conscious of each other's needs and knowing what kind of community life will make others glad that they are part of it all. That community might be family, neighbourhood, congregation, town, nation and

the wider world of international communities.

So how does a Christian begin to imagine the kind of politics that will fulfil this kind of society? The newest manifesto we have are the words of Jesus speaking to an ordinary group of people when he outlines the kind of society he calls "Kingdom of God".

Look at St Matthews Gospel Chapter 5 verses 3 to 10:

Blest are those who know their need of God

Blest are those who are sorrowful when society goes wrong

Blest are those who are gentle in spirit even with those with whom they disagree

Blest are those who are passionate about what is right and true

Blest are those who act with justice combined with mercy

Blest are those who long for honesty and building truthful relationships

Blest are those who seek peace amongst conflict

Blest are those who are willing to make sacrifices for the sake of others

PERHAPS WE SHOULD READ THESE WORDS OF JESUS EVERY DAY BEFORE WE VOTE

Hustings this week! See page 14, ed.

# New to St Clements?

Welcome! We're delighted that you're here

There has been a place of Christian prayer on this site for more than 1,000 years. All are welcome at our services - whatever your background and whatever your faith.

Many of the words of our service can be found from page five of this booklet. Feel free to join in with the words in bold, and to stand, kneel, or sit as you feel able and comfortable. Don't worry about getting it 'right', we're all learning to pray!

The service will start with notices and a hymn. We then bring to mind the times we've not loved God, our neighbours, and ourselves fully. Though it can be uncomfortable admitting we are sinners, we want to be honest with God (and ourselves) that we're not perfect. We can trust that God is utterly loving and forgiving.

A series of readings from scripture follows, and then the sermon, in which the preacher attempts to break open the scriptures and apply them to our lives today.

We pray for the needs of the Church and world, and then the altar is prepared. A collection will be taken, as 'giving' is an important part of our Christian lives, but don't worry if you're unable to contribute as a visitor.

The priest leads the Eucharistic Prayer - the prayer of thanksgiving - during which we offer bread and wine to God, and He transforms it into the Body and Blood of Christ.

All baptised Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion (it's fine to only receive the Body or Blood if you prefer. For reasons of hygiene please don't dip the wafer into the chalice). Or do come forward holding this booklet to receive a blessing. If you need a gluten-free wafer please let someone at the door know before the service.

We share refreshments (behind the organ, where toilets can also be found), please do join us.

The Church is open daily for peace and prayer. If you'd like to know more about our worship or faith, do talk to people in the congregation or one of the priests. You can also visit our website, www. stelementschurchsandwich.org.uk

# Music at 10:30am today

Today's gospel reading is a famous one about the stilling of the sudden and ferocious storm on the lake of Galilee and reminds us of the fragility of men serving or working on the seas. This theme is taken up in the communion music. Herbert Sumsion (1899–1995) was inspired by words from Psalm 107 and set them as a dramatic anthem:

66 They that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters;

These men see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

For at his word the stormy wind ariseth, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep.

Their soul melteth away, because of the trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. So when they they cry unto the Lord in their trouble he delivereth them out of their distress.

For He maketh the storm to cease, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they are at rest; and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be".

Lucy Underwood has written: "Sumsion's setting of this is an instance of when a musical setting wonderfully enacts the text, enhancing its impact. But even without this added dimension, I love this psalm for the image it offers:

that simply to engage with life is already to move upon 'great waters'. That's where we'll see 'wonders' but also where we'll encounter storms and 'trouble'. And I'm silenced-by-pleasure at 'their soul melteth away, because of the trouble'. There's something so simple about that, and yet so clear. What a way of putting it. When you are at your wit's end—out of ideas—sometimes 'crying' is all there is left to do. For me, the text is about our powerlessness, but also about the function of complaint: it reminds us that allowing yourself to express your distress, and ask for help, are both valuable things. It's also a reminder that storms, however intense, do-one way or another—eventually cease."

