Sunday 27th October 2024 Last Sunday after Trinity

You are most welcome.

A message to new visitors is found on page 4. Our 10:30am order of service begins on page 5.

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

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St Clement's

Parish Church

 10:30am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) Celebrant: The Rector Preacher: The Rector Setting: 'Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo' FJ Haydn Hymns: Sheet, 342, 461, 466, Sheet

Music at Communion: 'God of hope and Lord of healing '

Margaret Rizza

Postlude: 'Carillon de Westminster Op. 54'

Louis Vierne

For your prayers

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Reflection for the week The Reverend Robin Bendall

Sight is that thing. It is a tremendous gift and we are absolutely right to value it very much indeed. We do not know how we would cope without it and before we know where we are, we are in a mild panic.

Immediately, we are put to shame. I know you are all avid fans of "Strictly Come Dancing" and, no doubt, as you have flicked on your enormous plasma screens of a Saturday evening, you have seen the terrific and mind boggling dance movements of blind Chris McCausland, whose foot work is immaculate, whose expression is faultless and whose seemingly effortless determination seems to allow him to do the most wonderful things. And surely, we must gather encouragement from that.

Just in case the Chris example leaves you unimpressed, do you remember Libby Clegg? Evidently, you are all ebullient fans of "Dancing on Ice", and quite rightly so too. If you cast your minds back a couple of years to the January of 2020 you will remember Libby doing all the antics that Chris does on a dance floor, but for her on razor sharp skates on really slippy ice and utterly unable to see! Her courage, achievement and love of the life she has been given, makes us all applaud, certainly.

These two popular performers bring us neatly to the subject of the People of God and, by extension, us, who are wandering around with God and Jeremiah this morning. You see the People at that time were in a three part cycle. They would behave, they would get into mischief, they would be punished and then they would be good again. This seems to go on and on and on... until Jesus. From that time on, we still get into mischief (that's choice for you, with which God will not interfere) but God's approach is to see what we have done and organise forgiveness and redemption for us, for which we are to be eternally grateful, as long as we are sorry for what we have got wrong. We must then deploy the faith we have that our Father will help.

And so to blind Bartimaeus. Our blindness is a figurative one. For Bartimaeus it was a physical and figurative one. Like our performers, he has the drive, determination and skill to appeal to Jesus. Jesus recognises his faith and his sight is restored. Whilst we pray for a similar miracle for Libby and Chris, let us consider what our blindnesses are: with what would we like God to help us? This is what we need to place before our Father and He will surely help. That is why He sacrificed Himself and why He is made perfect for ever.

New to St Clements? Welcome! We're delighted that you're here

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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

As a change to the normal setting of the Gloria this morning and, in anticipation of the choir signing at the Cathedral Eucharist for all Saints Day in Canterbury this Friday, we are singing a Latin version by Joseph Haydn from one of his settings of the Missa Brevis (short masses) dedicated to St John of God. It was written around 1775 for the order of the Barmherzige Brüder (Brothers Hospitallers) in Eisenstadt, whose patron saint was John of God - a 15th century Spanish Saint.

Today's communion anthem is contemporary and reflective а setting of "God of hope and Lord of healing" with words by the Kentish born Christopher Idle. Composed by Margaret Rizza (b1929) she has become noted for her reflective Christian music, often with repeated choruses as in this piece. She turned to composing music relatively late in life, when Sister Pamela Hayes, who was a good friend, asked her to write some music which would form an introduction to prayer at an international conference. Despite an initial reluctance, she produced six pieces of music for the conference and since then her output has expanded considerably.

