

# St Clement's Monthly News

## September 2025

September is a time when we think of new beginnings. When we were children it was the month of a new school year, sometimes a complete new school. A time for a new uniform, new teachers, new things to learn. Once we've been through this all over again with our own children, September often means to us a new start. We resolve once the distraction of summer is over, and the children are back in school we will start that diet, or look for a new job, perhaps sign up to an evening class to learn something new. Often we don't accomplish what we intended to do, but still the aim to do better, to be better, to put the mistakes of the past behind us and start afresh is there.

And that aim to put past mistakes behind us and start again with a clean sheet is very much part of Jesus's message to us all. He wants us to turn away from the wrong things we've done and live our lives according to his commandments of love God and love one another. The good news is that we don't have to wait for September to start again with God. Everyday is a new start, and if we fall short today, we can start again tomorrow. When we repent – which literally just means to turn around – God forgives us for the wrong we've done and sets the count of our sins back to zero. As the old hymn puts it 'New every morning is the love, our wakening and uprising prove'. Each new day brings us 'new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven'.

On 21<sup>st</sup> September we celebrate St Matthew, apostle and evangelist who repented and turned his life around when Jesus said to him 'Follow me'. Matthew was a tax collector, he collected money from the Jewish people to send to Rome to enrich the coffers of the emperor. Tax collectors were very unpopular with the people, especially as they often collected extra to line their own pockets. Yet Jesus picked him out to be one of his followers, his closest companions who would spread the message of God's love to all the world. Jesus said, 'Follow me' and Matthew did – he got up immediately, turned his back on his old life and started again with Jesus.

Jesus says to each of us 'follow me'. Do we hear him? Do we immediately turn away from our wrong ways and follow his way? Maybe not, and if we do, we probably slip back into our old habits from time to time. It doesn't matter how many times we've tried and failed in the past, every day, every moment is a new chance to listen to Jesus saying, 'follow me' and to reply 'yes Lord'. We don't have to wait for a new season, or a new year, Jesus is always waiting for us to follow him.

Rev'd Christine

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# Diary for September

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	Walking for Health
	4.00pm	Handbell Ringing
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.15am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Welcome Coffee Morning
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	12.00noon	Funeral Service for Maureen Daley
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist Parish Church</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship Branch Church</b>
	<b>12.00noon</b>	<b>Parish Barbecue</b>
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Walking for Health
	4.00pm	Handbell Ringing
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Welcome Coffee Morning
	7.30pm	Urmston Choral Concert
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Tidying Church Grounds
<b>Sun 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist Parish Church</b>
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Walking for Health
	4.00pm	Handbell Ringing
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Welcome Coffee Morning
	7.00pm	Men's Group
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Mothers' Union
	7.30pm	Bible Study Session 1
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist Parish Church</b>
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am	Walking for Health
	4.00pm	Handbell Ringing
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Welcome Coffee Morning
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bible Study Session 2
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Sun 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist Parish Church</b>
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Walking for Health
	4.00pm	Handbell Ringing
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Prayer

**HARVEST FESTIVAL is on SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER at 10.30am  
at both churches and followed at the Branch Church  
by an Auction of Produce in aid of The Booth Centre**

## THE BRANCH CHURCH HUMPHREY PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Morning Worship  
10.30am Sun 7<sup>th</sup> September

**Brownies** 6.00pm Every Tues  
Meeting in the Parish Hall

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## Autumn Bible Study Series The Challenge of Acts

Starting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at St. Clement's, there is an opportunity to explore the Acts of the Apostles together. All the materials for the course will be provided but you'll find it helpful to read the relevant chapters in Acts beforehand in preparation for each session..

**Session 1 – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept Acts 1-8**

**Session 2 – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept Acts 9-16**

**Session 3 – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct Acts 17-20**

**Session 4 – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct Acts 21-28**

## FINANCE UPDATE

### Rose Window Appeal

In August this was standing at £8,092 and held in an interest bearing account.

### General Funds

Electricity and Gas bills are down due to the warm weather – Good News!!  
BUT – We need £450 for specialist work on the trees in the church grounds, Autumnal weather is on the horizon so all utility bills and other expenses will increase and put pressure on our finances, so we need to keep a close watch on our financial situation and continue to raise funds through social activities and direct giving.