



Sunday 27th April 2025

The Second Sunday of Easter

You are most welcome.

A message to new visitors is found on page 3.

Our 10:30am order of service begins on page 5.

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

Celebrant: The Reverend Howard Pashley

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

Celebrant: The Rector

Preacher: The Rector

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

Easter Alleluia (Tone v6) and Easter Dismissal

Hymns: 117, 114, 112, 121

Music at Communion:

'I know my Redeemer liveth' G F Handel

Postlude: *"Incantation pour un jour Saint"* Jean Langlais

For your prayers

At This Time

Gillian Kullman, Jennie Frampton, Lindsay Gorrington, Chris Pratt, Dorothy Blyth, Alan Kirkaldie, Vicky Hellawell, HM The King, the bereaved, and those suffering during warfare.

Recently Departed

Pope Francis, Steven Ward, Sarah Harris, Anthony Sarjeant, Pauline Lewis, Patricia Elizabeth Susan Clark

Year's Mind

Evelyn Lucy Patterson, Peter William Kullman, John Stuart Patterson, Beryl Talbot, Rose Amelia Manning, Terence John Kemp, Joyce Rosina Spurgeon, Margaret Clarke, Jean Lilian Yale, Pauline Virginia Marella, Amanda Katherine Clive, Rosemary Kirkaldie

Reflection for the week

Derek Kirkaldie

Today is traditionally known as Low Sunday, things are a bit low key, prosecco replaced with coffee and things are back to normal.

But what is normal? The disciples after the events of Easter Day were locked behind closed doors for fear of the Jews. No excitement after seeing the risen Jesus but replaced with fear, now that is one of an emotional hangover!

The disciples were in fear of their own lives, would they be hunted down and be put to death too?

Jesus appears to them and immediately sets the scene by saying 'Peace be with you'. The disciples were over the moon to see Jesus again, their friend and master back with them. Oh, how their mood must have changed.

Thomas was not there and when he had returned to the house the disciples were keen to share their news. Let's be fair to poor Thomas he doubted his friends account of what had happened, after all it is a big leap from one emotion to another. He demands unless he can touch and see the risen Jesus he will not believe.

Be careful what you wish for Thomas because Jesus then appears a week later and invites Thomas to touch his wounds. Thomas acknowledges Jesus immediately .

Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe'.

In our life we may doubt our faith and where Jesus and our Heavenly Father are. It's natural in times of great sadness and hardship as we cry out, 'My God, why have you forsaken me?'

If the Easter message teaches us anything it is that God loves us so much, he was prepared for Jesus to die for us. In love things are transformed and Jesus rising from the tomb re wrote the rules.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, in our most difficult times Jesus and our Heavenly Father are closer to us than we could ever imagine. 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe'.

Let us pray:

Almighty and ever living God, who didst strengthen thine apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in thy Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in thy sight; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee. 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. Our collection is gathered before the service, for the work of St Clement's, and offered up to God

at this point. You can still donate, if you wish, on the way out of church - the giving station is to the left of the porch.

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 is customary on Low Sunday, the choir is on holiday after a busy Holy Week and Easter. During the communion Robert will play an arrangement of the famous soprano aria – *I know my redeemer liveth*. The words are taken from the OT Book of Job and St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Set in the bright key of E major it opens the third part of Handel's famous oratorio *Messiah* following the Hallelujah Chorus.

The organ voluntary is a piece by the twentieth century French composer Jean Langlais – his *Incantation pour un jour saint* which is founded on the plainsong acclamations of *Lumen Christi* (The light of Christ). This is proclaimed three times during the Easter Vigil. Langlais (1907-1991) was a prolific composer, composing 254 works with opus numbers written in a highly individual eclectic style whilst being Organist at Sainte-Clotilde Paris. Owing to his blindness, Langlais's method of composition

involved him thinking about the work in every detail over a long period, and only then writing it down in shorthand Braille. He would then dictate each note and its rhythmic value to an amanuensis (often his first wife Jeannette) to produce the full score.

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Order of Service

The Gathering

Notices are given before the service.

Stand for the opening hymn:

Hymn 117

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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

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.

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

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

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

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; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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 introduces the Collect with the words 'Let us pray' and a period of silence. Then

Let us pray: Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. All say **Amen.** *All sit.*

The Scriptures

Acts of the Apostles 5.27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has

given to those who obey him.'

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

Revelation 1.4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Hymn 114

*Turn to face the Book of the Gospels
as it moves to the centre of the nave.
'The Gospel may be acclaimed. 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.

John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side.

Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

A sermon is preached.

The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 the collection offered to God, we sing:

Hymn Number 112

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.** *In Lent, we say* We do

not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

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 our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. *All say* Amen.

All say 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 121

Going out into the World

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** *The Celebrant blesses and dismisses the congregation.* Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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)



THANK YOU
*to everyone who played
a part in our journey
through Holy Week
to Easter Day*

Pope Francis

“Christ is risen! These words capture the entire meaning of our existence, for we were not made for death but for life.” These are the final public words of Pope Francis, who died early on Easter Monday. How very fitting they are.