The nautical theme continues in the outgoing voluntary, but on a brighter level with a sailor's Hornpipe from Handel's famous Water Music - three suites of pieces written for an outdoor orchestral performance for King George I on the Thames.

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## Order of Service

#### **The Gathering**

Notices are given before the service. **Stand** for the opening hymn:

Hymn Number 353

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

The Lord be with you and also with you.

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.

### **Confessing our Sins**

The Celebrant introduces a period of silence in which all call to mind their sins. Then all kneel or sit.

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.

The Celebrant pronounces the forgiveness of sins. All stand. The Gloria is sung, the congregation singing parts in bold.

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

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

We worship you, glory in the highest, give you thanks, glory in the highest,

praise you for your glory. Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth.

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, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer, receive our prayer.

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

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 glory of God the Father. Glory to God, glory in the highest, peace to his people, peace on earth. Amen. Amen.

#### The Celebrant says:

Let us pray: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **The Scriptures**

1 Samuel 17:32-49 David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' David said. 'The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David. 'Go, and may the Lord be with you!'

Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.' But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give vou into our hand.'

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated as the Choir sing from Psalm 9v9-20:

The Lord also will be a defence for the oppressed: even a refuge in due time of trouble.

And they that know thy Name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee. O praise the Lord which dwelleth in Sion: shew the people of his doings.

For when he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: and forgetteth not the complaint of the poor.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord; consider the trouble which I suffer of them that hate me: thou that liftest me up from the gates of death.

That I may shew all thy praises within the ports of the daughter of Sion: I will rejoice in thy salvation.

The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the same net which they hid privily, is their foot taken.

The Lord is known to execute judgement: the ungodly is trapped in the work of his own hands.

The wicked shall be turned into hell: and all the people that forget God.

For the poor shall not alway be forgotten: the patient abiding of the meek shall not perish for ever.

Up, Lord, and let not man have the upper hand: let the heathen be judged in thy sight.

Put them in fear, O Lord: that the heathen may know themselves to be but men.

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance,

in afflictions, hardships, calamities, imprisonments, beatings, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### Hymn Number 357

Turn to face the Book of the Gospels as it moves to the centre of the nave. 'Alleluia' is sung.

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 4:35-end On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.

A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

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

A sermon is preached.

#### 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.

#### **The Intercessions & Peace**

Kneel or sit to pray. The following response may be used: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer

At the end: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Iesus Christ. Amen.

**Stand** for the Peace The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** 

As the altar is prepared, and a collection taken, we sing:

Hymn Number 336

#### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Celebrant prays over the offerings, and all respond Amen.

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.

The Celebrant prays the Preface, leading into:

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. *All kneel or sit* 

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his

blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. All say boldly: Amen.

### **Preparation for Communion**

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.

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.

Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

#### **Holy Communion**

Sidespeople will indicate when to move for Holy Communion. All who are baptised are welcome to receive Communion, or do bring this booklet with you to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing instead.

After all have received Holy Communion, Stand as the Celebrant says Let us pray: Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Hymn Number 475

#### Going out into the World

All remain standing for the blessing and dismissal:

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Celebrant blesses and dismisses the congregation.

Go in peace of serve the Lord. In the name of Christ, Amen!

The organ postlude is part of our act of worship, please remain quiet.

If you are able, do please stay for refreshments after the service - served in The Sunley Room (behind the organ)

## Parish Notices and Events

Please send any news or notices for a Sunday booklet to the Parish Office before noon on the Wednesday preceding.

An extract from the national Rotary publication, featuring our bees

#### St Clements Church Bee Project supported by The Rotary Club Of Sandwich.

President Ray Stephens and Past president Mick Burr presented a cheque for £255 £to Barry Brooks and Rector, Father Sebastian Hamilton.

The funds will enable the Apiary site in St Clements Churchyard to introduce another colony of Honeybees.





