



Sunday 17th August 2025

The Ninth Sunday After Trinity

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 Moger Alleluia

Hymns: 52, 64, 55, 388

Music at Communion:

"To a wild rose" from *Woodland Sketches Op 51* Edward MacDowell

Postlude: *Orb and Sceptre* William Walton

During the month of August the choir is on its summer break

For your prayers

At This Time

Gillian Kullman, Jennie Frampton, Lindsay Gorringe, Chris Pratt, Dorothy Blyth, Graham Barsby, HM The King, the bereaved, and those suffering during warfare.

Recently Departed Year's Mind

Beryl Sampson, René Brunet, Keith Simpson, Tessa Bovill
Ruth Helen Mary Palmer, Frank Alexander Blogg, Dennis Millwater, John Mario Faskally Padovan, Edna Rose Thompson, Edward Brian Pope, Janet Solley, Paul Whittall, Patricia Winifred Ardy, Barry Arthur Kirkaldie

Reflection for the week

Derek Kirkaldie

Division! Clear the lobbies!

During the Brexit negotiations and the pandemic, I got very interested in how our parliament works. One of the interesting functions of a parliament is for it to be able to vote on various things. For that to happen there is a process and if a vote is required the speaker of the house shouts out division, clear the lobby and the MP's go and vote. All very dramatic but it is an efficient process.

The gospel for today is all about division so if you wanted a nice cosy parable, you're in for a bit of a shock!

Division is all around us and a little division may be helpful, to start a healthy debate and for there to be a good outcome. At the other end of the scale division can ruin lives or in war people may die so that is a really bad outcome.

So how does that help us this morning?

It might feel that Jesus has turned into a nasty guy by the tone of his language but sometimes there is a time to be blunt and point out the obvious. Jesus opens the passage with being stressed until his work had been completed, loses his temper a bit and then in the very last line there is something to hang onto 'But why do you not know how to interpret the present time'?

We can get caught up with so many things that can cause a division in our

faith. Things that stop us connecting with Jesus and our Heavenly Father. I think Jesus is pointing out the obvious that life will bring enough problems of its own and we can spend our time worrying about this or even be part of a division that is causing a problem somewhere along the line.

If we are to live in a divided world, we need to see what's right in front of us and not what we hope to see. If we do not open our eyes, hearts and mind to God, how can he guide us?

So, let's not divide but multiple our love for each other and his creation.

Let us pray

Heavenly Father, we come before you as one, though we are many. We ask that you pour out your love upon us and bind us together in unity. Let every division be healed, every wound be mended, and every heart be softened by the power of your grace.

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 and are able, 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, or Holy Communion brought to your pew, 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 the choir continues on its summer recess, communion music is played on the organ. Today a secular piece is played - "To a Wild Rose" from the suite of Woodland Sketches Op. 51 by the American composer Edward MacDowell and completed in 1896. Alan Levy, the critic and biographer, wrote about its origin:-

Marian recalled how her husband would regularly write a few measures (bars) during breakfast — "like exercise" — before going off to his woodland cabin. Normally, MacDowell discarded such fragments, and this particular morning he crumpled the paper and tossed it at the fireplace. He happened to miss the target, however, and rather than summarily throwing it away, Marian later picked up the paper, uncrumpled it, and looked it over. She played it on the piano and decided to keep it. When Edward later returned from the cabin, she showed it to him and said: "This is a charming little melody." Edward looked at it anew and agreed, "It is not bad — very simple. It makes me think of wild roses near the cabin."

Make of that what you will, but it is certainly an expressive piece eminently suitable for this summer season.

The outgoing Voluntary is the Coronation March 'Orb and Sceptre' by William Walton. Orb and Sceptre was commissioned by

the Arts Council of Great Britain and Walton obtained permission to dedicate the piece to the Queen, a considerable honour, as such permission was rarely granted. It was played at her Coronation. It follows the pattern of earlier concert marches by Elgar and Walton himself in consisting of a brisk opening section followed by a broad melody in the middle trio section and returns to the lively first theme to conclude the piece with a second appearance of the big tune.

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Order of Service

The Gathering

Notices are given before the service.

Stand for the opening hymn:

Hymn Number 52

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*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 God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All sit.*

The Scriptures

Jeremiah 23.23–29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock

in pieces?

