



Sunday 23rd August 2026

The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

You are most welcome.

A message to new visitors is found on page 3.

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

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

Celebrant: The Rector

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

Celebrant: The Rector

Preacher: The Rector

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

Hymns: 486, Psalm 124, 360, 205

Music at Communion:

'Prelude on Brother James' Air Harold Darke

Postlude: *'Toccata (Pièces de Fantaisie, Suite No. 2, Op. 53)'*

Louis Vierne

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
Michael Ward-Athey, Ada Agnes Fagg, Leonard Robert Barlow, Peter Painter, Douglas Roper, John Robert Greaves, Eva May Bournier, Malcolm John 'Jim' Cummings, Susan Patience Mary Anderson, Yvonne Patricia Hume, Michael John Wilkie, Percy Thomas Warwick, Anthony David Neve

Reflection for the week

The Reverend Howard Pashley

Great excitement on the Quay and Riverside this month. Firstly, we noticed that part of the car park was marked of as out of use. Fortunately for us our car was parked in the unaffected portion. Then a host of tanker lorries started to arrive, the number steadily increasing to the extent that they had their own traffic management system. As we all know, a tanker hit a portion of the bridge, necessitating the bridge being closed to traffic, but not to pedestrians and bicycles.

Related restrictions on the bypass led to a feeling of being cut off from the rest of Kent. It was only an illusion, one could get to Thanet by road, but getting back was more problematical, and the trains still ran!

As if to show an underlying connectivity with the outside world, an angel appeared with red wings. It was actually the "Blue Mermaid", a replica Thames Barge with red sails, complete with a party from Brightlingsea. A reminder, perhaps of a time when rivers and seas were not a barrier, but a highway; and a time when the Sandwich Haven could have sheltered "half the ships in Christendom"! Admittedly, ships were much smaller back then.

By now, a number of us from St. Clements will have had the privilege of being welcomed aboard the Blue Mermaid, and I'm sure you will hear of our experiences.

The tanker lorries have now departed and we hope that the erected barriers will all be demolished and removed in readiness for a more welcome invasion. I refer of course to the annual bank-holiday "duck race", organised by the Rotary Club of Sandwich. No ducks are mistreated, not even the few thousand plastic ducks which will be released to float on the tide from the start to the finish line. Neither will the ducks escape to cause pollution; all are netted up to be used again next year.

God bless the charities which will benefit from the profits, and God bless the Blue Mermaid as it sails back to Brightlingsea!

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 continues its August break, a piece of organ music is played during the communion. This Sunday it is an arrangement of Brother James' Air by Harold Darke (he of "In the bleak mid-winter" fame). This Scottish metrical psalm has only really become well known in the mid-twentieth century, largely by reason of its inclusion in the Queen Elizabeth II's wedding service, but this arrangement was written before that. It was composed in 1947, and as expected, it opens in a "pastoral mood" with a calm "ostinato accompaniment". A second section, a bit more "exotic" features follows, leading into a darker section before building to a tremendous climax, with the full melody finally appearing. The calm mood of the opening gradually returns, with a solo flute hinting at the original tune.

The outgoing organ voluntary is the Toccata from the Second Suite of the 24 Pièces de Fantaisie by

Louis Vierne (1870-1937). Vierne had a very difficult life - blind from an early age, he lost his brother and son to the First World War, his wife left him for a close personal friend, and he was frequently overlooked for high-profile teaching jobs at the Paris Conservatoire. Nevertheless, he was Organist Titulaire of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris for the last 37 years of his life. The Pièces de Fantaisie were composed in 1926 while on summer holiday and showcase Vierne at his most creative. This Toccata is a brilliant firework-display of sound, so typical of the fiery toccatas written by so many of the French composers of the period such as Widor and Dubois.

Order of Service

The Gathering

Hymn 486

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 and

everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 51.1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,

you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,

and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father

and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,

but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion;

he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,

her desert like the garden of the Lord;

joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,

and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,

and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,

my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,

and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,

the earth will wear out like a garment,

and those who live on it will die like gnats;

but my salvation will be for ever,

and my deliverance will never be ended. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated to sing an extract from Psalm 124. Trans. Adam Carill.

