



Sunday 11th May 2025

The Fourth 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 Rector

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

Celebrant: The Rector

Preacher: The Rector

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

with Coventry Gloria Easter Alleluia (Tone v1) Gospel

Acclamation and Easter Dismissal

Hymns: 104 (omit v2), 459, 457, 391

Music at Communion:

'The Lord's my Shepherd (from Requiem)' John Rutter

'Let us now praise famous men' R Vaughan Williams

Postlude: *"Marche Héroïque"*

Alfred Herbert Brewer

For your prayers

At This Time

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

Recently Departed Year's Mind

Steven Ward, Sarah Harris, Pauline Lewis, Pamela Clark
Cynthia Reeves, Rosemary Richford, Mollie Archer, Christopher
John Marsh, Lorna Eastwood, Daphne Mary Wells, Derek Fox,
Molly Sole

Reflection for the week

The Reverend Doctor Jeanne Males

I trust that these reflections aren't too 'random' as they have been written well before the 4th Sunday of Easter - very nearly reflections for me to take away on holiday!

For celebrations of VE day, the hymn 'I vow to thee my country' was to be sung in many areas. Most particularly when I was young, I never liked the first verse - which focused on absolute loyalty to one's own country. But even then (and of course much so now) I can relate very much more to the second verse which thinks about the Kingdom of heaven. Of course that always has and always will make greater sense to me. The description of that 'other country' helps a great deal. Sometimes I feel so much better about singing the second verse!

And here we are, in Eastertide when we continue to think about the resurrection of the Lord. And so perhaps thinking about the resurrection might really be so much more appropriate to our thinking even as we reflect on the horrors of what was WW2 as well as the horrors of many other conflicts which continue to threaten us and so many others. Perhaps that 'other country' will be so much more helpful.

As a nation we have been considering the purity of the water that is produced

for our use. And the lack of purity is a matter of serious concern to us all, for the lack of appropriate swimming water, for poor drinking water, for concerns as fish become extinct and all aspects of marine life is poor. And in wartime there is a deep need for clean, fresh water. We only must study TV news reports of areas where there is war to be conscious of that. And yet we read in Revelation we read that we shall be guided to "springs of the water of Life" The very water of Life....

On Easter Monday, Pope Francis died and many of us will have watched his funeral at the end of that week. We were reminded that he spoke many times of the fact that we should 'build bridges not walls' Build bridges not walls, sisters and brothers. We praise God for Pope's Francis' life.

And as we reflect on some of these issues, perhaps we shall become increasingly aware of the fact that there is a big agenda ahead of us as one community of Christians here in Sandwich as we consider all the issues and resources ahead of us at the APCM.

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

The pieces sung today during the communion by the choir reflect the two themes of today's service. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the choir has already sung as a Psalm 23 with Anglican chant between the first and second readings, but now we sing an expanded and popular version of the same words by John Rutter from one of the movements of his Requiem. Originally written in 1978 Rutter composed it for Mel Olson and the Chancel Choir of the First United Methodist Church in Omaha, Nebraska. This piece exemplifies the pastoral tranquillity of the words broken only by the words describing the passing through the valley of death and the glory of dwelling in the house of the Lord. In the original accompaniment the accompanying melody was originally written for a solo oboe but here played on the organ.

The contrasting second piece is a setting of words adapted from Ecclesiasticus Chapter 44 attributed to King Solomon, written in his later years perhaps between 450 BC 180 BC and set to music by Vaughan Williams. These words contrast the famous and well-remembered leaders of our nations with those unremembered by name, such as who are in far greater numbers and who have left no memories behind of them for us. It was as if they never existed, but in this time of marking the 80th anniversary of the Second World War in Europe, their contribution is just as glorious as the leaders of our nations.

*Let us now praise famous men,
And our Fathers that begat us.
Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms,
Men renowned for their power.*

*Leaders of the people
By their counsels and by their knowledge.
Such as found out musical tunes,
And recited verses in writing:*

*All these were honoured in their
generations,
And were the glory of their times.*

*And some there be which have no
memorial;
Who are perished, as though they had
never been.
Their bodies are buried in peace;
But their name liveth for ever more.*

In this final verse Vaughan Williams asks the choir to sing very softly to the words telling 'their bodies buried in peace', but then the music broadens out to a strong and certain conclusion with the words – 'but their name liveth for evermore'.

