

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

7pm Men's Group

Thursday 2pm Mothers' Union meeting

Friday 7pm Choir Practice.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 25th November 7.30pm Embracing Humanity – 1st session of an advent study course at St Mary's

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6

Colossians 1: 13 – 20

John 6: 5 – 14

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ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH

16th November 2025

2nd Sunday before Advent

TODAY'S HYMNS

2 Christ whose glory fills the skies
580 Judge eternal, throned in splendour
769 Rejoice the Lord is King
675 Immortal love
818 To God be the glory

TODAY'S READINGS

Malachi 4: 1 – 2a
2 Thessalonians 3: 6 – 13
Luke 21: 5 – 19

THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

THE GOSPEL

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ⁶ 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

⁷ They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' ⁸ And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.'

⁹ 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' ¹⁰ Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes,

and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

INTERCESSIONS

Please Pray for:

The Church:

Pray for our bishops David, Mark and Matthew and archdeacon Karen that they may be faithful and inspiring leaders. Pray for our parishes of St Clement and St Mary and all those who work and worship in them.

The World:

Pray for the under-privileged, the outcasts, those who do not have a voice in their society, especially women and girls living in countries that restrict their access to education and employment. Pray that all people in power and authority will show wisdom, compassion and justice in their actions.

The King and Government:

Pray for the royal family as they deal with changes and look for a new way forward. Pray for the health and well-being of King Charles and Queen Camilla. Pray that the government, MPs and councillors will use their power and influence with wisdom and compassion for all.

Community:

Pray for any in our community who are experiencing abuse and feel trapped and alone. Pray that they will find the courage to speak out and find the help and support they

need. Give them hope for the future and peace in the present.

The Sick:

We hold in God's care all those we know who are sick, including Alastair Moore, Shirley Heap, Annette Ulian, Eileen McKay, Elaine Blezzard, Beryl O'Neil, Alison Griffiths, Frank Kilroy, Christopher Brown, Toby Gurion, and Sue Traynor. May they find healing in body, mind and spirit.

The Departed:

Pray for Thomas Kilroy, Eddie Turner, Mary Carroll, Alan Meller, Wilf Knight 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:

Norman Williams, Dorothy Gibbon, Nora Ralph, Margaret Thomas, Albert Harrison, John Scott, Irene Benson, Herbert Green, Pamela Bucknall, Sally Millward, Beatrice Rhodes, Clement Smith, John Duffy, Arthur Swindell, George Brophy, Molly Royals, Frances Pearson, Herbert Cheakley

POST COMMUNION

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers have been donated by Margaret Hilton in memory of her beloved Dad.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – THIS SATURDAY

Opens at 10.30am. Father Christmas, tombola, stalls, refreshments, and the draw for the grand raffle. Come and meet your friends, find a bargain and support your church. Donations are needed on the day for the cake stall.