



ST CLEMENT'S AT CHRISTMAS 2021

SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER

6.30 pm SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

FRIDAY 24th DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE

[We regret there will be

No Christingle Crib Service this year]

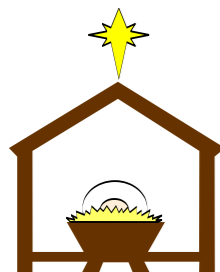
11.30 pm THE MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST

SATURDAY 25th DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

11.00 am CHRISTMAS MORNING FAMILY SERVICE

SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER – FEAST OF ST STEPHEN BOXING DAY

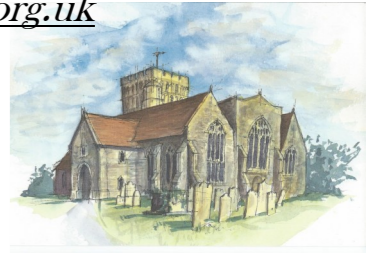


[No 8.00 am Service]

10.30 am Parish Eucharist

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST CLEMENT, SANDWICH

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SUNDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2021 -

ADVENT SUNDAY



Welcome to St Clement's Church. We particularly welcome those who are visitors with us today on this

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We are to know again that ADVENT is a God-given and necessary period of preparation - spiritual preparation - for the coming of God's greatest gift - that of His own Son.

'O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful, that when Your Son comes He may not find us sleeping, but active in His service and joyful in His praise.'

8.00 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 am

The Parish Eucharist (Common Worship)

Celebrant and Preacher: THE RECTOR

Hymns: 7, 14, 9 and Hark what a sound (sheet)

A People's Mass by Anthony Gregory Murray

During Communion: Never weather-beaten sail -

Richard Shephard and Ye servants of the Lord (Narenza)

Organ Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on 'Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland' BWV661 - JS Bach

(see notes on page 4)

6.30 pm

'THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHALL BE REVEALED'

ADVENT SERVICE OF MUSIC AND READINGS

ST PETER AND ST PAUL, WORTH

With The St Clement's Choir

A warm invitation to all


GIFT AID - PLEASE put your details on the yellow Gift Aid envelope if you use one. Remember no details - no tax refund possible. Thank you.

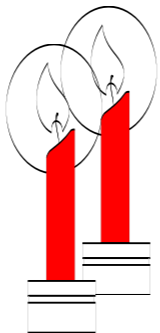
During the week/...

DURING THE WEEK:

Tue 30 Feast of St Andrew
Wed 1 Dec 10.00 am Holy Communion
Fri 3 10.00 am Coffee Pot in the Hall
7.15 pm Choir Practice

Next Sunday: 5th December 2021 - The Second Sunday of Advent

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.15 am ANCHORS -
 the St Clement's Children's Church
in the Hall
10.30 am The Parish Eucharist (Common Worship)
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ADVENT SUNDAY

The Parish Eucharist (*Common Worship Year C*)

Collect and Readings

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Reading:

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD,
when I will fulfil the promise I made
to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

Jeremiah 33.14-16

¹⁵In those days and at that time
I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.
And this is the name by which it will be called:
'The LORD is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord

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**Readings at the 10.30am Parish Eucharist next Sunday
(Advent 2)**
Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 3:1-6

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We're delighted that Anchors - the Children's Church at St Clements, will again showcase the children's creative skills with a display at Sandwich Train Station on 20th December.

The full trail will be published on 24th December with a downloadable map for people to enjoy a Christmas Eve walk and marvel at the celebratory delights of this year's Advent Trail.

Gayle Parker

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CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS CARDS

Wed shall be delivering Christmas Cards from Churches Together in Sandwich again this year. The cards include a Christmas Greeting and details of Christmas Services in our churches. They are important for both information and witness.

The St Clement's allocation of cards will be in church next weekend and help with their delivery will be needed and much appreciated as usual.

