

Sunday 28th September 2025

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

You are most welcome.

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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 Moger Alleluia - Ordinary Time 4

Hymns: 475, 186, 485, 391 Music at Communion:

"Hands that have been handling holy things and high"

Glenfinlas

"How shall I sing that majesty?"

Third Mode Melody

Postlude: "Master Tallis's Testament" Herbert Howells



For your prayers

At This Time Gillian Kullman, Jennie Frampton, Lindsay Gorringe, Chris

Pratt, Dorothy Blyth, Jeremy Connor, Keith Williams, HM The

King, the bereaved, and those suffering during warfare.

Recently Departed René Brunet, Graham Barsby

Year's Mind Catherine Irene Rowlands, Rose Sweetingham, Jessie Lilian

White, Jessie Violet Cunningham, Hilda Margaret Freeland,
Pauline Cummings, Gordon William Kemp, Doris May Bourner,

Jacqueline Carol Mansell



Reflection for the week

The Reverend Doctor Jeanne Males

Ifind myself to be busier than ever at present - always decisions to be made or new ways to pay, and records to be made of new addresses, to name but a few. I rather think that's why I don't really like the implication that we're sweet retired older people who try hard to contribute to the life of the parish. Could we have a new 'label' please?

No - life is pretty hard. When I was vicar of a large parish (we met in a small church building – even though there are different meanings of the word 'church'). But sometimes even now I feel that I'm now running a small business (a very small one) – but that's not only to do with the church. As I work for St Clements and St Peter and St Paul's Worth I find all I do to be immensely enjoyable as I make even a small contribution to the work and mission of God in this area.

Today sees the update of the 'Warm Welcome Project' – how we're doing in the ministry God has given us during the past year. I expect it will be a lively and possibly a challenging debate if not in the meeting after church then in the ways in which we react to the booklet when we get home. Debate over Sunday lunch indeed!

For the truth is that there is work for each one of us if we regard ourselves as being members of the church. For as members of the church we worship together, and in that worship we may find ourselves challenged by readings, preaching or by prayer time about what we should contribute. And the focus of that might well be highlighted over coffee or challenges in general discussion. Perhaps we will return home with a clearer idea of the path we are to take. Or it may be in study or in prayer that all becomes clearer.

The truth is that we can all play a part in the work of God here. May we find ourselves to be blessed in all that we do.

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 glutenfree 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

oday the choir sings two hymns f L spanning many centuries of authorship and music composition. The first - "Hands that have been handling, holy things and high. still, Lord, in thy service bless and fortify" is a communion hymn written by Canon Adam Fox (1883-1977). He was the Dean of Divinity at Magdalen College, Oxford, one of the first members of the literary group "Inklings", Oxford Professor of Poetry and later he became Canon of Westminster Abbey. The hymn is based upon the Liturgy of Malabar an Eastern Catholic tradition rooted in the East Syriac rite with its vibrant, biblical, and communal worship traditions and with origins traced to St. Thomas the Apostle and heavily influenced by the Church of the East. The communal ethos is central to our Eucharistic tradition reflected in the words of this hymn in which the last verse concludes "Be we all one body, all our members one, measured by the stature of God's full-grown Son". Moving back some three hundred years, the choir sings the wonderful hymn "How shall I sing that majesty". Here at St Clements, we normally sing these fine words by John Mason (1645-1694) to the modern and uplifting tune of Coe Fen. But also much loved is the setting to the Third Mode Melody by Thomas Tallis (1515-1585). The tune is from Archbishop Matthew Parker's Psalter of 1567 and was originally a setting for

Psalm 2. This tune became the basis for Ralph Vaughan Williams' transcendently beautiful Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis (1910). It has a strange feel about the music accounted by the fact it was written in the Phrygian mode, which means that it can be played on the piano in E using only the white keys. This melody is called the Third Mode Melody because it was the third of nine in Parker's collection and additionally the Phrygian mode is the third note, if one begins with the anchor of middle C.

The outgoing voluntary is Master Tallis's Testament – a grand title for this organ piece by Herbert Howells in tribute to Tallis. Taken from the "Six Pieces for Organ" which were not published until 1953 but were all composed during the dark years of 1940-1945, it captures the essence of the 'Second English Renaissance' of Howells, Vaughan Williams, and Holst et al with its seamless blending of sixteenth century modality and twentieth century sensuality. The work is essentially a set of gradual variations on the quiet opening theme, each subsequent variation growing in intensity, complexity and volume.

