



Sunday 30th August 2026

The Thirteenth 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 Reverend Doctor Jeanne Males

Setting: 'A People's Mass' - Anthony Gregory Murray Moger
Alleluia

Hymns: Will you come and follow me, Psalm 115, 76, Lift high
the Cross

Music at Communion:

"To a wild rose" from Woodland Sketches Op 51

Edward MacDowell

Postlude: 'Gaudeamus' Sidney Campbell.

For your prayers

At This Time

Jennie Frampton, Jenny Gates, Tom Harrel, Ann Higgins, David Robertson, Clive Taylor, Tony Johnston, HM The King, the bereaved, and those suffering during warfare

Recently Departed Year's Mind

Gillian Kullman, Ann Williams, Baby Jacob
Hubert Snowden, Colin Carpenter, Alan Twyman, Enid Jessie Farrier, Alice Kathleen Revell, Doris Lena Fittall, James Majury, Alice Louise Silk, Reginald Downs, Margaret Irene Stanley, Lillian Cooper, David Harris, Graham Barsby

Reflection for the week

Derek Kirkaldie

The Cost of Love and Being a Disciple

Romans 12:9–21 gives us a powerful picture of what Christian discipleship looks like when love becomes more than simply a feeling. “Let love be genuine” is a challenging command because genuine love costs us something. It asks us to put another person’s needs before our own, to show honour, offer hospitality, forgive, and seek peace even when it is difficult.

Paul reminds us that discipleship is not something reserved for Sundays or for moments when life is going well. It is lived out in the ordinary circumstances of daily life—in our homes, workplaces, friendships and communities. We are called to listen patiently, encourage others, rejoice when others rejoice, and stand alongside those who are struggling. Sometimes love is as simple as offering a listening ear, practical help, a kind word or our time.

Being a disciple of Jesus is not always comfortable. We are called to “bless those who persecute you” and not to repay evil with evil. That goes against our natural instincts. When someone hurts us, we may want them to experience the same pain they have caused us. Yet Paul points us towards a different way: “Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.”

This does not mean pretending that wrong has not happened or allowing ourselves to be mistreated. It means refusing to allow someone else’s behaviour to determine the person we become. Sometimes living peacefully

means forgiving; sometimes it means speaking truth; sometimes it means establishing a boundary. We cannot control another person, but we can choose how we respond.

There is also a cost in persevering in prayer, being patient in suffering, sharing what we have and welcoming strangers. These are not grand gestures but small, faithful choices through which Christ’s love becomes visible.

Perhaps the daily question is simply: “What would love look like here?” When faced with irritation, conflict, disappointment or hurt, will we choose the response that reflects Christ?

The cost of discipleship is real. But we do not make these choices in our own strength. We receive God’s love first and allow that love to shape the way we treat others. When we choose good over evil, forgiveness over revenge and peace over conflict, we become witnesses to Christ.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus,

teach us to love as you have loved us.

Give us strength when love is costly,
patience when relationships are difficult,
and courage to overcome evil with good.

Help us to forgive, serve, pray and seek peace.

May our ordinary lives reflect your extraordinary love to everyone we meet.

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

As the choir reaches its final Sunday of its August break, a piece of organ music is played during the communion. This Sunday 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 a piece with historic connections with this church. Gaudeamus (literally 'may we rejoice') was written for organ by Sidney Campbell (1900 – 1974), one time organist here at St Clements and who ended up as Organist at St George's Chapel Windsor where his was buried. Previously he held posts in Ely, Southwark and Canterbury Cathedrals (1956-61). This lively and short piece opens with a fanfare and then moves swiftly into a brief fugue.

Order of Service

The Gathering

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Finding joy in great and small. ©1987 WGRG, Iona Community

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 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 the Celebrant says: Let us pray: Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All say* Amen.

The Scriptures

Jeremiah 15.15–21 O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away;

know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Remain seated to sing an extract from Psalm 115. Trans: Adam Carill.

Tune: Hyfrydol

Not to us, Lord, not to us, but
Glory to your name on high,
Full of truth and loving kindness,
Full of vict'ry when we cry.
Why is every nation asking,
'How can God be there at all?'
God is reigning high in heaven,
Finding joy in great and small.

Gold or silver human idols,
Empty works of mortal mind,
Never speaking, never sensing,
never breathing, deaf and blind.
Never walking, vain and voiceless,
Dead to sense and sight and sound –
Cold and lifeless are their makers,
Soulless, in devotion bound.

House of Israel, house of Aaron,
All whose faith is in the Lord,
Trusting in the help of God, who
Is our shield and great reward.
God remembers us forever,
All the faithful, great and small.
House of Israel, house of Aaron,
God will bless us, one and all.

