

# Reflection for the week

It is not always easy to find time to pray each day, but these days between Ascension Day and Pentecost next Sunday are especially important, as we pray that the Holy Spirit will fall upon us, and upon the whole Church and world.

Consider using these prayers each day leading up to Sunday, and/or sing hymn 138 'Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire', as we all pray for one another:

As we wait in silence, fill us with your Spirit.

As we listen to your word, fill us with your Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty, fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing, fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your renewing, fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your equipping, fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your empowering, fill us with your Spirit.

As we seek a new Archbishop of Canterbury, fill us with your Spirit.

As we seek to serve Sandwich and Worth, fill us with your Spirit.

Generous God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the River Jordan, and upon the disciples in the upper room. In your mercy fill us with your Spirit: hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

## **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. 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.

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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

**F**ollowing Thursday's celebration of the Ascension, the choir sings two contrasted pieces for this season of the church's year. Commencing with a lovely and concise hymn – "O King enthroned on high" which is based on Greek 8th century texts translated by the Scottish hymnodist John Brownlee, the words move us from the season of Ascensiontide towards Pentecost. It is set to magical tune called "Temple" composed by Walford Davies of "God be in my head" fame and of course the RAF March Past.

This is followed by the Ascension anthem 'God omnipotent reigneth' by Charles Wood (1866 - 1926) who was an Irish composer and teacher his students included Ralph Vaughan Williams at Cambridge and Herbert Howells at the Royal College of Music. Wood's music is gaining much popularity now within the Anglican tradition particularly at parish level and is characterised by strong melodies. This anthem was an outcome of his lifelong collaboration with the Revd Woodward George (1848 - 1934),scholar and hymnologist. They shared an enthusiasm for traditional hymns and carols. Woodward's hymn, based on Psalm 93, was published in his Songs of Syon (1904) and he wrote this elaboration of the 1562 French metrical hymn upon which the tune is based. The words describe God as "God omnipotent reigneth, clad in

apparel bright," and "Sov'ran King he remaineth, girded about with might". The second verse of this hymn further contrasts God's power with the "Ocean billow and breaker uplift the voice of pride," while stating that "But their mightier Maker governeth wind and tide". In this verse the lower parts of the choir sing constantly weaving vocal lines as if imitating the churning sea whilst the hymn tune above is carried by the soprano line.

Another grand piece is played as the outgoing voluntary – the Grand March from Aida - so recognisable and not out of place in this triumphant season of Easter and Ascension reflecting victory and great joy. Many composers have written triumphal marches, the bestknown one being by this by Italian opera composer Giuseppe Verdi for his 1871 grand opera Aida, where, in the second act, Radames leads the Egyptian army on its return following their victory over the Ethiopians.

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## Order of Service

### **The Gathering**

Notices are given before the service. *Stand* for the opening hymn:

Hymn Number 342

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: O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All sit.

### The Scriptures

Acts of the Apostles 16.16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

### Remain seated as the Choir sing Psalm 97 Dominus regnavit

The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof : yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him : righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.

There shall go a fire before him : and burn up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings gave shine unto the world : the earth saw it, and was afraid.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord : at the presence of

the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens have declared his righteousness : and all the people have seen his glory.

Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods: worship him, all ye gods. Sion heard of it, and rejoiced: and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord.

For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth : thou art exalted far above all gods.

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil : the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous: and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

*Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous : and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.* 

### Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17-end

And in the spirit he carried me 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.'

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.'

The Spirit and the bride say,

'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

### Hymn Number 476

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 17.20-end

'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

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 352

#### **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: Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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 137

### 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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### A message from Fr Seb Lundberg

I am delighted to be spending the month of June with you. I'm a Curate in the near by parish of Bewsborough (St Peter's Whitfield, St Peter and St Paul's Eythorne & Elvington with Waldershare, St Nicholas's Barfrestone,. St Andrew's Shepherdswell, St Pancras's Coldred, St Martin of Tours Guston).