We commend him into God’s hands, and remember our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers at this time. I have written to Fr Matthew at St Andrew’s Church, on behalf of us all, to express our condolences and assure them of our prayers.

The Rector

Church Welcoming - Volunteers sought!

For more than twenty years St Clement’s has been stewarded during the summer months to welcome visitors and help them explore our one thousand year old church. The current scheme, Church Welcome, starts each year on 1st May and ends on 30th September . The church is of course open to all throughout the year from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. The Welcomers choose a certain hour (or two) from a rota when it would be convenient for them to sit in the church each week.

It is a very rewarding way of spending a quiet hour and welcoming people from literally all over the world (check the visitors’ book). Our team has since Covid become rather reduced and I would be very pleased to give more information to anyone interested in filling one of the empty slots on the timetable. I have put a provisional rota in the porch and on the information table inside the Church showing what is available and if any prospective Welcomer would like to know more about the church and its history I would be very happy to give them an informal tour.

Please get in touch - David Senior 01304 612782
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Supporting the Food Bank & Food Pantry

‘For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink’

Our faith calls us to see others as sisters and brothers, and to share from what abundance we may have. It may be a surprise to some that there are those in our own parish who struggle - for a variety of reasons - to gather enough food for themselves or their families.

They may be supported by the Deal Area Foodbank, who provide short-term emergency relief where needed, or by the Sandwich Food Pantry, which operates from the Jubilee Centre. The Pantry alone currently supports around 30 households, providing subsidised food and a place to meet.

After careful consideration, the PCC has agreed to support both organisations in two different ways, reflecting the different ways in which they provide support. A collection basket will continue to be sited in the porch, where donations can be placed for the Food Pantry. Emma Montgomery will organise this collection, and provide updated lists of items that would be helpful at any given time. Perhaps we could all get into the habit, if we are able, of bringing an item to church with us?

Three times a year (before Easter, before Christmas, and during the summer holidays) we will then take a particular collection for the Foodbank on a Sunday morning.

Each Harvest Festival we will alternate our collection between the Foodbank and the Food Pantry. If you would like to make a financial contribution to either organisation - either a one-off or offering regular financial support - please speak to Emma or to Maggie.

Joe Grogan Ember Cards

Joe Grogan, who was on placement with us last summer, is to be ordained in St Paul's Cathedral this Pentecost. He requests our prayers by use of traditional 'ember cards', please do take one and remember him in your prayers, alongside all to be ordained at this time.

APCM

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting - a chance to reflect on 2024, plan for 2025, and ask questions, will be after the 10:30am service on Sunday 11th May. Reports will be available to take away or read online by the end of this week.

Parish Calendar

May

Thursday 8th May	10:50am	V E Day: Act of Remembrance. <i>A short Act of Remembrance, organised by St Clement's (by agreement of the Town Council) to mark 80 years since V E Day.</i>
Sunday 11th May	After 10:30am service	APCM <i>Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting - the yearly review of activities, funds, and elections for Officers</i>
Wednesday 28th May- Sunday 29th June		Fr Seb Lundberg on Placement <i>Fr Seb is a priest in his final year as a Curate in the nearby Bewsborough Parish.</i> <i>As is customary for such Curates, he is to undertake a placement in a different context from his normal parish for a month during this final year. Please help to make him welcome.</i>

June

Saturday 28th June		Little Gardens of Sandwich Returns! <i>Watch out for much more information to follow in May!</i>
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Zoom Compline

Zoom Compline (arranged by Derek Kirkaldie, Reader) resumes this week, temporarily on a Wednesday evening, from 7:30pm. For more information see www.stclementsandwich.org.uk/zoom-compline

Annual Leave

The Rector will be on annual leave from Wednesday 30th April until the following week.

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The week ahead

Monday 28th April - Feast of St George (transferred)

Noon Eucharist



Tuesday 29th April - Feast of St Mark the Evangelist (transferred)

9:30am Sandwich Infant School Visit

2:00pm Churches Together in Sandwich Committee

5:00pm Eucharist

Wednesday 30th April - Feria

10:00am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

7:30pm Compline (*via Zoom*)

Thursday 1st May - Feast of Philip and James the Apostles

Friday 2nd May - Feast of St Athanasius, B, D

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

Saturday 3rd May - Feria

Sunday 4th May - The Third Sunday of Easter

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

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

Celebrant/Preacher: The Reverend Howard Pashley

Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 5;146 + Joshua 1. 1-9	Ps 3;11 Mark. 1.1-15
Tuesday	Ps 37.23 - end + Isaiah 62.6-10	Ps 45 + Tim 4.1-11
Wednesday	Ps 16;30 + Deuteronomy 3.18-end	Ps 33 + John 12.20 - 26
Thursday	Ps 139;146 + Proverbs 4.10-18	Ps149 + John 1.43-end
Friday	Ps 57;61 + Deuteronomy 4.15-31	Ps 118 + Colossians 3.12-4.1
Saturday	Ps 63;84 + Deuteronomy 4.32-40	Ps66 + Colossians 4.2-end

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