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Order of Service

The Gathering

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

Hymn 475

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. 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: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Amos 6.1a, 4–7 Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria! Alas for those who lie on beds of

ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,

and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

Remain seated as the Choir sing Psalm 146

Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power, for there is no help in them.

When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; on that day all their thoughts perish.

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger.

The Lord looses those that are bound; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous;

The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow; but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.
The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Alleluia

1 Timothy 6.6–19 Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ

Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

Hymn Number 186

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 16.19-31

'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out. "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

'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 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 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 Thank you.

Hymn Number 485

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.

After all have received Holy Communion, Stand as the Celebrant says Let us pray: Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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

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)



Warm Welcome Project Update

After the service today we will have a brief presentation (and a chance for questions and answers) reviewing the Warm Welcome Project one year since it was launched, and looking at how members of the congregation may participate. All are encouraged to attend.

www.stclementsandwich.org.uk/warmwelcome

Zoom Compline

Zoom Compline (arranged by Derek Kirkaldie, Reader) - Tuesday 21st October at 7.30pm, and fortnightly.

For more information see: www.stclementsandwich.org.uk/zoom-compline

Half Marathon for St Clement's

Rhys Llewellyn-Harries will be running the Cardiff Half Marathon next Sunday, 5th October, in aid of St Clement's. He will greatfully receive any money for sponsorship today, or envelopes can be dropped into the Rectory.

Tile Floor Cleaning

Very excitingly, a leading firm in building conservation and maintenance will start work this week cleaning and repairing the floors throughout St Clement's. This major work will take between four and six weeks.

Sometimes the building will need to be closed to visitors, but we hope to remain open as much as possible. Nevertheless, if entering St Clement's please carefully follow any directions about areas that are temporarily closed, and please refrain from conversation with the contractors so that they are able to focus on their work without too many distractions.

Parish Calendar

September				
October				
Sunday 19th	10:30am	Harvest Festival Parish Eucharist More information to follow		
Tuesday 21st	5:30pm	St Clement's Choir sing Choral Evensong in Canterbury Cathedral All are welcome to attend this act of worship		
Saturday 25th	11:00am	Thanksgiving Service Thanksgiving Service for the life of Beryl Sampson - all are welcome.		
Sunday 26th -Sunday 30th November		James Archer on placement An ordinand (person preparing for ordination) on the Dover Pathway will be joining us on Sundays, and some days during the week, on placement		
November				
Saturday 1st	10:00am	Flower Arranging Taster Day An opportunity to learn about flower arranging, and have a go, with no-commitment to sign up in the future. All welcome, not just churchgoers, please spread the word and invite friends. More details, and sign up form, to follow		
Sunday 2nd	8:00am and 10:30am	All Saints' Sunday A celebration of the great Feast of All Saints		
Monday 3rd	Noon	All Souls Said Requiem Eucharist A quiet service at which the names of the departed will be read out		
Sunday 9th		Remembrance Sunday 8:00am Holy Communion 10:50am Act of Remembrance at the Town War Memorial (beside St Peter's) c11:20am Service of Remembrance in St Clement's 5:00pm Sung Requiem Eucharist, Karl Jenkins 'Mass for Peace' at which the names of the departed will be read out		



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The week ahead

Monday 29th September - Feast of St Michael and All Angels

Noon Eucharist

Tuesday 30th September - Feria

Wednesday 1st October - The Feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux

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

Thursday 2nd October - Feria

Friday 3rd October - Feria

9:45am Morning Prayer From 10:00am Coffee Pot (Church Hall)

Saturday 4th October - Feast of St Francis of Assisi, R

9:00am Shoe Box Appeal Brunch (Church Hall, A Upton)

Sunday 5th October - The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10:30am Parish Eucharist (Common Worship)

Celebrant: The Reverend Robin Bendall Preacher: The Reverend Doctor Jeanne Males

Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 34;150 + Daniel 12.1-4	Ps138;148 + Rev.ch.5
Tuesday	Ps32, 36+.Wisdom 7.1–14	Ps 33+ Acts 16.25-end
Wednesday	Ps 34 + Wisdom 7.15 – 8.4	Psalms 119.33–56 + Acts 17.1–15
Thursday	Ps Psalm 37 + Wisdom 8.5–18	Ps Psalms 39, 40+ Acts 17.16-end
Friday	Ps 31 +Wisdom 8.21 – end of 9	Ps35+ Acts 18.1–21
Saturday	Ps 41, 42, 43+ Wisdom 10.15 – 11.10	Ps 45, 46+ Acts Acts 18.22 – 19.7

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