



Sunday 18th October 2026

The Feast of St Luke

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 Reverend Robin Bendall

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 - On Saints Days

Hymns: 'Saint Luke, Beloved Physician', 396, 272

Music at Communion:

'When to our world the Saviour came' Church Triumphant

'Rejoice in God's saints' Paderborn

Postlude: *'Choral Song'* S S Wesley

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
Ronald Shaw, William Frederick Burton, Alan Anderson Tait,
Mary Isabella Fuller, Susan Margaret Robinson, Kate Barber Perez,
Winifred Rose Carpenter, Gordon Busby, Maurice Martin,
Elizabeth Roberts, Donald Hune, Robin Hall

Reflection for the week

The Right Reverend Dr Michael Turnbull

When it comes to the intercessions part of this service [page 9] I wonder if, like me, you find it difficult to concentrate sufficiently to keep pace through the various things we pray for? This, for me, is especially true when it comes to praying for peace. I just cannot think quickly enough to move round the map of the world and consider the kind of conflict which is going on there.

So, while we're praying, my own peace is disturbed by a frustration of not being able to recollect the kind of peace we are praying for. Peace in the middle east, peace in the Sudan, peace in Ukraine let alone peace within families or peace in society here. It is one of our heartfelt desires, but our prayers seem inadequate and too generalised. We long for time to carefully consider the kind of peace we are praying for.

I guess any prayer starts with the kind of peace we are searching for ourselves. Beginning by seeking peace for ourselves, allowing the distractions to fade, sensing the presence of the Prince of Peace and absorbing the gift he offers of a deep inner peace. It's only when we are still enough to appreciate that peace that we are ready to plead for peace for others. That may lead us into sorrow as we feel their pain, but we can bring that to God and in that way share their plight.

Perhaps we need to come early to

church to begin to practice this as we wait or take time before we come to centre into that kind of peace. Peace can also come within the trusted community of fellow worshippers. That would reflect the community God himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit weave their communal energy amongst us.

Maybe we can try this prayer as a means of sharing in God's pain where there is no peace and accepting his gift of peace for others.

Lord, plunge me deep into a sense of sadness

At the pain of my sisters and brothers inflicted by war

By prejudice, injustice, indifference

That I may learn again to cry as a child until my tears baptise me

Into a person who touches with care those who I now touch in prayer:

victims of violence, of greed, of addictions,

people with broken bodies, with broken hearts,

with broken lives whom I remember now in silence before you because I have too often forgotten them in the shuffle of my fretful business.

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

After yesterday's choir trip to sing at Southwark Cathedral, today's communion music is a hymn on the healing ministry as exemplified by Luke and secondly one about all saints. The first is a hymn on the theme of Christ's healing written by Bishop Timothy Dudley Smith – (who also wrote our first congregational hymn this morning about St Luke) "When to our world the Saviour came". It dwells upon the notion that Jesus Christ is the ultimate physician and includes references to the accounts of healing when crowds thronged to his presence.

The second hymn is more generally about God's saints by another prolific 20th century Methodist hymn writer Fred Pratt Green. Here he reflects upon the notion of Gods "ancient saints" and those of our modern time, but those known and also unknown and their common ethos of self-giving.

The outgoing voluntary is a grand

march from a larger piece known as the Choral Song and Fugue by Samuel Sebastian Wesley the great nephew of the Methodist Preacher John Wesley and part of a strong musical family. He was the outstanding church musician of Victorian England, being successively organist at the Cathedrals of Hereford, Exeter, Winchester and Gloucester, also at Leeds Parish Church. Written for and dedicated to one of his pupils in 1842, this piece was written for a small chamber organ, not one of parish or cathedral proportions, but it works well on larger instruments allowing more effective contrast between the louder and quieter sections.

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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:*

Saint Luke, Beloved Physician

Saint Luke, beloved physician,
with honour now recall,
who served his Master's mission,
who ministered to Paul;
whose skill to distant ages
bequeathed a gift unpriced,
a gospel in whose pages
we see the face of Christ.

He tells for us the stories
of Jesus here on earth,
the unsung pains and glories
that marked the church's birth;
the Spirit's power in preaching,
the contrite sinner freed,
the grace and mercy reaching
our deepest human need.