May the Lord increase his blessing,.
Bless you and your seed from birth,
Blessed together, by the maker
Of the sky and sea and earth.
Though the dead and silent spirits
Never praise the Lord above,
We will pour eternal blessing
To the Lord, the God of love.

Romans 12.9–end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

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 16.21–end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, ‘God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?’

‘For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.’

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

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.

The Peace

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 76

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: God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; 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.

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

**Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.**

Lift high the cross...

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conq'ring ranks combine.**

Lift high the cross...

**This is the sign that Satan's legions fear,
And angels veil their faces to revere.**

Lift high the cross...

**Saved by this cross whereon their Lord was slain,
The heirs of Adam their lost home regain.**

Lift high the cross...

**From north and south, from east and west they raise
In growing unison their song of praise.**

Lift high the cross...

(George Kitchin)1827-1912)

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*

Churches Together Pilgrimage around Sandwich

Next Sunday, 6th September

Churches Together in Sandwich will be making a pilgrimage around the town. Those who wish to walk, **gather at the URC (behind the Guildhall, beside the butchers) at 2:30pm** to sing a hymn and set off.

This is a chance to meet and talk with our brothers and sisters from other denominations, then we will stop to sing hymns in St Peter's Gardens, St Bart's, St Andrews, and finally **arrive at St Clement's around 3:45pm** for one final hymn, and some refreshments.

If you don't wish, or are unable, to walk please feel free to simply join us at St Clement's. All are very welcome!

How we use our worshipping space, testing different ideas

The PCC (Parochial Church Council) have been considering carefully the many responses received to our consultation last Advent on how we use our worshipping space, and also feedback after the three tests of different ways of worshipping at 10:30am services.

Some are extremely keen that the High Altar is a focus point, while others are keen to re-form the nave to be a more complete space with kneelers etc. Both have strong theological arguments in their favour.

To help us, as a congregation, to ask these questions the PCC have voted to use the High Altar for the Eucharistic Prayer and Holy Communion for three months, from the first Sunday in September until December. Comments or observations may be fed back to PCC members or the Parish Office.

ZOOM COMPLINE Join us for our service of quiet prayer and reflection on Zoom, hosted by St Clement's Church, Sandwich.

Next Compline: Wednesday 2nd September, 7:30pm (Duration 25 minutes)

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

ST CLEMENT'S BIBLE

GROUP A new, informal discussion group is starting, following successful Lent courses. Initially the group will discuss the Gospel reading from each previous Sunday, but in time may look at particular topics of interest or follow particular courses.

There is no need to attend every session, nor to sign up in advance. For more information please speak to Ros Daniels (secretary@stclementsandwich.org.uk).

Wednesdays, 4:00pm (Duration 1 hour, arrive from 3:45pm), Ramparts Cottage, Knighttrider Street

FOOD PANTRY AND BANK

At St Clement's we support Sandwich Food Pantry with a continual collection in the porch, and the Deal Area Foodbank at particular collections during the year. Please see the notice in the porch for especially desirable items, and do bring offerings along on a Sunday or during the week.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM St Clement's has a team of visitors who are happy to visit those who are at home, for conversation and for prayer. The team is trained and has completed safeguarding checks. If you or someone you know would value a visit, please contact the Parish Office or our Anna Chaplain, Derek Kirkaldie, at d.kirkaldie@stclementsandwich.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE The Parish Office telephone 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 31st August - Feast of St Aidan, B

10:00am Eucharist

Tuesday 1st September - Feria

Wednesday 2nd September - Feria

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

4:00pm St Clement's Bible Group (*see p14*)

7:30pm Zoom Compline (*see p14*)

Thursday 3rd September - Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, D

Friday 4th September - Feria

9:45am Morning Prayer

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

Saturday 5th September - Our Lady Help of the Sick

Sunday 6th September - The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

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

Preacher: The Rector

10:30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rector

Preacher: The Rector

2:30pm Churches Together Pilgrimage (*see p13*)

Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 123, 124, 125, 126+ 2 Samuel 18.1-18	Ps 127, 128, 129+ Mark 8.11-21
Tuesday	Ps 132, 133 + 2 Samuel 18.19-19.8a	Ps (134), 135 + Mark 8.22-26
Wednesday	Ps 119.153-end+ 2 Samuel 19.8b-23	Ps 136 + Mark 8.27-9.1
Thursday	Ps 143, 146 + 2 Samuel 19.24-end	Ps 138, 140, 141 + Mark 9.2-13
Friday	Ps 142, 144 + 2 Samuel 23.1-7	Ps 145 + Mark 9.14-29
Saturday	Ps 147 + 2 Samuel 24	Ps 148, 149, 150 + Mark 9.30-37

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