As a Curate I'm currently learning the essentials of parish ministry, and to deepen my learning I've been given the fantastic opportunity to spend the next month or so with you in Sandwich and Worth. I'm married to Mariann, and we have two wonderful children, Hugo and Leela – hopefully they will be able to pop by sometime too.

I'm very much looking forward to being with you on placement and getting to know you all soon.

Every blessing, Fr Seb

### A Month of Sundays

June is an exciting month, with a different Feast each Sunday:

Sunday 8th June - Pentecost (Rector celebrating and preaching at 10:30am)

Sunday 15th June - Trinity Sunday (Fr Seb Lundberg celebrating and preaching at 10:30am)

**Sunday 22nd June** - Corpus Christi Sunday (The Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, The Very Reverend Doctor David Monteith, preaching at 10:30am. This service ends with a Garden Party at The Rectory)

**Sunday 28th June** - The Feast of St Peter & St Paul (Fr Seb Lundberg celebrating and preaching at 10:30am, with Patronal Festival Choral Evensong in our Sister Church of St Peter & St Paul, Worth, at 5:30pm

### **Teaching Eucharist**

### Tuesday 17th June 6:30pm

The Eucharist is at the centre of our worshipping life together. In preparation for Corpus Christi Sunday, the Rector will celebrate this service (circa. 45-60 minutes), pausing throughout to explain the symbolism, meaning, and mystery of what we do together when we celebrate the Eucharist together.

## Parish Calendar

### May

	<b>Fr Seb Lundberg on Placement</b> Fr Seb is a priest in his final year as a Curate in the nearby Bewsborough Parish.
	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.
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10:30am	<b>Corpus Christi - Guest Preacher: The Dean</b> The Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, The Very Reverend Doctor David Montieth, will be preaching for the Feast of Corpus Christi. The service will end with a blessing and garden party in the Rectory Garden.
1:00pm- 5:00pm	Little Gardens of Sandwich Returns! The anticipated return of Little Gardens of Sandwich- with 5 private gardens, tours of the allotments, ringing room, and churchyard, afternoon tea, the Grand Raffle, and more! Please do spread the word.
5:30pm	<b>Patronal Festival Sung Evensong</b> The Choir of St Clement's lead the singing of Sung Evensong at our Sister Church of St Peter & St Paul, Worth, for their Patronal Festival.
	Southwark Cathedral Choir Trip & Parish Visit Our Choir sing Choral Evensong in Southwark Cathedral. Members of the congregation are invited to join them - see posters for more, and express interest to Derek Kirkaldie (d.kirkaldie@stclementsandwich. org.uk) or Julian Sampson (email opposite).
	10:30am 1:00pm- 5:00pm

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## The week ahead

Monday 2nd June - Feria

Tuesday 3rd June - Feria

#### Wednesday 4th June - Feria

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

### Thursday 5th June - Feast of St Boniface, B, M

#### Friday 6th June - Feria

10:00am Coffee Pot (Church Hall)

### Saturday 7th June - Feria

#### Sunday 8th June - Pentecost (Whitsun)

8:00am Holy Communion *(Book of Common Prayer)* 10:30am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship) *Celebrant and Preacher: The Rector* 

Day	Morning Prayer	EveningPrayer
Monday	Ps 93;96;97 + Deuteronomy 31.1-13	Ps 18 + Luke. 7.36-end
Tuesday	Ps 98;99;100 +Deuteronomy 31.14-29	Ps 68 + Luke 8. 1-15
Wednesday	Ps 2;29 + Deuteronomy 31.30-32.14	Ps 36;46 + Luke 8.16 - 25
Thursday	Ps 24;72 + Deuteronomy 32.15-47	Ps139 + Luke 8.26-39
Friday	Ps 28.30 +Deuteronomy 33	Ps147 + Luke 8.40-end
Saturday	Ps 42;43 + Deuteronomy 32.48-end	Ps48 + John 7.37-39

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