



Sunday 16th June 2024

The Third 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.

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

Celebrant: The Rector

10:30am Parish Eucharist (*Common Worship*)

Celebrant: The Rector

Preacher: The Reverend Robin Bendall

Setting: 'A People's Mass', *Dom Gregory Murray*

with 'The Coventry Gloria', *Peter Jones*

Hymns: 443, 376, 294, 391

Music at Communion:

'Thou visiteth the earth' *Maurice Greene*

'Glory, love, and praise, and honour'

Postlude:

'Chaconne',

G F Handel

4:00pm The Organist Entertains (*Robert Tapsfield*)

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

Liz Watson

Year's Mind

Reginald Leslie Broom, Joyce Violet Cornelius, Hilda Marvier, Edna Miles, Emily Ivy Smith, Timothy Drayson, Joy Mildred Ball, Hugh Thomas North

Reflection for the week

The Reverend Doctor Jeanne Males

I recall that as a child we had to take a jam jar, line it with blotting paper, and place a pea inside. All we had to do was watch it grow! And it was very exciting!

Even more exciting as far as I'm concerned is to watch tiny school children (or even pre-school children from local play groups wearing their little high-vis jackets) file along into a community garden and start gardening with great delight. It would be possible to see them do some weeding, and gradually begin to dig up a few vegetables – but not only that, to name them as well! Sometimes there would be a little bit of cooking and lunch would be eaten with great delight.

And all of that seems so very much more creative than the most terrible news that we were faced with last year – that of the sudden cutting down of the Sycamore Gap Tree which may have been up to 200 years old, and was to be found near Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland. All the pictures we were faced with left dreadful images of the space that had been left when that beautiful tree had been cut down.

We have now been told that there may be new life: shoots from young cuttings are being kept in a highly

secret lab in the hope of real growth.

And it seems to me that the new growth could be of very good proportions.

Jesus' parables always focused on ideas and experiences that were familiar to their listeners. The stories were captivating mostly because they focused on everyday scenes and Jesus' telling of them spoke of spiritual truths. Perhaps they were holy teaching aids!

And the 'teaching aids' in both cases highlighted here are both the tiny signs of growth at the grubby hands of little children and the promise of real growth from the sycamore where shoots have been recovered. There is a very significant promise of substantial growth in comparison with its beginnings: both that produced by the preschoolers and what we hope for as the sycamore is preserved. And that we can visualize - they are familiar to us, and the wonder of great natural growth will, pray God, speak to us of his Kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

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.stclementschurchsandwich.org.uk

Music at 10:30am today

The theme of today's communion music is centred around nature and opens with a harvest anthem dating from 1743 – "Thou visitest the earth and blessest it, and crownest the year, the year with thy goodness". The words are from Psalm 65 and the repeated nature of the text is typical of church music at the time. It begins with a solo and the music is then taken up by the full choir. It is taken from a larger work "Thou, O God, art praised in Zion). The composer of the music, Maurice Greene, was the son of a clergyman, born in London in 1696 and who became a choirboy at St Paul's Cathedral where he ultimately became organist. Subsequently he also was appointed organist at the Chapel Royal of King George II and Master of the King's Music. It is followed by a Charles Wesley hymn set to a 20th century tune called Benifold (a village in Hampshire) praising and thanking God for our food and the source of all gifts.

The outgoing voluntary is a Chaconne by Handel. Though the style originally emerged during the late sixteenth century in Spanish culture, the Chaconne as a dance became immensely popular throughout Europe and was typified by being set in $\frac{3}{4}$ time with the melody over a short repeated ground bass line. Essentially, in the hands of such master as Handel, such pieces became a set of variations on the original theme as typified by this setting

in F major which was probably originally conceived for the harpsichord but playable on any keyboard instrument.

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Order of Service

The Gathering

Notices are given before the service.

Stand for the opening hymn:

Hymn Number 443

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: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 15:34-16:13 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.* But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not

see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Remain seated as the Choir sing from Psalm 20:

THE Lord hear thee in the day of trouble : the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

Send thee help from the sanctuary : and strengthen thee out of Sion;

Remember all thy offerings : and accept thy burnt-sacrifice;

Grant thee thy heart's desire : and fulfil all thy mind.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God : the Lord perform all thy petitions.

