



Sunday 11th October 2026

The Nineteenth Sunday

After Trinity/Harvest Thanksgiving

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 Celtic Alleluia - Ordinary Time 6

Hymns: 259, 115, 262

Music at Communion:

'*The tree of life*' Stefan Klaverald

'*We live in God's great garden*' Thaxted

Postlude: '*Chorale Improvisation on "Nun Danket"*'

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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
Gerald Augustus Secrett, Denis Martin, Joyce Coston, Ralph John
Sage, Harold Rawlinson, Winifred Constance Warwick, Carole
Anne Brown, Edwin Ronald Whorlow, Eric Pay

Reflection for the week

The Rector

This Harvest Festival sees the beginning of an extremely important conversation for all of us who make up St Clement's.

For some years the PCC has been having some difficult conversations regarding our operating financial deficit.

As I and others have given this matter a very great deal of thought and prayer over the last few years, what has grown and developed is a very, very strong sense that this conversation is not simply about the St Clement's bank account. It's not us as a club saying 'we need more money from members'. It's about all of us being brave as Christians and praying about our own finances.

So many of the decisions in our lives are dictated by money – where we go, what we do, how we do it... In Baptism we promised to give our whole lives to God. We cannot hide such a fundamental part of our lives – money – from prayer! And why would we, really? Isn't it thrilling to have an incarnational God – a God who chose to be in the world as our brother – so even a topic as unseemly and private as money has a spiritual dimension, and can be a topic of conversation between us and God.

This doesn't mean we have to give away every penny! Some are called to that form of life (think of St Francis and his followers), but that is a rare calling. But all of us as Christians must pray about how we can use

all the money and possessions we are blessed with (whether that's a great deal or very little) to become more loving people, and to make a difference in the world. Whether we struggle to cover bills, or are very comfortable, each one of us is able to be generous – not holding on to our resources jealously but seeing them as wonderful tools with which to bless others around us.

As a part of this conversation with God and one another, I hope we might all also take this chance to review our giving to St Clement's. The extraordinary generosity of Georgina Maddox has bought us time, but we only have a few years left until our deficit uses all our reserves. There's lots more information in the 'Where is our Treasure' booklet, but we have an opportunity today (with thanks to the very many members of the PCC and beyond who have helped prepare these resources) to become fuller, livelier Christians who aren't ashamed to speak with God of money, and from that conversation to potentially find some of the solution to St Clement's greatest risk.

I and others am available for conversations on the topic, or to help set up the Parish Giving Scheme, on dates advertised on the 'Where is our Treasure' summary sheet, starting this Wednesday.

Thank you in advance for listening, praying, and taking this seriously.

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

Harvest and nature are celebrated today by two contrasted pieces. The first is one composed in 2020 by the Swedish composer Stefan Klaverdal with whom I have been in email contact, having heard online this magical piece. It is a setting of words from the Book of Revelation – the “Tree of Life” and which represents growth, strength, and our deep connection to all life on Earth. This ancient symbol carries different meanings across cultures, focusing on how we live, adapt, and thrive. A key feature of this piece is the way in which the composer illustrates the words – known as painting with music. He has written “To me, the words speak of both our relationship to nature, to ourselves and of transcendence. Today, I think that the final message of peace is strangely relevant. In my mind the music is set so that it paints the content of the text. Some of it you can only see in the musical score, and some of it, I think, is possible to hear clearly”.

The words are:-

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. Also, on each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations”.

It is followed by a hymn written by Gordon Giles – Canon at Rochester Cathedral. “We live in God’s great

garden” in which he reflects very directly upon the world we live in and the growing risks to it. The hymn concludes: -

*“In faith and love and hopefulness we journey through each day,
We tread with care and cautiousness to live a better way.*

*For God’s world of holy beauty under azure atmosphere,
Is the Eden world we’re given; the planet we hold dear:*

*We must live in peace and harmony, and battle for the poor,
And invest in global future for now and evermore”.*

It’s a strange coincidence that both pieces have the underlying thought of connecting nature with a desire for peace.....or maybe not?

Again, to celebrate the harvest, the outgoing voluntary is “Festival Toccata” written by Percy Fletcher (1879-1932). Although he was principally involved in light music, the theatre and brass bands, he composed music for the church and organ. This Toccata is a “tour de force” with lots of fast running sequences and trumpet fanfares.

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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 259

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: Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Moses said to all Israel: The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself,

'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

Remain seated as the Choir sing Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

2 Corinthians 9.6 - end

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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.**

Jesus told the people a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

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.*

Hymn 115

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: Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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 262

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.

Parish Notices and Events

Please send any news or notices for a Sunday booklet to the Parish Office before noon on the Wednesday preceding.



Please pick up a copy of
'Where is our treasure?'
and join in this
important conversation



Feast of St Edward the Confessor

Visitor to St Clement's, founder of the Cinque Ports

This Tuesday, 13th October

11:30am - Eucharist in St Clement's
Noon - Blessing of the newly re-opened Toll Bridge
Gather on the Quayside around the Cinque Port arms set into the floor

Sidespersons & Coffee Servers

Could you help St Clement's on a Sunday morning?

At every 10:30am service sidespersons and coffee servers make a great difference - contributing to the gentle yet memorable welcome we aim to give visitors and first-time members of the congregation, and also helping to build us up as a united community of prayer and mission.

We are in real need of more people willing to take on the role of sidesperson, or to serve coffee. The more people who volunteer, the more balanced the rotas will be.

Instructions are available for both roles, if you might consider helping out please speak to Churchwarden Val Oates or contact the Parish Office.

Thank you.

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: 21st October, 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, 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.

Parish Directory

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The week ahead

Monday 12th October - St Wilfrid of Ripon, B

Tuesday 13th October - St Edward the Confessor

11:30am Eucharist

Noon Blessing of the Toll Bridge (*Gather around the Cinque Port arms at the Quay*)

Wednesday 14th October - FERIA

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

11:00am Interment of Ashes

11:30am-3:00pm The Rector is available in Church to discuss money, or sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme

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

Thursday 15th October - St Teresa of Avila, V, D

Friday 16th October - FERIA

9:45am Morning Prayer

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

Saturday 17th October - St Ignatius, B, M

Choral Visit to Southwark Cathedral

Sunday 18th October - The Feast of St Luke

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

Preacher: The Reverend Robin Bendall

10:30am Festal Parish Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rector

Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 98, 99, 101+ 2 Kings 17.24–end	Ps 105*+Ezekiel 28.1–19
Tuesday	Ps 106+2 Kings 18.1–12	Ps 107+ Ezekiel 33.1–20
Wednesday	Ps 110, 111, 112 + 2 Kings 18.13–end	Ps 119.129–152+Ezekiel 33.21–end
Thursday	Ps 113, 115+ 2 Kings 19.1–19	Ps 114, 116, 117+ Ezekiel 34.1–16
Friday	Ps 139 +2 Kings 19.20–36	Ps 130, 131, 137 + Ezekiel 34.17–end
Saturday	Ps 120, 121, 122 +2 Kings 20	Ps 118 + Ezekiel 36.16–36