



Sunday 7th April 2024

## The Second Sunday of Easter

You are most welcome.

A message to new visitors is found on page 3.  
Our order of service begins on page 5.

**8:00am Holy Communion** (*Book of Common Prayer*)  
Celebrant: The Rev'd Howard Pashley

**10:30am Parish Eucharist** (*Common Worship*)  
Celebrant: The Rev'd Dr Jeanne Males  
Preacher: Derek Kirkaldie (Reader)  
Setting: 'A People's Mass', *Dom Gregory Murray*  
with 'The Coventry Gloria', *Peter Jones*  
Music at Communion:

'I know my redeemer liveth',  
*G F Handel*

Postlude:  
'Hallelujah Chorus',  
*G F Handel, arr JMS*

### For your prayers

**At This Time** Carolyn Bower, Baby Dylan Andrew Brooks, Gillian Kullman, Cheto Perez, Peter Strudwick, The King, The Princess of Wales, the bereaved, and those suffering during warfare

**Recently Departed** If no names, delete this line.  
**Year's Mind** Yvonne Hall, Molly Craft, Lawrence James Court, Philip Jack Stacey Watts, Daphne Boulden, Alfred James Peck, Iris Kathleen Eversfield, Mabel Phyllis Horton, Lilian May Cullen, Ernest Frederick Charles King, Leslie Charles 'Ron' Burton

# Reflection for the week

The Rector

‘Grace to you and peace’ – we know these words well from the writings of St Paul, which to many scholars suggests that this was a common greeting among the very earliest Christians. Among the final words Jesus said to his gathered followers at the Last Supper was, ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you’, and perhaps those earliest followers could think of no greater way of greeting each other than wishing the promises of Jesus Christ to be fulfilled for the other person.

It is a challenge for us today – as we look at one another in the pews and stalls, do we, first and foremost, ask God to grant grace and peace to those around us? When someone hurts us, do we ask God to look on them with grace?

Grace means more than forgiveness and mercy, it’s not simply an overlooking of past transgressions like a stern headteacher wavering for a moment and giving one last chance to an unruly pupil. Instead grace means a transformation of what has been – even the sins of the past can be used now in God’s good works. In my experience, when two Christians fall out but

remain determined to try to love one another, to try to wish grace and peace on the other no matter how difficult that may be, often they end up with a much deeper love than if they’d never fallen out in the first place. That’s truly grace at work.

I write these words with a certain trepidation, because I know how difficult it can be, and I can assure you that there are few things more annoying than wanting to be really angry with someone but remembering a sermon or reflection you’ve written about forgiveness and thinking ‘OK! Ok God, I’ll try...’ But as we rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ, let us commit to following the example of the first disciples and wishing each other grace and peace above all else. This will let God into St Clement’s more and more, and the results will be glorious.

# New to St Clements?

Welcome! We're delighted that you're here

**T**here 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 (behind the organ, where toilets can also be found), please do join us.

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](http://www.stclementschurchsandwich.org.uk)

A huge thank you to all those who walked through Holy Week together at St Clement's.

So many people made the emotional journey possible - from the music to the decorations, the refreshments to the serving, the readings, the words of encouragement to me, and so much more besides. A true community endeavour.

Thank you to all those who helped travel this journey together, making for a very joyful Easter.

Numbers are not the be all and end, but are still an important measure of things, and we were 33% up on average Holy Week attendance over the last decade, and 48% up on last year.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

May I wish you all a very blessed Eastertide.

*The Rector*

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# Order of Service

## The Gathering

*Notices are given before the service.  
Stand to sing the opening hymn,  
number 117.*

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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!

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. The Gloria is sung*

Glory be to God on high,  
Alleluia!

Peace to all beneath the sky,  
Alleluia!

Praise and blessing now we bring, Alleluia!

Worship, glory, to the King,  
Alleluia!

Praise to Christ, his only Son,  
Alleluia!

All our sin has he undone,  
Alleluia!

Grant us mercy, Lord, we pray,  
Alleluia!

And receive our prayer today,  
Alleluia!

