



Sunday 14th July 2024

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

You are most welcome.

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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 and Preacher: The Rector

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

Hymns: 103, 393, 239, 436

Music at Communion:

'This is the record of John'

Orlando Gibbons

'308 Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee'

Mode V

Postlude:

'Paean',

John Marsh

For your prayers

At This Time

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

Mabel Davis, Susan Watts, Lorraine Porteous, André 'Dédé' Devinck

Year's Mind

Sybil Kate Thompson, Iris Frost, Gladys Joan Butcher, Sylvia Roy, Antony Copley, Ann Shirley Enever, Ann Roberts, Thomas Patrick Hart

Reflection for the week

The Reverend Robin Bendall

Herod - Herod Antipas, not the Herod of the killing of the innocents fame, and Salome. All rather typically human, really. Not the first bloke to have lost his head over a pretty girl - how many of our own princes and princesses, or us, have done the same? - but then it was not his own head that was lost and we know that Herod A. was sorry for it and he was concerned that it could not be put right. His mission was to rule and he was distracted from it.

We are all well aware of this. We are also well aware that being given a slight distraction, let alone a very pretty, dancing one, takes us from the path and can lead us to self-destruction and the destruction of the people and situations around us. Herod had a great respect for John the Baptist, he had no wish nor reason to kill him, but because of a momentary lack of judgement, he found himself unable to do anything else but have John beheaded and the head then presented to Salome. What she thought of it all we should discuss at another time.

Meanwhile, if I bring you back to Sandwich in 2024, we humans are wandering around doing exactly the same thing! We resist the head and the salver scenario, but we still get distracted by things we should

avoid.

We know that we ought to follow God's path, we know that we just need to listen to Him and He will tell us how to proceed. Paul reminds us to love God, and in simple exchange we inherit the Blessings of the Holy Spirit. This is a magnificent prize for just doing as we are told. The problem is that we are tempted and we choose and God gave us choice and delight out of His unconditional, eternal love.

Evenso, we find excuses; I'm busy today, I must rush, Eastenders starts at seven, The George and Dragon opens at six... and anyway how can I possibly take on the vastness of God's instruction to me because I am but a dresser of sycamore trees?

We need to choose again. We need to use this remarkable gift of choice to do what God would like, to do what He and His plumb line are designing, and exchange the excuses for actions and useful loving words.

Yes, it is as simple as that... in theory. Do tell me if you manage it. I keep trying to stay on the path! It is not as easy as that. To give you a helping hand, just ask yourself, do you wish to be a Herod or a Dresser of Sycamore Trees?

Amen.

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

This Sunday's Gospel is about John and it is therefore appropriate that the choir sings the anthem "This is the record of John" by the Tudor composer Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625). Gibbons was a boy chorister at King's College Cambridge and became Organist at the Chapel Royal in 1598, remaining in that post until his death, and subsequently buried in Canterbury Cathedral. This anthem alternates between an alto soloist and the choir telling of his denial and his Advent message. In original performances would have been accompanied by viols (predecessors of the violin) and organ. The words are taken from the familiar opening passages of Chapter 1 of St John's Gospel:-

"This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him

that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord."

This is followed by a communion hymn "Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee" by St Thomas Aquinas (1227-74) and set to a modal melody.

The outgoing voluntary is a hymn of praise - a "Paeon" by the Bristol organist John Marsh.

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Order of Service

The Gathering

Notices are given before the service.

Stand for the opening hymn:

Hymn 103

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: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Amos 7:7-15 This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." 'And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and

the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

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

Remain seated as the Choir sing from Psalm 24:

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

*For he hath founded it upon the seas :
and prepared it upon the floods.*

*Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord
: or who shall rise up in his holy place?*

*Even he that hath clean hands, and a
pure heart : and that hath not lift up his
mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive
his neighbour.*

*He shall receive the blessing from the
Lord: and righteousness from the God of
his salvation.*

*This is the generation of them that seek
him : even of them that seek thy face, O
Jacob.*

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be
ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the
King of glory shall come in.*

*Who is the King of glory : it is the Lord
strong and mighty, even the Lord
mighty in battle.*

*Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be
ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the
King of glory shall come in.*

*Who is the King of glory : even the Lord
of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

2 Ephesians 1:3-14 Blessed be the
God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who has blessed us in Christ

with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

Hymn Number 393

*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 6:14-29 King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the

head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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.

Prayers After A Marriage

The couple come forward. The priest says: I invite you now to recall the vows that you made at your wedding.

The couple relay their vows to one another. Then the priest addresses the congregation: Will you, the family and friends of Elizabeth and Tim, continue to support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

The congregation replies boldly: We will!

Blessed are you, heavenly Father. You give joy to husband and wife.

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ. You have brought new

life to mankind.

Blessed are you, Holy Ghost of God. **You bring us together in love.**

Blessed be Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **One God, to be praised for ever. Amen.**

The priest prays a prayer of thanksgiving, to which all respond: Amen.

The priest gives a blessing, to which all respond: Amen.

The Intercessions & Peace

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 239

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: Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 436

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.



The Blessing of the Bees

A record attendance from members of the congregation - and the wider Sandwich community - for the Blessing of the Bees on St Benedict's Feast is testament to how many people value and appreciate the Churchyard Rediscovered project - so thanks must go to Barry Brooks and all who work with him.

Thanks also go to The Reverend Doctor Jeanne Males, who gave the blessing as Chaplain to the bees. It's important that we remember that God is not only with us on a Sunday morning, but at all times and in all places - and it is right that we give thanks for the beauty of the area in which we live, and wherever we find abundant wildlife.

July

Thursday 18th July - Wednesday 7th August		Joe Grogan, Ordinand (in formation for the priesthood) is with us on a placement Tuesday 6th August 5:30pm Said Eucharist for the Feast of the Transfiguration, followed by farewell drinks for Joe.
Saturday 20th	9:00am	Sandwich Churches Together Prayer Breakfast, St Andrew's RC Church
Saturday 20th		St Clement's Church Choir sing Evensong at St George's Chapel, Windsor

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>

PCC Prayers

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) meet for the second time since the APCM this week, please keep them in your prayers as they attempt to discern God's will for St Clement's, and find the path by which we might put it into place.

Joe Grogan

An ordinand (someone in formation for the priesthood) is joining us from the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, this week, and will be with us for three and a half weeks.

Many thanks to all those who have generously offered to spend time with Joe - his packed schedule while with us says much about the hospitality of St Clement's, and Sandwich.

Choir trip to Windsor

Our Choir will be singing Evensong in St George's Chapel, Windsor, this Saturday, by invitation of the Dean.

We all know how very fortunate we are to have our worship supported by such fine music - please pray for them as they support the worship of one of His Majesty The King's own chapels.

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Services and Events this week

Monday 15th July - **Feast of St Swithun,
and of St Bonaventure**
2:00pm The Funeral of Susan Watts

Tuesday 16th July - **Feria (no Feast)**

Wednesday 17th July - **Feria**
10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 18th July - **Feria**

Friday 19th July - **Feast of St Gregory**
10:00am Coffee Pot (*Parish Hall*)

Saturday 20th July - **Feria**
Choir trip to St George's Chapel, Windsor

Sunday 21st July - **Eighth Sunday after Trinity**
8:00am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)
Celebrant: The Rector
10:30am Parish Eucharist (*Common Worship*)
Celebrant and Preacher: The Rector

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