The outgoing voluntary – a 'heroic' March by Alfred Brewer (1865-1928) proceeds with a swagger that is thoroughly Elgarian, almost in a Pomp and Circumstance idiom, with bold tunes in a very English Edwardian style. Quite why the piece is described as "heroic" is not clear but the sentiment is definitely there! Make of it what you will! This March was played at the funeral service for Earl Mountbatten of Burma at Westminster Abbey in September 1979.

Order of Service

The Gathering

Notices are given before the service.

Stand for the opening hymn:

Hymn 104 (Omit v2)

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. 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 introduces the Collect with the words 'Let us pray' and a period of silence. Then Let us pray: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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 9. 36-end)

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in

Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time, she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So, Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

*Remain seated as the Choir sing
Psalm 23 Dominus regit me.*

*The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I
lack nothing.*

*He shall feed me in a green pasture : and
lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.*

*He shall convert my soul : and bring me
forth in the paths of righteousness, for his
Name's sake.*

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Revelation 7.9-end

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to

me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

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

Hymn 459

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.**

John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So, the Jews gathered around him and said to him, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’ Jesus answered, ‘I have told you, and

you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one

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 457

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.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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: Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***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 391

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)

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APCM

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting - a chance to reflect on 2024, plan for 2025, and ask questions, will be after the 10:30am today. Annual Reports are now available to take away, or to read online:

www.stclementsandwich.org.uk



You're Invited

to our Launchpad Celebration Event!

You are warmly invited to our Launchpad Celebration. Together, with Bishop Rose, The Launchpad Team and Diocesan Team, join us in celebrating the wonderful clergy who have completed this training, hear from young people in our diocese and find out more about training and support available to grow your youth ministry.

RSVP

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Monday 2nd June 2025

Refreshments at 6.30pm for 7-9pm

St Laurence-in-Thamet Church,
High Street St Lawrence, Ramsgate,
Kent, CT11 0QW

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Youthscape

Launchpad Celebration Event

I recently undertook 'Launchpad' training, a national course which this Diocese is offering to Incumbents of parishes who have a real hunger to increase work with young people. The course was genuinely excellent, and is helping me and the PCC develop a strategy which we hope to share more widely for thoughts soon.

The training course ends with a 'celebration event', to which all are invited. There will be presentations on the challenges and opportunities around work with young people today, +Rose will speak about this work in our Diocese, clergy who undertook the training last year will reflect on what's happened since, and our marvellous Diocesan Lead Officer for Children and Young People Ministry will speak (with young people) about what's working in different places. Do let me know if you would be interested in joining me at this event. - *The Rector*

Joe Grogan Ember Cards

Joe Grogan, who was on placement with us last summer, is to be ordained in St Paul's Cathedral this Petertide. He requests our prayers by use of traditional 'ember cards', please do take one (from the booklet stand as you enter from the porch) and remember him in your prayers, alongside all to be ordained at this time.

Rector Training Course

I will be away on a compulsory Diocesan training course for new incumbents this week, but will still have email access for much of the time - *The Rector*

Parish Calendar

May

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>
Thursday 29th May	7.30pm	Ascension Day Sung Eucharist <i>The 40th day of Easter, as we remember the Ascension of Christ into heaven, and pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit.</i>

June

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

Zoom Compline (arranged by Derek Kirkaldie, Reader) next takes place on Wednesday 14th May. For more information see www.stclementsandwich.org.uk/zoom-compline

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The week ahead

Monday 12th May - Feria

Tuesday 13th May - Feria

Wednesday 14th May - Feast of St Matthias the Apostle

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

Thursday 15th May - Feria

Friday 16th May - Our Lady of Cardigan

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

Saturday 17th May - Feria

Sunday 18th May - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

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

Celebrant/Preacher: The Reverend Robin Bendall



Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 103 + Deuteronomy 9. 1-21	Ps 112;113 Luke. 2.41-end
Tuesday	Ps 139 + Deuteronomy 9.23-10.5	Ps 115;116 + Luke 3. 1-14
Wednesday	Ps 135 + Deuteronomy 10. 12-end	Ps 47;48 + Luke 3. 15-22
Thursday	Ps 118 + Deuteronomy 11.8-end	Ps81;85 + Luke 4. 1-13
Friday	Ps 33 + Deuteronomy 12. 1-14	Ps36;40 + Luke 4.14-30
Saturday	Ps34 + Deuteronomy 15. 1-18	Ps84;86 + Luke 4.31-37