

THIS WEEK

Monday 9am Walking for Health Group

Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10.15am Holy Communion

11am Welcome Coffee Morning

Thursday 2pm Mothers' Union meeting in church

7.30pm Men's Group meeting at the Bailey's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 30th August Coffee Morning in the hall

Sunday 7th September 12noon Parish BBQ

Thursday 18th September 7.30pm at St Clement's. First of 4 sessions of Bible study on the Acts of the Apostles.

Wednesday 24th September 11am Macmillan Coffee Morning.

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ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH

17th August 2025

9th Sunday after Trinity

TODAY'S HYMNS

5 Awake my soul
258 O thou who camest from above
502 Restore, O Lord
423 And now, O Father
580 Judge eternal

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 23: 23 – 29
Hebrews 11: 29 – 12: 2
Luke 12: 49 – 56

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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. **Amen**

THE GOSPEL

⁴⁹ 'Jesus said I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

INTERCESSIONS

Please Pray for:

The Church:

Pray for our bishops David, Mark and Matthew, our archdeacon Karen and all clergy and laity working in our churches. Pray for our parishes of St Clement's and St Mary's and for those churches who run holiday clubs for children in August.

The World:

Pray that world leaders will work together to bring peace to troubled areas of the world. Pray for those living amidst bombing and fighting, and those suffering with food shortages, that all people will be enabled to live in peace with sufficient resources.

The King and Government:

Pray for the health and well-being of King Charles, Queen Camilla and all members of the royal family. Pray for the government, MPs and local councillors that they will use their power and influence for the benefit of all.

Community:

Pray for those in our community living on the edge – the homeless, the financially challenged, those living with severe health problems and all who find daily living difficult. Pray that they will find ways to improve their lives and acceptance of what they cannot change.

The Sick:

We hold in God's care all those we know who are sick, including Alastair Moore, Shirley Heap, Annette Ulian, Mary Bolton, Eileen McKay, Keith Branshard, Elaine Blezard, Maureen Daly, Beryl O'Neil, Alison Griffiths,

Frank Kilroy, and Eddie Taylor. May they find healing in body, mind and spirit.

The Departed:

Pray for David Maguire, Andrew Farnsworth, Jean Jarratt and any others known to us who have died recently and for the families and friends who grieve for them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Anniversaries:

John Sandham, Ann Grice, George Wilson, Miriam Graham, Dorothy Bethel, Arthur Rogers, Irene Maher, Colin Hill, William Gough, Sheila Daley, Lillian Kerfoot, Glen Whittaker, Neville Jones, Henry Leah, Gertrude Lake, Frank Lievesley, Bessie Dandy, Albert Rogerson, Jill Allen, John Marshall.

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 58: 9b – end
Hebrews 12: 18 – end
Luke 13: 10 –17

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers were donated by Chris Meller in loving memory of her Dad, a VJ Day veteran.

Also by Lynne Atkinson in memory of Dorothy Bethel on her 10th anniversary and in memory of her mother, Mary Tingle

PARISH BBQ

After the service on Sunday 7th September we will be holding a barbecue in the church grounds. The charge will be £10 per person to cover the cost of the food. If you wish to join in please let Catherine Millington know - we need the numbers in advance to ensure we have the right amount of food.