



Sunday 25th October 2026

The Last 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 Reverend Doctor Jeanne Males

Preacher: The Rector

Setting: 'A People's Mass - Anthony Gregory Murray with
Coventry Gloria Moger Alleluia - Ordinary Time 1

Hymns: 467, 440 (omit *) 408

Music at Communion:

'Ubi caritas' Ola Gjeilo

'Strengthen for service' Ach Gott und Herr

Postlude: 'Conclusion of Choral No 3 in A minor'

Cesar Franck

For your prayers

At This Time

Jennie Frampton, Clive Taylor, HM The King, the bereaved, and those suffering during warfare

**Recently Departed
Year's Mind**

Jenny Gates, Elsie Parker, Ann McConnell, Thurza Rowson
Maris Edward – 'Joe' – Trussler, Elizabeth Ann Cornwall, John Suckling, Margaret Griffiths, Betty Amelia Bourner, Walter Henry Miller, Trevor Edward Barham, Martin Ellis, Margaret Gisbey, George Myers

Reflection for the week

The Reverend Doctor Jeanne Males

Well not least because today is Bible Sunday, it feels like perhaps some of this reflection should be about reading, and the Bible in particular. And when we do read the Bible to do so thoughtfully, perhaps with a commentary, and trying to understand the meaning of the passage, and to consider it in context. And to think about what it might mean for me at present.

I Wonder? Always good words to put alongside any text, I guess.

So, I thought it would be good to share a couple of books I've been reading of late. The first is very predictable, I think. A book by a Gurkha soldier, Hari Budha Magar, called Conquering Dreams. Hari, a double amputee, has climbed Everest, but not only that he has climbed the highest mountain in every continent. It is an account of the struggle he had in regaining his fitness – and it was a very real struggle indeed. I wonder? Does that speak to me? Of course! Not that I'm a mountaineer, nor a soldier in the Gurkha regiment, nor even a double amputee (I have only had one leg removed) But it identifies some of the real hardships Hari went through in order to conquer his dreams. So, it made me wonder – what are my dreams? How might I conquer them?

And then....One of the things

I notice about people – yes in church, but also as I go about town – is how very kind they are. And so, I am now reading Project Kindness by Ellen Loudon which is a series of interviews with folk from all sorts of backgrounds about their work, involving all sorts of kindness.

I wonder? I guess we can get rather obsessed with how bad, how thoughtless people can be – and yet we forget how very kind they can be in all sorts of ways. Perhaps that's something we should celebrate!

And so this is very far indeed from the opening remarks of a book club, but the challenge is to just wonder about what the text means – whether it is a secular or religious text.

Let us pray

Holy God

When our memories blot out your kindness

and we ignore your patient love

remember us, re-make us

and give to us poor sinners

the rich inheritance of Christ
Jesus 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 on a marvellous golden trolley from in front of the High Altar, 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

The first communion piece is an evocative setting of Ubi Caritas by Ola Gjeilo. The Latin text opens with the words translated as “In the heart where love is abiding, God is in that heart” which is widely known as the Antiphon for Maundy Thursday. The tune is based on the Latin Gregorian chant originally associated with these words and clearly Gjeilo was inspired by the earlier 20th century choral setting by the French composer Maurice Duruflé. Gjeilo, born in Sandvika Norway in 1978, now resident in America, has developed a particular style of modern choral composition in which the vocal parts seem to flow endlessly and naturally, as can be heard at the beginning of the piece where the tune appears in the ladies’ parts followed by the whole choir. The piece breaks into beautiful harmony and culminates in a sensuous and challenging Amen where the parts flow between various keys finally settling into an optimistic major chord after most of the piece has been in a minor key.

It is followed by an ancient hymn sung to a Lutheran hymn tune harmonised by the great J S Bach. “Strengthen for service” is setting of ancient words described by some as of Syrian 4th century derivation or others as a 5th century prayer from South India – the Church of St Thomas Malabar. The prayer stresses the fact that the

sacrament, far from separating us from the life of the world, is a preparation for it and sanctifies the whole of life: the work we do, the words we speak, the things we listen to and see – all summed up in the last two lines - “The bodies by thy Body fed, with thy new life replenish”.

The outgoing voluntary is part of a much longer organ work by the great 19th century French organist composer César Franck – the conclusion of the great Third Choral in A minor. So, the story goes..... he had begun writing his three Chorals (Chorales) for organ before suffering a minor traffic collision while riding in a horse-drawn buggy. Although the incident appeared to be superficial, Franck had hit his head and slowly began to feel adverse effects. Rightly suspecting his injury gave him only months to live, he finished the chorales but never saw them published.

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Order of Service

The Gathering

Where is the nave altar? See p13. Notices are given before the service. Stand for the hymn:

Hymn 467

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. Amen.**

The Celebrant introduces the Collect with the words 'Let us pray' and a period of silence. Then the Celebrant says: Let us pray: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, 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

Leviticus 19.1–2, 15–18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

Remain seated as the Choir sing Psalm 1

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners : and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord : and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side : that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither : and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them : but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement : neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous : and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

1 Thessalonians

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of

Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

**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 Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 22.34–end

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, ‘“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.’

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked

them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

'Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet' "?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions. 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. 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.*

Hymn 440 (omit *)

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.



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 grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **All say Amen.***

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 408

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.



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All Souls' Day

Requiem Eucharists

Monday 2nd November is All Souls' Day, a day set aside by the Church to remember all those who have departed from this life.

Two said Eucharists will be offered in St George's Chapel on the day, one at 10:15am and one at 5:30pm.

To have the name of a loved one read out at both these services please put their name on the list currently on the lit noticeboard.

This season may also be a good time to consider your own funeral arrangements. Please feel free to take a 'Planning for my Funeral' leaflet from the stand beside the aforementioned noticeboard, which has some helpful advice and guidance.

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 today 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: 4th November, 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

This informal group meets on Wednesday afternoons and currently discusses the Gospel reading from the preceding Sunday; however, we may choose to follow an Advent course later this year. There is no need to attend every session, nor to sign up in advance, and anyone wishing to come along is very welcome.

Please contact/speak to Ros Daniels (secretary@stclementsandwich.org.uk):-

if you would like more Details
if you are attending for the first time (just in case the venue has had to change).

Wednesdays, 4.00pm (duration 1 hour, arrive from 3.45pm), in the Snug - through the door at the left end of the bar - at The Crispin Inn, High 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 26th October - **St Alfred the Great**

Tuesday 27th October - **Feria**

Wednesday 28th October - **Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles**

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

11:00am Interment of Ashes

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

Thursday 29th October - **James Hannington, B, M**

Friday 30th October - **Feria**

9:30am Requiem Eucharist for Ann McConnell

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

2:30pm Interment of Ashes

Saturday 31st October - **Feria**

Sunday 1st November - **All Saint's Day**

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

Preacher: The Rector

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 1, 2, 3+ Judith 4	Ps 4, 7+ John 17.1–5
<i>Tuesday</i>	Ps 5, 6, (8)+Judith 5.1–6.4	Ps 9, 10*+ John 17.6–19
<i>Wednesday</i>	Ps 116, 117 + Wisdom 5.1–16	Ps 119.1–16 +Jude 1–4, 17–end
<i>Thursday</i>	Ps 14, 15, 16+ Judith 7.19–end	Ps 18*+ John 18.1–11
<i>Friday</i>	Ps 17, 19 +Judith 8.9–end	Ps 22+ John 18.12–27
<i>Saturday</i>	Ps 20, 21, 23 +Judith 9	Ps 1, 5+ Revelation 19.6–10