



Sunday 1st September 2024

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

You are most welcome.

A message to new visitors is found on page 4.

Our order of service begins on page 5.

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

Celebrant: Reverend Howard Pashley

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

Celebrant/Preacher: Reverend Dr Jeanne Males

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

Hymns: 420, 70, 55, 440 (Omit v4&5)

Music at Communion:

'O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace'

Christopher Tye

'Come, Holy Ghost'

Thomas Attwood

Postlude: Toccata (Pièces de Fantaisie, Suite No. 2, Op. 53)

Louis Vierne

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, André 'Dédé' Devinck, Patricia Winifred Ardy, Malcolm Lodwick, Carolyn Bower

Year's Mind

Alice Kathleen Revell, Doris Lena Fittall, James Majury, Alice Louise Silk, Reginald Downs, Lillian Cooper, David Harris, Edward Percy Rugg, Frederick Lowe, John Rowland Wheatley

Reflection for the week

The Reverend Robin Bendall

We spoke just last week about the idea of perceptions affecting our decision making and these perceptions can either be good or bad. It is easy to sniff at the French for eating Filet de Cheval or the far eastern nations for eating dog. Actually, how much right do we have to issue these food rules when these foodstuffs (as far as they are concerned) have been around for millenia and are normal.

It is so important to have rules, isn't it? We can all see the areas of unrest which occur because rules are broken or ignored. This is a paramount part of the behaviours of practically any successful society you come across, without exception.

We are warned to follow the laws exactly, because to refrain from so doing causes grey areas to occur and confusion to arise. But, is this really hard and fast, no wiggle room, advice? This is the rub. We are also warned to obey the meekness of the word and to be doers of the word.

You know Jean Valjean (he is the good-looking one in "Les Misérables" by Victor Hugo) who wishing to feed his starving child, takes some bread and condemns himself to servitude and his child to death. That was the law. Monseigneur Bienvenu later lies to save Jean Valjean with no ill effect to himself, despite his crime being just as grievous as Jean's. Theft is wrong and should be punished, lying is

wrong and should also be chastised. So, where is the difference here? The answer lies in the meekness of the Word. If you follow the Word without thought, heart and empathy, you are surely not looking at the heart of the Word at all. It is not there to cause restraint and suffering, but rather to help us love God and our fellow beings. It is there to help us obey the meekness of the Word and be doers of the Word.

Jesus takes up this thread in Mark and admonishes us to do good things and to remain unstained. We are very prone to accepting human interpretation of the law and we then abstain from doing the loving thing that God has in mind. We are also very prone to spotting the ill-behaviour of others whilst, consciously or unconsciously, drawing a tufty bit of carpet over the misdoings for which we are responsible. Do not just do what humankind has devised but do as God wants. God is love and so let us do the loving thing.

So, let us all pick up our tufty bits of carpet, give them a shake and see what human evil intentions fall out, and become determined to do what God would like, which is invariably actions motivated by unstained love.

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 in the Sunley Room (accessed up the ramp behind the organ), and you are most welcome to stay. Toilets may also be found here.

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

Today's two pieces of communion music are very much linked by the theme of the Holy Spirit. We firstly sing a short anthem by the Tudor composer Christopher Tye (c1505-1572) who became Organist of Ely Cathedral before being ordained and becoming Rector of Doddington, Cambridgeshire - at the time it was England's largest and richest benefice. Some sources suggest that Tye was also the composer of the tune called Winchester Old and sung to While shepherds watched their flocks by night! The words of *O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace* were retrospectively fitted to Tye's music many years after his death as they were written by the Frenchman Charles Coffin (1676-1749).

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, eternal source of love, inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts with fire from heaven above.

As thou dost join with holiest bonds the Father and the Son, so fill us all with mutual love and knit our hearts in one.

It is followed by Thomas Attwood's anthem *Come, Holy Ghost our souls inspire* which is in essence a simple three verse hymn. The elegant melody, first sung by the sopranos, then by a chorus is reminiscent of Mozart's masterpiece, Ave verum corpus. This is perhaps unsurprising - Attwood took composition lessons from Mozart in Vienna, and one of his contemporaries quotes Mozart as saying: 'He partakes more of my

style than any scholar I ever had; and I predict, that he will prove a sound musician.' Attwood (1765-1838) worked closely with the royal family throughout his life. He taught music to the Prince of Wales, was appointed composer and eventually organist to the Chapel Royal and later organist at St Paul's Cathedral.

The outgoing organ voluntary is the Toccata from the Second Suite of the 24 Pièces de Fantaisie by Louis Vierne. Vierne had a very difficult life. Blind from an early age, he lost his brother and son to the First World War, his wife left him for a close personal friend, and he was frequently overlooked for high-profile teaching jobs at the Paris Conservatoire. Nevertheless, he was Organist Titulaire of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris for the last 37 years of his life. The Pièces de Fantaisie were composed while on summer holiday in 1926 and 1927 and showcase Vierne at his most creative. The Toccata, completed in December 1926 and published the following year, is a brilliant firework-display of sound, so typical of the fiery toccatas written by so many of the French composers of the period such as Widor and Dubois.