Before the presentation Barry Brooks and Paul Garforth gave a very informative talk regarding the upkeep and the importance of safeguarding the bees in our local environment.



The presentation took place on Wednesday 29th May 2024. Thanks to an Environmental Grant funded by Rotary International through District 1120. and Rotary Club of Sandwich.

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Rotary supporting our Environment.

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June	I 7 20	Text
Thursday 27th	7:30pm	Hustings A chance to hear from, and question, candidates running in the upcoming General Election
Sunday 30th	6:30pm	Patronal Choral Evensong, Ss Peter and Paul, Worth The Choir of St Clement's will sing Evensong in our sister Church, Ss Peter and Paul, Worth. All very welcome.
July		
Tuesday 9th	1:00pm	Deal Festival Concert: "Ryan Corbett, Accordion"  Described as 'one of Scotland's most exciting new musicians', Ryan performs his own arrangements of works by Bach, Rameau, Mendelssohn and others.  Tickets £15.00 Friends of DMA £13.00 Under 25s half price-https://dealmusicandarts.com/festival/
Saturday 13th	11:00am	Deal Festival Concert: "Times and Seasons: Bach and the Organ"  Given by Paul Stubbings. Tickets£12.00 Under 25s half price - https://dealmusicandarts.com/festival/
Saturday 20th		St Clement's Church Choir sing Evensong at St George's Chapel, Windsor Parish outing - see details on P14
September		
Saturday 14th		Choir sing Evensong at Rochester Cathedral
Tuesday 17th	2:30pm	Nautical Notes A selection of Sea Chanties, Music, and Poetry honouring St Clement, Patron Saint of Mariners. This event forms parts of Sandwich Arts Week.
October		
5th October		Cinque Ports Speaker's Day The office of Speaker is held by the mayor of each of the head ports and two ancient towns, in turn. This year the honour falls to Sandwich. Speaker's Day is a highlight of the Civic year.
20th October		Evensong at St Paul's, Canterbury Our Choir, and the Choir of St Paul's, sing Evensong together in Canterbury, with our Rector preaching.

## 2024 General Election Hustings Thursday 27th June 7:30pm

I'm delighted to confirm that we will play host to Hustings this week - gathering together many of the candidates running in the General Election for a debate.

Each candidate will give a short opening statement, then answer questions from the community until no later than 9:00pm. The moderator of the evening will be the Archdeacon of Canterbury,

The Venerable Doctor Will Adam.

Questions may be submitted in advance by emailing admin@stclementsandwich.org.uk, or posting through the letterbox of the Parish Office (on Church St St Clement).

Please do take this opportunity to hear the candidates speak as we each play our role in the democratic process.

# St Clement's Choir sing Evensong at Ss Peter and Paul, Worth

Our Choir will be singing Choral Evensong in our sister Church, Ss Peter and Paul, Worth, next Sunday (30th June) at 6:30pm, to celebrate their Patronal Festival. The service will be followed by refreshments. All are very welcome to attend.

### Birth of St John the Baptist

Tomorrow (Monday 24th) is the Feast of the Birth of St John the Baptist. Morning Prayer will be said at 9:30am, followed by a Said Eucharist in St Margaret's Chapel.

St John the Baptist is one of only three Saints whose birthdays are Feasts in our calendar - the other two being Christ and Mary.



# Parish Directory

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Monday 24th June - Birth of St John the Baptist

10:00am Said Eucharist

Tuesday 25th June - Feria

Wednesday 26th June - Feria

10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 27th June - Feria

Friday 28th June - Feast of St Irenaeus

10:00am Coffee Pot (Parish Hall)

Saturday 29th June - Feast of Ss Peter and Paul

Sunday 30th June - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant: The Rector

10:30am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship)

Celebrant: The Rector

Preacher: Derek Kirkaldie, Reader

6:30pm Patronal Evensong (<u>Ss Peter and Paul, Worth</u>,

sung by the Choir of St Clement's)



Please take this booklet home with you to read and recycle