Now know I that the Lord helpeth his Anointed, and will hear him from his holy heaven : even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses : but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.

They are brought down, and fallen : but we are risen, and stand upright.

Save, Lord, and hear us, O King of heaven : when we call upon thee.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17 So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

Hymn Number 376

*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 4:26-34 Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It

is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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 Jesus 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 294

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: O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **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 391

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 to 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.

Joe Grogan, Ordinand on Placement

I'm delighted to say that from 19th July - 7th August we will have an ordinand (someone training to be ordained) on placement with us from the College of the Resurrection, where I undertook my own formation.

Joe Grogan will spend time shadowing me, and seeing what I do day-to-day as a Rector, but will also spend time meeting local people, and with members of our two congregations, to understand the place of St Clement's, and Ss Peter and Paul in Worth, in our lives and communities.

Nearer the time I will ask people to volunteer dates to have Joe over for a meal, a cup of tea, or something stronger, but for now it would be excellent if 2/3 people could offer to host Joe in their spare bedroom during the dates above. This would be for around a week each, so Joe has somewhere to be based from while with us.

If you might be able to kindly host Joe, please speak with me

The Rector

Photo below: Joe in the basilica of St Clement, in Rome, singing a Choral Compline with an Anglican Choir on tour earlier this year.



July

Tuesday 9th	1:00pm	Deal Festival Concert: “Ryan Corbett, Accordion” <i>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/</i>
Saturday 13th	11:00am	Deal Festival Concert: “Times and Seasons: Bach and the Organ” <i>Given by Paul Stubbings. Tickets £12.00 Under 25s half price - https://dealmusicandarts.com/festival/</i>
Saturday 20th		St Clement’s Church Choir sing Evensong at St George’s Chapel, Windsor <i>Parish outing - see details on P14</i>

September

Saturday 14th		Choir sing Evensong at Rochester Cathedral
Tuesday 17th	2:30pm	Nautical Notes <i>A selection of Sea Chanties, Music, and Poetry honouring St Clement, Patron Saint of Mariners. This event forms parts of Sandwich Arts Week.</i>

October

5th October		Cinque Ports Speaker’s Day <i>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.</i>
20th October		Evensong at St Paul’s, Canterbury <i>Our Choir, and the Choir of St Paul’s, sing Evensong together in Canterbury, with our Rector preaching.</i>
1st November	5:30pm	Choral Eucharist at Canterbury Cathedral <i>Our Choir sing for the All Saints’ Day Eucharist at the Cathedral</i>

Sandwich Infant School Visit

Please pray for those pupils from Sandwich Infant School who will be touring our Church on Tuesday, and learning about how we use it for worship and mission.

St Clement's Choir sing Evensong at St George's Chapel, Windsor

The Dean of St George's Chapel, Windsor, has invited our Choir to sing Evensong on Saturday 20th July.

The PCC has helped to keep the costs down of hiring a coach for the day, so that as many of us as possible can travel from St Clement's to support them, share a meal together, and enjoy what will doubtless be a memorable day.

Forms can be found on the table by the font, please fill them in and return to Julian or Derek.

Visitation Service

This Tuesday evening, at the Cathedral, our Churchwardens, and John Simmons as Churchwarden in Worth, will be formally re-admitted into their roles, following elections at the Annual Parochial Church Meetings. We owe them a great deal for all that they do, please keep them in your prayers.

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Services and Events this week

Monday 17th June - Feria (no Feast)

Tuesday 18th June - Feria

Wednesday 19th June - Feria

10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 20th June - Feria

Friday 21st June - Feria

10:00am Coffee Pot (*Parish Hall*)

Saturday 22nd June - Feast of St Alban

2:30pm The Wedding of Arabella Johnston and Oscar Royds

Sunday 23rd June - Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

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10:30am Parish Eucharist (*Common Worship*)

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