

THIS WEEK

Monday 9am Walking for Health Group

12 noon Funeral of Jean Jarratt

4pm Handbell ringing

Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10.15am Holy Communion

11am Welcome Coffee Morning

7pm Men's Group

Thursday 2pm Mothers' Union meeting

7.30pm **The Challenge of Acts** Bible study at

St Clement's Session 1

Friday 7pm Choir Practice.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Wednesday 24th September 11am Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Saturday 4th October 7pm Quiz Night with pie and peas in the hall

Sunday 5th October harvest festival at both churches, followed by auction of produce.

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ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH

14th September 2025

13th Sunday after Trinity

TODAY'S HYMNS

678 In Christ alone

671 I will sing the wondrous story

587 Amazing Grace

430 Bread of heaven on thee we feed

676 Immortal, invisible

TODAY'S READINGS

Exodus 32: 7 – 14

1 Timothy 1: 12 – 17

Luke 15: 1 – 10

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

THE GOSPEL

15 Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. **2** And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

3 So he told them this parable: **4** 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? **5** When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. **6** And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." **7** Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.'

⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

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 who will attend our Bible study, that they may be inspired and challenged by the discussions.

The World:

Pray for peace in the Middle East and in Ukraine, that all people will be free to live without fear and suffering. Pray that all world leaders will be inspired to govern with justice and compassion and to live in peace with neighbouring countries.

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 and MPs that they will set aside party differences and disputes to work for the benefit of all.

Community:

On the 85th anniversary of Battle of Britain Day pray for all ex-servicemen and women in our community. Give thanks for their courage and dedication in defending their country and supporting peace. May their sacrifices never be forgotten.

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 Blezzard, Beryl O'Neil, Alison Griffiths, Frank Kilroy, Eddie Taylor, Hilary Arnold and Christopher

Brown. May they find healing in body, mind and spirit.

The Departed:

Pray for Jean Jarratt, Joan Pettener, Rosmarie Ridgway 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:

Edward Roberts, Ada McDowell, Ethel Greenhalgh, Dennis Osborne, Gwendoline Holloway, Annie Stone, Maurice Frankland, Audrey Postles, Richard Hills, Ellen Roberts, Harold Silcock, Wilfred Featherstone, Sidney Mills, Jack Royals, Muriel Clarke

POST COMMUNION

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Amos 8: 4 – 7

1 Timothy 2: 1 – 7

Luke 16: 1 – 13

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's flowers have been donated by Ron in loving memory of Vick Griffiths.

THE CHALLENGE OF ACTS

This autumn Bible study series starts on Thursday at 7.30pm at St Clement's. It's a chance to explore the story of what happened after the gospels and how the first disciples worked out what being a Christian means. This first session looks at chapters 1 to 8 of the Acts of the Apostles, and it would be helpful if you can read these chapters before the meeting..