The concluding voluntary - Carillon de Westminster, Opus 54, No. 6, is a piece written by the turn of the 20th century French organist and composer Louis Vierne. It constitutes the sixth piece in the third suite of Vierne's four-suite set 24 Pieces de Fantaisie, first published in 1927. It is a fantasia on the Westminster chimes, which have been chimed from the Palace of Westminster since 1858. The chimes play four notes in the key of E major, G#, F#, E, and B in various patterns every fifteen minutes. The Westminster chimes are in 5/4 time, whereas Vierne's piece is in triple time which gives it a slightly uneven feel. The published piece has its origin in an improvisation during a concert given by Vierne in 1924 in Westminster Cathedral, at which event it is rumoured that Vierne's friend Henry Willis III, the builder of the Westminster organ, hummed the tune for the composer upon Vierne's request. The rumour continues that either Willis hummed the tune incorrectly or Vierne misheard his friend upon transcription; in any case Vierne misquoted the second quarter of the chimes. It starts quietly, as if hearing the chimes from a distance, but in true and typical style, builds to an impressive ending.

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Order of Service

Notices are given before the service. **Stand** for the opening hymn, written by The Very Reverend Robert Willis, Dean Emeritus of Canterbury (1947-2024), who has sadly died this week:

Earth's fragile beauties we possess as pilgrim gifts from God, and walk the slow and dangerous way His wounded feet have trod. Though faith by tragedy is rocked, and love with pain is scored, we sing the pilgrims' song of hope: 'Your kingdom come, O Lord!'

Earth's human longings we possess by love or grief compelled to take and bear the heavy cross Christ's wounded hands have held. By cloud and fire he leads us on through famine, plague or sword, singing with faith the pilgrims' song: 'Your kingdom come, O Lord!'

God's own true image we possess in innocence first known, now tainted by the hate and spite to Christ's own body shown. By that same wounded heart of love God's image is restored, to sing again the pilgrims' song: 'Your kingdom come, O Lord!' 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.

Glória in excélsis Deo et in terra pax homínibus bonæ voluntátis. Laudámus te, benedícimus te, adorámus te, glorificámus te, grátias ágimus tibi propter magnam glóriam tuam, Dómine Deus, Rex cæléstis, Deus Pater omnípotens.

Dómine Fili Unigénite, Iesu Christe, Dómine Deus, Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris, qui tollis peccáta mundi, miserére nobis; qui tollis peccáta mundi, súscipe deprecatiónem nostram. Qui sedes ad déxteram Patris, miserére nobis.

Quóniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dóminus, tu solus Altíssimus, Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spíritu: in glória Dei Patris. Amen

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of The Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Celebrant says: Let us pray: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**Amen.**

The Scriptures

Jeremiah 31:7-9

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,

'Save, O Lord, your people,

the remnant of Israel.'

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

Remain seated as the Choir sing Psalm 126 In convertendo

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion and When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion : then were we like unto them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with joy.

Then said they among the heathen . The Lord hath done great things for them.

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already : whereof we rejoice.

Turn our captivity, O Lord : as the rivers in the south.

They that sow in tears : shall reap in joy.

He that now goeth on his way weeping and beareth forth good seed : shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Hebrews 7:23-end

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

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

Hymn Number 342

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 10:46-end

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.'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 461

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*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Mary, Clement, Peter, Paul, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, 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.

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.

All say boldly: Amen.

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After all have received Holy Communion, Stand as the Celebrant says Let us pray: God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who 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.

"The kingdom is upon you!" the voice of Jesus cries, fulfilling with its message the wisdom of the wise; it lightens with fresh insight the striving human mind, creating new dimensions of faith for all to find 'God's kingdom is upon you!' the message sounds today, it summons every pilgrim to take the questing way, with eyes intent on Jesus, our leader and our friend, who trod faith's road before us, and trod it to the end.

The kingdom is upon us! Stirred by the Spirit's breath, we glory in its freedom from emptiness and death; we celebrate its purpose, its mission and its goal, alive with the conviction that Christ can make us whole.

Robert Willis 1947-2024

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.

