

THIS WEEK

Monday 9am Walking for Health Group
4pm Handbell ringing

Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10.15am Holy Communion
11am Welcome Coffee Morning

Thursday 7.30pm **The Challenge of Acts**
Bible study at St Clement's Session 4

Friday 7pm Choir Practice.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 16th 2pm Mothers' Union meeting
7pm Men's Group

Saturday 18th 9.30am Morning Prayer
10am Work party to tidy the church grounds

Saturday 25th 11am Jumble sale and Good
as new in the church.

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ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH

5th October 2025

Harvest Festival

TODAY'S HYMNS

282 Come ye thankful people, come
286 Praise, O praise our God and King
290 We plough the fields and scatter
287 Praise and thanksgiving
484 You shall go out with joy

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11
Philippians 4: 4 – 9
John 6: 25 – 35

THE COLLECT

Eternal God, you crown the year with your
goodness and you give us the fruits of the
earth in their season: grant that we may use
them to your glory, for the relief of those in
need and for our own well-being; 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

²⁵ When they found Jesus on the other side of
the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did
you come here?' ²⁶ Jesus answered them,
'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me,
not because you saw signs, but because you
ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for
the food that perishes, but for the food that
endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man
will give you. For it is on him that God the
Father has set his seal.' ²⁸ Then they said to
him, 'What must we do to perform the works of
God?' ²⁹ Jesus answered them, 'This is the
work of God, that you believe in him whom he
has sent.' ³⁰ So they said to him, 'What sign
are you going to give us then, so that we may
see it and believe you? What work are you
performing? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna
in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave
them bread from heaven to eat." ³² Then

Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴ They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

INTERCESSIONS

Please Pray for:

The Church:

Pray for our bishops David, Mark and Matthew, our archdeacon Karen and all our churches. Pray for our Jewish brothers and sisters who suffered a hateful attack on their most holy day. Pray that reconciliation and greater co-operation may come out of this atrocity.

The World:

Pray for people whose harvests have failed this year, or who have been forced to leave their homes through war and are unable to harvest their crops. Pray that they will find the resources they so desperately need. Give thanks for the work of aid agencies who support the most vulnerable in difficult times.

The King and Government:

Pray for the health and well-being of King Charles, Queen Camilla and for reconciliation and an forgiveness among all members of the royal family. Pray for the government and MPs, that they may exercise their power with wisdom and compassion, for the benefit of all.

Community:

Pray for families who cannot afford all the benefits of the harvest. Give thanks for the work of the food banks and other charities which work to ensure no one goes hungry. Pray for those who work to produce and distribute our food and who work in our shops and markets.

The Sick:

We hold in God's care all those we know who are sick, including Alastair Moore, Shirley Heap, Annette Ulian, Eileen McKay, Keith Branshard, Elaine Blezzard, Beryl O'Neil, Alison Griffiths, Frank Kilroy, Eddie Taylor, Hilary Arnold, Christopher Brown, Shannon Sweeting and Chris Jones. May they find healing in body, mind and spirit.

The Departed:

Pray Mary Bolton 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:

Alice Rushton, David Pickwell, Brian Colgan, Ena Carmichael, Derek Stuart, Harry Greenlees, Ronald Pearson, Margaret Asquith, William Marti-Bowler, Elsie Hamilton, Edna Tunstall, Mary Norton, John Rumney, Marion Cooke.

POST COMMUNION

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

2 Kings 5: 1 – 3, 7 – 15c

2 Timothy 2: 8 – 15

Luke 17: 11 – 19

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's flowers have been donated by Rose Corke in memory of Dorothy Davies.

ALL SOULS' SERVICE

On Sunday 2nd November at 7pm we will be holding our annual service to remember those we love who have died. There are now lists at the back of church to write down the names of those you would like to be included in the service. The names will be read out and you will have the chance to light a candle or lay a flower in memory.