Tune: Innsbruck

**Had God the Lord now failed us,
When hateful foes assailed us,
May Israel describe,
Their anger would have burned us,
If God the Lord had spurned us,
They would have swallowed us alive.**

**Had God the Lord disowned us,
The waters would have drowned us,
May Israel now say,
Their torrents would have flooded,
Our souls they would have flooded,
The waters would have raged away.**

**So blessed be God the Lord, who
Has not made us a prey to
Their teeth, in war or death,
Who brakes their snare and power,
Our rescue from the fowler,
Creator of the heaven and earth.**

Romans 12.1–8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 16.13–20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. 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 360

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 of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *All say Amen.*

All say Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Hymn 205

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 in front of the high altar.

Why do you give?

The Rector and PCC are preparing to launch a reflective campaign this autumn encouraging the whole congregation to pray about how they see and use their assets and income (no matter how large, or how small), and what might be an appropriate amount for each person to give to the life of St Clement's.

Would you be willing to put down a few words, to be shared anonymously, about how being a Christian changes how you see your finances, and/or about why you give to St Clement's?

Please enter them at:

www.stclementsandwich.org.uk/money

Promoting St Clement's

So many visitors to Sandwich don't discover the wonders of our church. Posters and flyers advertising St Clement's as an essential stop on any trip to Sandwich are available now near the north porch safe.

These include maps (and QR codes which open maps!) showing the directions to St Clement's.

Please spread these around shops you use, windows, noticeboards.. Anywhere you might be able to persuade someone to display a poster, please do! Thank you.

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Ride and Stride 2026

On Saturday 12th September 2026, the annual sponsored 'Ride and Stride' for The Friends of Kent Churches takes place. Half of the money raised goes to a church or chapel of your choice and the other half contributes to the funds of The Friends of Kent Churches.

Last year a total of £153,000 was raised, and churches can then apply for grants to assist with their own maintenance or restoration projects. St Clement's has in the past benefitted from assistance from the fund.

If you would like to participate, there are some sponsorship forms on the black leaflet stand by the hymn books in the church or contact me, and I can get a form to you.

Once you start to collect sponsors, let me know and I can add you to our list of Riders and Striders. If you have any questions, please give me a call. Many thanks and happy riding and striding!

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Choral Visit to Southwark Cathedral

Saturday 17th October 2026

Members of the congregation are invited to join the Choir for a visit and Evensong (£15 per head for coach travel plus food). Booking forms with menus now available in the north aisle of the church. Please contact Julian Sampson (email opposite) or Derek Kirkaldie (d.kirkaldie@stclementsandwich.org.uk) if you have any queries.

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).

First session: Wednesday 22nd July, 4:00pm (Duration 1 hour, arrive from 3:45pm), **St Margaret's Chapel within St Clement's** (future meetings at Ramparts Cottage, Knightrider 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 24th August - Feast of St Bartholomew the Apostle

10:00am Eucharist

Tuesday 25th August - Feria

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

Wednesday 26th August - Feria

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

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

Thursday 27th August - Feast of St Monica

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

9:45am Morning Prayer

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

Saturday 29th August - The Beheading of St John the Baptist

Sunday 30th August - The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

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

Preacher: The Rector

10:30am Parish Eucharist

Celebrant: The Rector

Preacher: The Reverend Dr Jeanne Males

Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 86, 117 + Genesis 28.10–17	Ps 91, 116 + Matthew 10.1–22
Tuesday	Ps 106* or 103 + 2 Samuel 12.1–25	Ps 107* + Mark 7.1–13
Wednesday	Ps 110, 111, 112 + 2 Samuel 15.1–12	Ps 119.129–152 + Mark 7.14–23
Thursday	Ps 113, 115 + 2 Samuel 15.13–end	Ps 114, 116, 117 + Mark 7.24–30
Friday	Ps 139 + 2 Samuel 16.1–14	Ps 130, 131, 137 + Mark 7.31–end
Saturday	Ps 120, 121, 122 + 2 Samuel 17.1–23	Ps 118 + Mark 8.1–10

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