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THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thank you so much to all those who ordered Christmas Cards. Unfortunately, due to early "panic buying" some of the designs are no longer available.

I will contact everyone when I receive the cards next week, with the amended orders.

I apologise for the inconvenience and disappointment, but thank you for your support. The sales amount to £207, so still a worthwhile sum.

Gill Robertson

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GOSPEL:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

All say: Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 21.25-36

Jesus said to his disciples:

²⁵'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory.

²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹Then he told them a parable:

'Look at the fig tree and all the trees;

³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.

³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life,

³⁵and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.

³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All say: Praise to you, O Christ

All sing: Alleluia(s)

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TODAY'S MUSIC

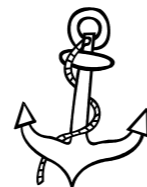
Before and after the service settings by J S Bach of the Chorale "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" (*"Saviour of the nations, come"*, or more literally *"Now come, Saviour of the heathen"*) are played. This is a Lutheran chorale of 1524 with words written by Martin Luther, based on "Veni redemptor gentium" by Ambrose, and a melody from 1174, based on plainchant. That before the service is a quiet version, that after is a more lively arrangement.

During the communion the choir will sing Thomas Campion's famous pilgrim words "Never weather-beaten sail" by the Yorkshireman Richard Shephard (1949-2021). He makes much of the expectant Advent words - "O come quickly".

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OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL

It was an excellent observance of ST CLEMENT, our Patron, on our PATRONAL FESTIVAL last Sunday. Our sincere thanks, and it was a joy, that Bishop Michael was the preacher. The music was superb and it was very good to be able to socialise again together after the Service, as we enjoyed a glass of wine. It was all a real celebration.



On Tuesday, which was St Clement's Day (23rd November), we were very touched to be mentioned by name, and to be prayed for, by Dean Robert Willis in his live-streaming of Morning Prayer from the Canterbury Deanery Garden. Of course he continues to be especially associated with St Clement's, and our Patronal Day, as we sing each year the hymn that he wrote for us back in 2010 - 'The Saint of the Anchored Cross'.

A special link with a special friend of ours.

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FLYING THE FLAG

Remembrance followed by our Patronal Festival have been two of the important occasions in the year when the flag (Cross of St George with the Anchor of St Clement) has flown from our great St Clement's Tower.

For over twenty years (if not longer) ROD OATES has faithfully carried out the task of being our 'Flag Officer'. It's been a very big commitment over all this time and of course physically demanding. Rod has now felt it has become time to retire, and we express our gratitude and sincere thanks.

The flag flying from over our town to mark significant dates, anniversaries and events is important and it's an inspiring sight. We are very grateful indeed to MARTIN THORLEY and BRUCE WILLIAMS of our St Clement's Bellringers' Team, for their ready willingness to take on the responsibility of being our new 'Flag Officers', and ensuring that the tradition continues.

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YOUR TIME AND YOUR TALENTS

As we seek to move forward, following the extensive impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic, there are many ways in which our church and community members can demonstrate their commitment to

St Clement's, and we suspect that there are people with skills and talents who would be willing to spend a little time helping one way or another.

A form 'Your Time and your Talents' has been sent out to all on the Church Electoral Roll and all on our contact lists. Would you please take a moment to complete it?

Completed forms should be returned to the box provided in church or emailed to Barry Brooks: barry.brooks1@me.com

or Diane Collier: lodge.farm@tiscali.co.uk

BY 30th NOVEMBER (THIS TUESDAY) PLEASE

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SANDWICH ADVENT WINDOWS

Sandwich Advent Windows will return for its fourth year with an incredible 46 households, local groups and businesses embracing the festive spirit and turning Sandwich into a live Advent Calendar. This year's theme is "celebration" and from 1st-24th December we will celebrate the festive period with wonderfully creative Advent Window displays that will be revealed every day via the dedicated Facebook group -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SandwichAdventWindows/>
as well as the local Sandwich Facebook groups.