ALL SAINT'S DAY

FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 5:30[™] CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL The Choir of St Clement's sing for the Eucharist at Canterbury Cathedral



St Clement's Parish Church

ALL SOUL'S DAY SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 1:00PM

A quiet, spoken Requiem Eucharist to remember those who have died

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 8:00^{AM} Holy Communion 10:50^{AM} Act of Remembrance *at Sandwich town war memorial, by St Peter's*

followed by Service of Remembrance c11:20pm at St Clement's 5:00[™] Sung Requiem Eucharist Fauré's Requiem, a beautiful service for anyone to remember loved ones

All Saints and All Souls

Please note timings to the left for services this week. Names of the departed may be filled in on the welcome table

Parish Giving Scheme

If you give regularly to St Clement's, please seriously pray and consider using the Parish Giving Scheme.

This Scheme, operated by the Church of England, works like a direct debit and donates directly from your bank account. It is extremely easy to alter your donation in the future by writing to the Parish Giving Scheme, telephoning them, or setting up an online account.

'Pledge Forms' are available at the back of the Warm Welcome launch packs, or separately on the information table, and these include more details.

To discuss this further, or if you have concerns, please speak to the Rector or Treasurer.

John Wakeman, ordinand on placement

From today we welcome John Wakeman, who lives locally and is in formation for the priesthood, to spend six Sundays with us on placement. John writes:

"I am a retired (Pfizer) scientist, husband to one wife, father to three adult children, grandfather to two (nearly three) grandchildren. I am a runner, writer, stumbler in the Way of Christ and I will have my coffee! I live and worship in the parish of Upper Deal and Great Mongeham and I'm training for ordination via the *Dover Pathway*, which is for retired people wishing to serve where they are."

November			
Friday 1st November	5:30pm	Choral Eucharist at Canterbury Cathedral Our Choir sing for the All Saints' Day Eucharist at the Cathedral	
Saturday 2nd November	1:00pm	All Souls' Day Requiem A quiet, said Requiem Mass/Eucharist will be offered for all departed souls and loved ones	
Saturday 9th November	10:00am to Noon	Christmas Card Coffee Morning In St Clement's Church, raising money for The Children's Society	
Sunday 10th November		Remembrance Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion 11:00am - Act of Remembrance at the Town War Memorial, Market Street c11:20am - Service of Remembrance at St Clement's 5:00pm Sung Requiem Mass, the Choir sing Fauré's Requiem, offered for all departed souls and loved ones	
Saturday 16th November	9:00am	Churches Together Prayer Breakfast We host the Churches of Sandwich for prayer, food, and preparation of our Christmas cards	
Sunday 17th November	10:30am	Patronal Festival Parish Eucharist Followed by Reception. The Archdeacon of Ashford, the Venerable Darren Miller, will be guest preacher	
Saturday 30th November	10:00am - Noon	Advent Coffee Morning and Raffle A chance to talk to friends and neighbours over coffee and cake in our Church Hall	
December			
Sunday 1st December	5:00pm	Advent Carol Service - Worth At our sister parish of St Peter and St Paul, Worth. We prepare for the keeping of Advent with readings, hymns, and anthems from our Choir	
Tuesday 17th December	6:30pm	Advent Compline Our Choir bring light into darkness by leading this quiet service of Night Prayer	
Sunday 22nd December	6:30pm	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols A highlight of the year, the traditional service recalling the story of Christ's birth in word and music	

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Services and Events this week

Monday 28th October - Feast of Saints Simon Et Jude Tuesday 29th October - Feast of James Hannington, B Wednesday 30th October - Feria 10:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Thursday 31st October - Feria Friday 1st November - All Saints Day 10:00am Coffee Pot (Parish Hall) 5:30pm Choir sing Choral Eucharist at Canterbury Cathedral Saturday 2nd November - All Souls Day 1:00pm Said Requiem Mass Sunday 3rd November - The Fourth Sunday Before Advent 8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Celebrant: The Rector 10:30am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) Celebrant: The Rector Preacher: Derek Kirkaldie

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