



Sunday 31st May 2026

Trinity Sunday

You are most welcome.

A message to new visitors is found on page 3.

Our 10:30am order of service begins on page 5.

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

Celebrant: The Rector

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

Celebrant: The Rector

Preacher: The Rector

Setting: 'A People's Mass - Anthony Gregory Murray with

Coventry Gloria Moger Alleluia "Trinity Sunday" Acclamation

Hymns: 146, 295, 336, 475

Music at Communion:

'Hymn to the Trinity' Tchaikovsky

'We give immortal praise' Croft's 136th

Postlude:

St Anne Fugue BWV 552 J S Bach

12:45pm Holy Baptism

For your prayers

At This Time

Jennie Frampton, Lindsay Gorringe, David Robertson, Clive Taylor, Tony Johnson, HM The King, the bereaved, and those suffering during warfare

Recently Departed Year's Mind

William Tappenden

Frederick Charles Blackmore, Bruce Arthur Leslie Males, Judith Olivia Dufau, John Robin Atkins, Richard Joseph Parsons, William George Carpenter, Irene Hood, David George Gates, Chick Shephard, Betty Eileen Trotter, Mark Williams, Elizabeth (Liz) Emma Watson, Patricia Audrey Ivy Gould, Frank Hatch, Brenda Ann Linda Watson

Reflection for the week

Derek Kirkaldie (Reader)

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate Trinity Sunday, we are invited to reflect on one of the great mysteries of our faith: one God in three persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People have often used the simple three-leaf clover to help explain the Trinity. Each leaf is separate, yet all belong to the one clover. In the same way, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are distinct, yet together are one God, united in perfect love.

Nature itself points us towards the Creator. The beauty of the sea, the songs of birds, the warmth of the sun, and the changing seasons all remind us that God is the maker of all things, and from him all creation comes. We are surrounded daily by signs of his presence and goodness.

There is even a light-hearted way of thinking about the Trinity — “buy one, get two free.” When we encounter God, we discover not scarcity, but abundance. Through Jesus we are drawn to the Father, and filled with the power and comfort of the Holy Spirit. God gives generously and lovingly beyond all measure.

At the heart of the Trinity is relationship, love, and community. As God lives in perfect unity, so we too are called to live in love with one another, supporting and encouraging each other in faith.

May this Trinity Sunday deepen our wonder at the mystery of God and strengthen our trust in the One who created us, redeemed us, and walks beside us every day.

Holy and blessed Trinity,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
we thank you for the wonder of your love.

Open our hearts to know you more deeply,
our minds to trust you more fully,
and our lives to reflect your goodness.

As we see your beauty in creation,
help us to remember that all things come from you.

Keep us close to you in faith,
hope, and love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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. A collection will be taken, as 'giving' is an important part of

our Christian lives, but don't worry if you're unable to contribute as a visitor.

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

Today's music for this Trinity Sunday comprises an anthem by Tchaikovsky (1840 – 1893) and a hymn written some 200 years earlier by Issac Watts (1674-1748), but both based on Trinitarian themes.

The English words to the Hymn to the Trinity, (sometimes known as the Cherubic Hymn) are by Bishop Reginald Heber (1783-1826) but are married to music by Tchaikovsky. Like the traditional hymn with which the service opened today, it consists of four gentle hymn like verses for unaccompanied choir but with an extended Hallelujah section added to the final verse which ends confidently with "Blessed Trinity".

It is followed by a hymn by Issac Watts 'We give immortal praise'. Watts wrote over 600 hymns and came from a family of "Dissenters". He turned down a call to the Ministry and also a place at Oxbridge due to his Non-Conformist tradition. However, his hymns became popular in the Anglican church, and he did much to create better relations between the two traditions. He is rightfully known as the father of English hymnody and broke the tradition of singing metrical psalms in Christian worship by introducing poetry.

This hymn appeared in the 1709 2nd edition of Hymns and Spiritual Songs as 'A song of praise to the Blessed Trinity'.

It concludes with:-

*"Almighty God, to thee be endless honours done,
the undivided Three and the mysterious one:
where reason fails with all her powers,
their faith prevails and love adores"*

The outgoing voluntary is the St Anne Fugue in Eb major from the Klavierübung Part III and composed by J S Bach in 1739. The name "St Anne" was given to it 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 opening notes of the piece. It 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 piece is one of the grandest "pedal entries" in all of Bach's organ music. Another aspect of Bach's trinitarian symbolism is that it is written in the key of E Flat - as all musicians will know, which has a key signature of three flats.

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Order of Service

The Gathering

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

Hymn 146

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.

Confessing our Sins

The Celebrant introduces a period of silence in which all call to mind their sins. Then all 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, 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.**

The Celebrant introduces the Collect with the words 'Let us pray' and a period of silence. Then

The Celebrant says: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 say Amen.*

The Scriptures

Isaiah 40.12–17, 27–end

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him?

Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and

strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

*Remain seated as the Choir sing
Psalm 8*

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world : thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies : that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers : the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.

What is man, that thou art mindful of him : and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou madest him lower than the angels : to crown him with glory and worship.

Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands : and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

All sheep and oxen : yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea : and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Governor : how excellent is

thy Name in all the world!

2 Corinthians 13.11–end

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 295

*Turn to face the Book of the Gospels
as it moves to the centre of the nave.
A Gospel proclamation is sung.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 28.16–20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.' 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 Thank you.



Hymn 336

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Mary, Clement, Peter, Paul, and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, 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. If it is your custom, you are welcome to receive Communion, or 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: Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 475

Going out into the World

This is followed by the blessing and dismissal: 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 from in front of the high altar.