**For you are the Holy One,  
Alleluia!  
Who, alone, the victory won,  
Alleluia!  
With the Holy Spirit, Lord,  
Alleluia!  
And the Father, glorious God,  
Alleluia!**

*The Celebrant says:*

Let us pray: Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Scriptures**

*All sit. Acts 4:32-35* Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or

houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

*1 John 1.1-2.2* We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no

sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

*We sing hymn number 114. Turn to face the Book of the Gospels as it moves to the centre of the nave. 'Alleluia' is sung.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 20:19-end* When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced

when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*A sermon is preached.*

### The Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### The Intercessions & Peace

*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.**

*Stand for the Peace* The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*As the altar is prepared, and a collection taken, we sing hymn 112.*

### The Eucharistic Prayer

*The Celebrant prays over the offerings, and all respond Amen.*

The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

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*

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; 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.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; 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.**

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## Holy Communion

*Sidespeople will indicate when to move for Holy Communion. All who are baptised are welcome to receive Communion, or do bring this booklet with you to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing instead.*

*After all have received Holy Communion, **Stand** as the Celebrant says* Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.. 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.**

## Going out into the World

*We sing hymn 121.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*The Celebrant blesses and dismisses the congregation.*

Go in the peace of Christ.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*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 in The Sunley Room (behind the organ)*

# Parish Notices and Events

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

Thursday 9th May, 7:30pm

**Ascension Day  
Sung Eucharist**

Saturday 11th May, 7:30pm  
**Gala Re-Opening Organ Recital**

*Professor Ian Tracey, Organist at  
Liverpool Cathedral. Followed by  
refreshments.*

Sunday 19th May, 10:30am

**Pentecost Parish  
Eucharist.  
Town Council Civic Service,**  
followed by drinks & APCM

Sunday 2nd June, 10:30am  
**Corpus Christi Parish  
Eucharist,** *Followed by a Rectory  
Garden Party*

Sunday 16th June, 4:00pm  
**The Organist Entertains**  
*Given by Robert Tapfield,  
with tea and cake*

Saturday 13th July, 11:00am  
**Deal Festival Concert:  
“Times and Seasons: Bach  
and the Organ”**  
*Given by Paul Stubbings*

Saturday 20th July  
**St Clement’s Choir sing  
Evensong at St George’s  
Chapel, Windsor**

Saturday 14th September  
**St Clement’s Choir sing  
Evensong at Rochester  
Cathedral**

Tuesday 17th September,  
2:30pm  
**‘Nautical Notes’** - A selection  
of Sea Shanties, Music, and  
Poetry honouring St Clement,  
Patron Saint of Mariners  
*This event forms parts of  
Sandwich Arts Week*

5th October  
**Cinque Ports Speaker’s  
Day**  
*The office of Speaker is held by the  
mayor of each of the head ports and  
two ancient towns, in turn. This  
year the honour falls to Sandwich.  
Speaker’s Day is a highlight of the  
Civic year.*

## **Church Welcoming in 2024**

For more than thirty years St Clement's has been stewarded during the summer months to welcome visitors and help them explore our ancient church.

The current scheme, Church Welcome, starts on 1st May through to 30th September . The church is of course open to all throughout the year from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, and the Welcomers choose an hour (or two) that is convenient for them to steward each week.

It is a very rewarding way of spending a quiet hour and welcoming people from literally all over the world (please check the visitors' book). Our team has, since Covid, become much reduced, and I would be very pleased to give more information to anyone interested in filling one of the many empty slots on the timetable. I shall put a provisional timetable in the porch showing what is available. Please get in touch:

David Senior T: 01304 612782 E: david.senior6@btinternet.com

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## **Electoral Roll Revision**

If you regularly worship at St Clement's and wish to be on the Electoral Roll (church membership list), or are already on the roll but wish to make any changes, please apply to our electoral roll officer:  
Ann Trim E: anntrim@sky.com



## We are hiring a Parish Administrator

**St Clement's, Sandwich, is looking for someone well organised and highly competent, with a strong attention to detail, to take on the newly-created role of Parish Administrator.**

This is an exciting opportunity for someone who enjoys administrative work to perform a varied and interesting job in the heart of the parish. Together with the Rector you will have the opportunity to establish the systems and software that you will use day-by-day. 18 hours per week, with competitive pay and flexibility for hours to work around you.

Further details, and full Job Description and Person Specification, are available to download at [www.stclementschurchsandwich.org.uk/vacancy.htm](http://www.stclementschurchsandwich.org.uk/vacancy.htm)

*Please submit CV and a cover letter to the Rector,  
Father Sebastian Hamilton [vacancies@stclementsandwich.org.uk](mailto:vacancies@stclementsandwich.org.uk),  
by noon Friday 26th April 2024.*

# Parish Directory

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# Services and Events this week

**Monday 8th April - The Annunciation**

10:00am Said Eucharist

**Tuesday 9th April - Feria (no feast)**

**Wednesday 10th April - Feast of William Law**

10:00am Holy Communion

**Thursday 11th April - Feria**

**Friday 12th April - Feria**

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

**Saturday 13th April - Feria**

**Sunday 14th April - Third Sunday of Easter**

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

*Celebrant: The Rector*

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

*Celebrant and Preacher: The Rector*

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