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Order of Service

The Gathering

Notices are given before the service.

Stand for the opening hymn:

Hymn 420

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:

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence:

give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated as the Choir sing
Psalm 15*

Domine, quis habitabit?

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle: or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life

*: and doeth the thing which is right,
and speaketh the truth from his heart.*

*He that hath used no deceit in his
tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour
: and hath not slandered his neigh-
bour.*

*He that setteth not by himself, but is
lowly in his own eyes : and maketh
much of them that fear the Lord.*

*He that sweareth unto his neighbour,
and disappointeth him not : though it
were to his own hindrance.*

*He that hath not given his mon-
ey upon usury : nor taken reward
against the innocent.*

*Whoso doeth these things : shall never
fall.*

James 1:17-27 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and

not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

Hymn Number 70

*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 John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 7:1-8,14,15,21-23 Now when the Pharisees and some of

the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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 55

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, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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 440 (Omit v
4&5)*

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 love and 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.

POETRY

READINGS

ORGANIST - ROBERT TAPSFIELD

SEA SHANTIES - KELLET GUT

FREE ENTRY, WITH COMPLIMENTARY DRINK

NAUTICAL NOTES

TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
2:50PM - 4:40PM WITH INTERVAL

ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH, SANDWICH
CHURCH STREET ST CLEMENT, CT15 9EH

AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC &
READINGS ON A SEA THEME



This event is presented by Sandwich Arts Week
in partnership with St Clement's Church, Sandwich
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Warm Welcome Project Launch

The 'Warm Welcome Project' is a vision to guide us through the next five years. There are several elements to the project, both fabric and mission, please take a prayer card for more information.

**The launch of the Warm Welcome Project
will take place during a Reception following the
10:30am Parish Eucharist on 29th September.**

Please do attend if possible, and encourage anyone from our community who might be interested in St Clement's to do the same. The Warm Welcome Project is something for us all to engage with, please to pray about what part God might be calling you to play in the future of St Clement's.

Ride & Stride

For very many years, on the second Saturday in September, many hundreds of people, young and old, get out their bikes or put on their walking boots and set off to visit as many churches and chapels in Kent as they are able.

Before this day they will have worked hard raising sponsorship from as many people as they can, to reward them for the number of churches or chapels they will visit. There is a list of about 600 places of worship available in our county for them to visit and log into. It is now also permitted to travel by public transport, car, horse, scooter or canoe.

Half the money each participant raises goes to a church or chapel of their choice and the other half contributes to the funds of "The Friends of Kent Churches". Last year a total of £149,000 was raised. Churches and chapels in the county can apply to the fund for grants to assist with maintenance or restoration projects. This church for example has benefited from generous help from "The Friends" in the past. Don't forget - Saturday 14th September !

Anyone interested in taking part for St Clement's – please get in touch with David Senior 01304612782 / david.senior6@btinternet.com

Rector's Holiday

The Rector is on holiday 24th August-7th September. Please direct enquiries via the Parish Office, or the Churchwardens.

September

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>
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Sunday 29th	10:30am	Festal Parish Eucharist, followed by launch of the 'Warm Welcome Project' <i>For the Feast of St Michael and All Angels, we have the joy of Primrose's Baptism within the 10:30am service. Drinks will be served afterwards, for the official launch of the 'Warm Welcome Project'. Page 12 for more.</i>
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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>
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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>
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November

1st November	5:30pm	Choral Eucharist at Canterbury Cathedral <i>Our Choir sing for the All Saints' Day Eucharist at the Cathedral</i>
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2nd November	Noon	All Souls' Day Requiem <i>A quiet, said Requiem Mass/Eucharist will be offered for all departed souls and loved ones</i>
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10th November		Remembrance Sunday <i>11:00am - Act of Remembrance at the Town War Memorial, Market Street</i> <i>c11:20am - Service of Remembrance at St Clement's</i> <i>5:00pm Sung Requiem Mass/Eucharist, the Choir sing Fauré's Requiem, offered for all departed souls and loved ones</i>
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17th November	10:30am	Patronal Festival Parish Eucharist <i>Followed by Reception. The Archdeacon of Ashford, the Venerable Darren Miller, will be guest preacher</i>
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Services and Events this week

Monday 2nd September - Feria

Tuesday 3rd September - Feast of St Gregory the Great

Wednesday 4th September - Feria

10:00am Holy Communion

Thursday 5th September - Feria

Friday 6th September - Feria

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

Noon Internment of Ashes

Saturday 7th September - Feria

3:00pm The Wedding of Alexandra Millwater and James Postlethwaite

Sunday 8th September - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity/Accession Day

8:00am Holy Communion, followed by Accession Day service
(*Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant: The Rector

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

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