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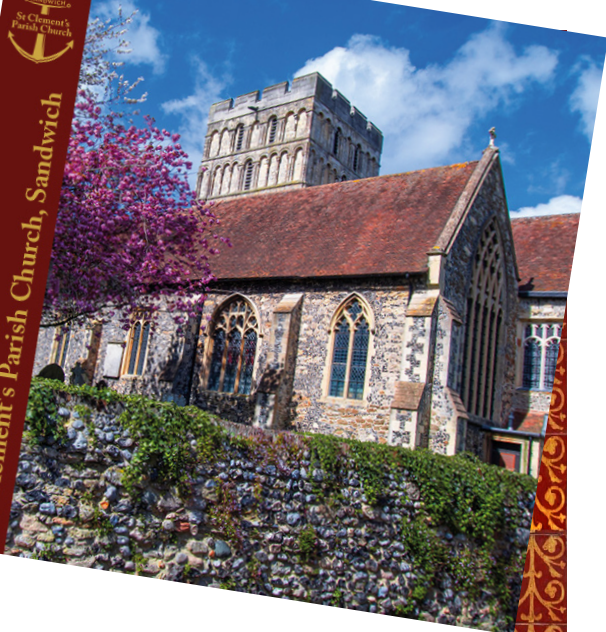
Raffle tickets are available online, on the day, or after the 10:30am Parish Eucharist today

Don't miss our new souvenir guidebook, complete with foreword from the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports and afterwords from the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Sandwich. Available now from near the font, £10 each. (cash in the safe beside the porch, or card reader)

Official Souvenir Guide

St Clement's Parish Church, Sandwich

St Clement's Parish Church



How we use our worshipping space, testing different ideas

The PCC (Parochial Church Council) have been considering the many responses received to our consultation on how we use our worshipping space, thank you to all who have contributed to this discussion so far.

The primary question would appear to be what role the High Altar has for us and our worship today, and in order to consider this further we will try three different uses of the High Altar during 10:30am services, and invite feedback on how these have felt.

There is an enormous array of opinion within our congregation on the role of the High Altar, so please pray over this and keep always in mind that we are discerning this together as a community.

Sunday 7th June - The Eucharistic Prayer and Holy Communion will be celebrated/distributed from the High Altar.

Sunday 21st June - Holy Communion will be distributed from the High Altar

Sunday 12th July - The Eucharistic Prayer (facing East) and Holy Communion will be celebrated/distributed from the High Altar.

Could you be a Welcomer in St Clement's during the week?

By the time you all read this week's newsletter, we will have already started our season of church welcoming.

Although we have a good scattering of welcomers throughout the week, as you will see from the rota in the church porch, there is always room for a few more.

From my experience and from others that have spoken to me, it is a very rewarding ministry, and although I always take a book to read, I rarely get the opportunity to open it.

We have many pilgrims and tourists that include St Clements in their visit to Sandwich, and a warm welcome and a friendly chat from us, I am sure, adds much to their day. However, if they want some additional information on the history of the church, booklets are available, and soon our new audio tour will also be a great addition to their visit.

So, if you have an hour to spare in your week and you would like to find out more about joining the welcoming team, please give me a call and we can chat further.

Kevin Wright - 07714 095506

Monday Eucharist

Monday 1st is the feast of the Visitation, when the Blessed Virgin Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John the Baptist. This was the day on which Mary recited the Magnificat, now sung or said across the world every evening. **A Eucharist will be celebrated in St George's Chapel at Noon.**

Zoom Compline

Join us for our service of quiet prayer and reflection on Zoom, hosted by St Clement's Church, Sandwich. Next Compline: Tuesday 9th June, 7:30 pm (Duration 25 minutes)

To join, please visit: www.stclementsandwich.org.uk
and go to Services -> Worship & Prayer -> Zoom Compline
for login details.

Parish Office Telephone

The BT Callminder system on which the Parish Office telephone operates has developed a fault and is not working. We are battling to get this fixed. For now, if you require Caroline in the Office please either email admin@stclementsandwich.org.uk, or drop in in person.

Thank you.

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The week ahead

Monday 1st June - The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Noon Eucharist



Tuesday 2nd June - **Feria**

Wednesday 3rd June - **Feria**

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

Thursday 4th June - **Corpus Christi**

Friday 5th June - **Feast of St Boniface, B, M**

9:45am Morning Prayer

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

Saturday 6th June - **Feria**

1:00pm to 5:00pm Little Gardens of Sandwich

(tickets from Noon, in St Clement's)

Sunday 7th June - Corpus Christi (transferred)

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

10:30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rector

Preacher: The Rector

<i>Day</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
<i>Monday</i>	Ps 85;150 + Sam 2. 1-10	Ps 122, 127; 128+ John 3. 25-30
<i>Tuesday</i>	Ps 5, 6, (8)+ Joshua 7.16–end	Ps 9, 10*+ Romans 4.13–end
<i>Wednesday</i>	Ps 119.1–32 +Joshua 8.1–29	Ps 110, 111 + John 6.22–35
<i>Thursday</i>	Ps 147 + Deuteronomy 8.2–16	Ps 23, 42, 43 + Luke 9.11–17
<i>Friday</i>	Ps 17, 19 +Joshua 9.3–26	Ps 22 + Romans 6.1–14
<i>Saturday</i>	Ps 20, 21, 23 + Joshua 10.1–15	Ps 24, 25 + Romans 6.15–end

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