For all who work our healing
we lift our hearts in prayer,
the love of God revealing
in science, skill and care:
his gifts be still imparted
to those who make us whole,
like Luke the tender-hearted,
physician of the soul.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926 - 2024)

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: Almighty God, you called
Luke the physician, whose praise
is in the gospel, to be an evangelist
and physician of the soul: by the
grace of the Spirit and through the
wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and
power to heal; through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord, who is alive and
reigns with you, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. *All say* Amen.

The Scriptures

Isaiah 35.3-6

Strengthen the weak hands, and
make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful
heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God. He will come with
vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened, and the ears of the deaf
unstopped; then the lame shall leap
like a deer, and the tongue of the
speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the
wilderness,

and streams in the desert.

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

*Remain seated as the Choir sing
Psalm 147 v1-7*

*O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing
to sing praises unto our God : yea, a
joyful and pleasant thing it is to be
thankful.*

*The Lord doth build up Jerusalem :
and gather together the out-casts of
Israel.*

*He healeth those that are broken in
heart : and giveth medicine to heal
their sickness.*

*He telleth the number of the stars : and
calleth them all by their names.*

*Great is our Lord, and great is his
power: yea, and his wisdom is infinite.*

*The Lord setteth up the meek : and
bringeth the ungodly down to the
ground.*

*O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving
: sing praises upon the harp unto our
God;*

2 Timothy 4.5-17

As for you, always be sober,
endure suffering, do the work of an
evangelist, carry out your ministry
fully. As for me, I am already being
poured out as a libation, and the time
of my departure has come. I have
fought the good fight, I have finished
the race, I have kept the faith. From

now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. 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.**

Luke 10.1-9

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.

Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

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 396

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: Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; 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 272

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.



Thank you to those who have engaged with the 'Where is our Treasure' conversation. You can hear the Rector's sermon from the launch last week at www.stclementsandwich.org.uk/donate

Members of the congregation will be available to answer questions or help sign up for the Parish Giving Scheme Monday 19th (tomorrow) 10:00am-Noon, and the Rector Tuesday 4:30pm-6:30pm

You can submit any comments, questions, or concerns about money, faith, and church financing in the box by the lit noticeboard, or online via this web address. The Rector will answer them during the 10:30am sermon next Sunday, 25th October.

www.stclementsandwich.org.uk/moneyquestions

Harvest Thank You

On behalf of the Sandwich Pantry and the Deal Area Emergency Foodbank, many thanks to all those who donated so generously to this year's Harvest Appeal. There was an excellent display of jars, tins and packets.

These gifts from St. Clements, both in kind and money, will be of great help to both organisations which remain under pressure to provide food and support to an increasing number of applicants. Please remember that both the Pantry and Foodbank will appreciate gifts of money or food at any time and guidelines for giving are in the porch, together with a collection basket for the Pantry.

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, 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 19th October - Henry Martyn

10:00am-Noon Members of the congregation are available in Church to discuss money, or sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme



Tuesday 20th October - Feria

4:30am-6:30pm The Rector is available in Church to discuss money, or sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme

Wednesday 21st October - Feria

10:00am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)
4:00pm St Clement's Bible Group (*see p14*)

Thursday 22nd October - Feria

Friday 23rd October - Feria

9:45am Morning Prayer
From 10:00am Coffee Pot (*Parish Hall*)
2:00pm Service of Thanksgiving for Jennifer Gates

Saturday 24th October - Feria

Sunday 25th October - The Last Sunday After Trinity

8:00am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)
Preacher: The Rector
10:30am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant: The Reverend Doctor Jeanne Males
Preacher: The Rector

Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday	Ps 1, 2, 3+ Judith 4	Ps 4, 7+John 17.1-5
Tuesday	Ps 132, 133+2 Kings 22.1-23.3	Ps (134), 135+ John 15.12-17
Wednesday	Ps 119.153-end + 2 Kings 23.4-25	Ps136 +John 15.18-end
Thursday	Ps 143, 146+ 2 Kings 23.36-24.17	Ps 138, 140, 141+ John 16.1-15
Friday	Ps 142, 144 +2 Kings 24.18-25.12	Ps 145+ John 16.16-22
Saturday	Ps 147 +2 Kings 25.22-end	Ps24+ John 4.19-29