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

Hebrews 11.29–12.2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were

commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Hymn Number 64

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

Luke 12.49-56

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what

stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? 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 the collection offered to God, we sing:

Hymn Number 55

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Celebrant prays over the offerings, and all respond Amen.

The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Celebrant prays the Preface, leading into:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. *All kneel or sit*

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this

is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. *All say boldly: Amen.*

Preparation for Communion

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Jesus, lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Holy Communion

Sidespeople will indicate when to move for Holy Communion. All who are baptised are welcome to receive Communion, or do bring this booklet with you to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing instead.

*After all have received Holy Communion, **Stand** as the Celebrant says* Let us pray: Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of 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 388

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 from The Sunley
Room (behind the organ)*

FESTIVAL PRAISE



SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST

3-4PM

**THE UNITED
REFORMED CHURCH
SANDWICH**

Everyone Welcome

Refreshments afterwards



Hosted by The Churches Together in Sandwich



VJ Day

A good number attended the Act of Remembrance organised jointly by St Clement's, Sandwich Branch of the RBL, and the Town Council. Names of the fallen of WWII from Sandwich were read out, and two minutes silence kept. We will remember them.

Zoom Compline

Zoom Compline (arranged by Derek Kirkaldie, Reader) - Tuesday 26th August at 7.30pm, and fortnightly.

For more information see:

www.stclementsandwich.org.uk/zoom-compline

Zoom Compline has hosted 15 services this year with 169 people attending over these services.

Sunley Room Ceiling

You may have seen that the ceiling of the Sunley Room (where coffee is served) has been regrettably affected by the damp, owing to low air flow through the room.

New ventilation has been installed, which should help alleviate the problem in future, but we are looking for someone who can clean the ceiling with appropriate products, and repaint it afterwards. Our Architect has said that a good painter/decorator should be able to undertake this work, and we would be grateful for any recommendations of who might be reliable, or if anyone might be able to help organise this work with us.

Please speak to a Churchwarden or the Rector if you might have a name in mind.

Ride and Stride for St Clement's and The Friends of Kent Churches

For the last forty years on the second Saturday in September, hundreds of people, young and old, have been getting on their bikes or putting on their walking boots to set off and visit as many churches and chapels in Kent as they have been able to. Before this day they will have worked hard raising sponsorship to reward them for the number of churches or chapels they will reach. This year on the 13th of September there will be about 600 places of worship available in Kent to visit and check into. It is now also permitted to have public transport, car, horse, scooter or canoe as your mode of transport.

Similar events occur in every county across England.

Half the money each participant raises goes to a church or chapel of their choice and the other half contributes to the funds of "The Friends of Kent Churches". Last year a total of £ 151,000 was raised. Churches and chapels in the county can apply to the fund for grants to assist with maintenance or restoration projects. St Clement's, for example, has in the past benefited from generous help given by "The Friends".

Anyone interested in taking part for St Clement's can now find sponsorship forms near the north door or you can contact me for a form. When you have started to collect sponsorship please let me know so that I can add you to our list of Riders and Striders. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Don't forget - Saturday 13th September!

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The week ahead

Monday 18th August - Feria

Tuesday 19th August - Feria

Wednesday 20th August - Feast of St Bernard of Clairvaux, Ab, D

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

Thursday 21st August - Feria

Friday 22nd August - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

9:45am Morning Prayer

Saturday 23rd August - Feria

Sunday 24th August - The Tenth Sunday After Trinity

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

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

Celebrant: The Rector

Preacher: Derek Kirkaldie (Reader)



Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 44 + Ezekiel 37.1–14	Ps 47, 49 + Acts 1.1–14
Tuesday	Ps 48, 52 + 37. 15–end	Ps 50 + Acts 1.15–end
Wednesday	Ps 119.57–80 + Ezekiel 39.21–end	Ps 59, 60, (67) Acts 2.1–21
Thursday	Ps 56, 57, (63*) + Ezekiel 43.1–12	Ps 61, 62, 64 + Acts 2.22–36
Friday	Ps 51, 54 + Ezekiel 44.4–16	Ps 38 + Acts 2.37–end
Saturday	Ps 68 + Ezekiel 47.1–12	Psalm 65, 66 + Acts 3.1–10

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