



**Sunday 24th August 2025**

## **The Tenth Sunday After Trinity**

**You are most welcome.**

A message to new visitors is found on page 3.

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

Celebrant: The Rector

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

Celebrant: The Rector

Preacher: Derek Kirkaldie (Reader)

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

Hymns: 232, 294, 'From Heaven You came',  
'Blessed Assurance'

Music at Communion:

*"Le banquet céleste"* Olivier Messiaen

Postlude: *St Anne Fugue BWV 552* J S Bach

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

### **For your prayers**

#### **At This Time**

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

#### **Recently Departed Year's Mind**

Beryl Sampson, René Brunet, Tessa Bovill, John Hughes-Wilson, Ada Agnes Fagg, Leonard Robert Barlow, Peter Painter, Douglas Roper, John Robert Greaves, Eva May Bourner, Malcolm John 'Jim' Cummings, Susan Patience Mary Anderson, Yvonne Patricia Hume, Michael John Wilkie, Percy Thomas Warwick, Anthony David Neve, Hubert Snowden, Colin Carpenter, Alan Twyman, Barbara Baxter-Phillips, Amy Joan Scott

# Reflection for the week

The Reverend Doctor Jeanne Males

I've had a few days of enforced reflection recently, so it seemed relevant to write a few words thinking of these things.

Right at the beginning of my career in the National Health Service I found myself working in a very large hospital committed to the care of people with learning disabilities. The hospital was dedicated to St Lawrence, as was a much older and very ancient church in the local area.

But many of the staff (including me) had no real idea who Lawrence was. I was not much of a churchgoer at the time – although I did attend the Christmas Carol Service. My interest grew.

And a little bit of investigation helped it all make sense – very real sense indeed. Because I found that Lawrence had been a Deacon in Rome in the 3rd century and was associated with Pope Sixtus II in a time of very considerable persecution under Valerian. Then the differing accounts begin and vary a little bit. Many such stories are lost in time, and we have to make sense of them for us. The version I heard and which I could make most sense of was that as part of the persecution Lawrence was

instructed to bring the treasures of the church as an offering. In order to do this, he rounded up all the many marginalized people he knew – the folk who were sick and disabled, and others with particular needs – and offered them all together, as the Treasure of the Church. That is, he offered the treasures as well as the people. Quite what happened to the treasures, I don't know – but Lawrence was martyred on a gridiron – a particularly unpleasant form of martyrdom.

All this made me think very positively about the people I worked with at the time, and indeed for the entirety of my career in the NHS albeit in a variety of settings. As a society perhaps we are only now learning to value all people, whatever their perceived needs. It's a story I have always taken with me, pray God I always shall.

We celebrate Lawrence on 10th August.

# New to St Clements?

Welcome! We're delighted that you're here

**T**here 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](http://www.stclementschurchsandwich.org.uk)



# Music at 10:30am today

The choir continues on its summer break. Accordingly, during the communion, organ music is played. Today the piece is the "*Le Banquet celeste*" (The Celestial Banquet) written by the French composer Olivier Messiaen in 1928. The work's epitaph, "*He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me and I in him*" (John 6:56) indicates the work's eucharistic connection. Despite being only 25 bars long, it takes about 7–8 minutes to perform, due to the extremely slow tempo ("very slow, ecstatic"). The work has two themes: the first, marked "far away, mysterious" is slow and sustained. The second, played by the pedal is marked "brief staccato, as a water drop", and represents Christ's blood. The final chord is accompanied by a very low bass note and marked "very deep". The outgoing voluntary is the St Anne Fugue in Eb major being part of the Klavierübung Part III composed by J S Bach in 1739. The name "St Anne" was given to BWV 552 by English organists familiar with William Croft's hymn tune to "O God our help in ages past", the first line of which is the same as the first fugue subject. This piece is full of symbolism of the Holy Trinity. The first section of the three is in 4/2 time; the second section is in 6/4, and the third section in 12/8. The second and third sections both have their own fugue subject; but the "St Anne" theme is repeated in each section, binding the whole

work together in a Three-in-One unity. The final Pedal Entry of the St Anne theme at the close of the fugue is one of the grandest "pedal entries" in all of Bach's organ music. Another aspect of the symbolism is that it is written in the key of E Flat - as all musicians will know has a key signature of three flats. So, this piece is full of Bach's personal faith expressed in his musical meditations on the great themes of the Trinity.

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# Order of Service

## The Gathering

*Notices are given before the service.*

*Stand for the opening hymn:*

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### *Hymn Number 232*

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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: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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

#### *Isaiah 43.8-13*

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears!

Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble.

Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things?

Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.'

You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

I, I am the Lord, and besides me

there is no saviour.

I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the Lord.

I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

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

#### *Acts 5.12-16*

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

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



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## *Hymn Number 294*

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*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 22.24–30*

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

‘You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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.**

*The altar is prepared while we sing.*

*A collection, taken as the congregation arrived, is offered up to God. If you would like to make a donation*



*please leave it in the safe beside the north porch after the service, use the cardreader there, scan the QR*

*code here, or head to:*

*[www.stclementsandwich.org.uk/donate](http://www.stclementsandwich.org.uk/donate)*

*Thank you.*



From Heaven, You came helpless babe  
Entered our world, your glory veiled  
Not to be served but to serve  
And give Your life that we might live

*This is our God, The Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to The Servant King*

There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load he chose to bear  
His heart with sorrow was torn  
“Yet not My will but Yours”, He said

*This is our God...*

Come see His hands and His feet  
The scars that speak of sacrifice  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered

*This is our God...*

So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone Him  
Each other's needs to prefer  
For it is Christ we're serving

*This is our God...*

*Words: Graham Kendrick*

## **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: God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; 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.

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect communion, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.  
Angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

*This is my story ...*

Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

*This is my story ...*

*Words: Fanny Crosby*

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)*

## **Zoom Compline**

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

For more information see:

[www.stclementsandwich.org.uk/zoom-compline](http://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.

## **The Beheading of St John the Baptist**

A quiet, said Eucharist (25 minutes) will be celebrated this Friday at 5:00pm. A perfect chance to pause before the weekend, all welcome.

## **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 25th August - St Bartholomew the Apostle**

**Tuesday 26th August - Feria**

10:00am Zoom Compline (*See p13*)

**Wednesday 27th August - Feast of St Monica**

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

11:00am Interment of Ashes

**Thursday 28th August - Feast of St Augustine of Hippo, B, D**

**Friday 29th August - The Beheading of St John the Baptist**

9:45am Morning Prayer

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

5:00pm Eucharist

**Saturday 30th August - Feasts of John Bunyan and St Margaret Clitherow**

**Sunday 31st August - The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity**

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

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

*Celebrant: The Rector*

*Preacher: The Rector*



Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 71 + Isaiah 43:8-13	Ps 72,75 + Luke 22:24-30
Tuesday	Ps 73 + Proverbs 1.20–end	Ps 74 + Acts 4.1–12
Wednesday	Ps 77 + Proverbs 2	Ps 119.81–104 + Acts 4.13–31
Thursday	Ps 78.1–39* + Proverbs 3.1–26	Ps Psalm 78.40–end* + Acts 4.32 – 5.11
Friday	Ps 55 + Proverbs 3.27 – 4.19	Ps69+ Acts 5.12–26
Saturday	Ps 76,79 + Proverbs 6.1–19	Psalm 81, 84 + Acts 5.27–end

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