

THIS WEEK

Monday 9am Walking for Health Group

4pm Handbell ringing

Tuesday 9.30am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Embracing Humanity – 2nd session of the advent study course at St Mary's

Wednesday 10.15am Holy Communion

11am Welcome Coffee Morning

7.00pm Men's Group meal

Thursday Choir and handbell ringers' meal

Friday 7.30pm Flixton Band Christmas Concert

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 10th December at 7.30pm

Urmston Choral Society concert at St Clement's. Christmas Around the World.

Thursday 18th December 7.30pm Mothers' Union carol service in church, with seasonal refreshments.

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ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH

30th November 2025

Advent Sunday

TODAY'S HYMNS

42 Longing for light
30 Come thou long expected Jesus
811 Thou didst leave thy throne
36 Hark the glad sound
39 Hills of the north rejoice

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 2: 1 – 5
Romans 13: 11 – end
Matthew 24: 36 –44

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

THE GOSPEL

⁶ Jesus said, 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have

let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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. Pray that Advent will be a time of reflection and anticipation for all of us.

The World:

Pray for all who live in areas of conflict and terrorism, that they may find some peace and security in their lives. Pray for all who are working to bring an end to conflicts and create lasting peace. Give thanks for the work of aid agencies supporting people in dangerous parts of the world.

The King and Government:

Pray for the health and well-being of King Charles, Queen Camilla and all the royal family. Pray that the government, MPs and councillors will use their power and influence with wisdom and compassion for all.

Community:

Pray for all who are suffering from the recent cold weather and worrying about heating their homes. Pray for those who live in inadequate housing or have no settled home. Pray that all may have the essentials of shelter, food and warmth.

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 Robbie Dickson. May they find healing in body, mind and spirit.

The Departed:

Pray for Jamie Smith, Phylis Pennington 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:

Anthony Brown, Rose Yarwood, Stuart Hopkinson, Lily Rogers, George Johnson, Lilly Whittall, Ethel Wood, Leslie Noble, Patricia Kennedy, Frank Smith, William Thomas, Ethel Dickson, James Robinson, Lucy Jones, Ada Chapman, Frank Walton, Mark Nightingale, Sydney Morgan, Vernon Swain, Joyce Attenborough, John Smith, Elizabeth Jones, Edward Gomersall, Catherine Milroy.

POST COMMUNION

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 11: 1 – 10

Romans 15: 4 – 13

Matthew 3: 1 – 12

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL TREATS

We have 2 musical treats coming up at St Clement's before Christmas.

Friday, 5th December at 7.30pm

Flixton Band's annual concert featuring Christmas music old and new.

Wednesday 10th December at 7.30pm

Urmston Choral Society will be here for their concert *Christmas Around the World*.

Admission for each is £10 for adults with reductions for children.

ADVENT CAROLS

Today at 6.30pm at St Clement's

A joint service with St Mary's. Advent carols and readings by candlelight

A reminder of what Advent is really about