

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

Friday 7pm Choir practice

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesdays 24th Feb to 24th March 7.30pm

Lent Study course at St Mary's.

Thursdays 19th Feb to 26th March 7.30pm

Evening Prayer for Lent at St Clement's

Tuesdays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th March 10.30am

Ecumenical Lent Study with refreshments at

Cornerstone Methodist Church

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ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH

8th February 2026

2nd Sunday before Lent

TODAY'S HYMNS

532 All creatures of our God and King

537 For the beauty of the earth

546 O Lord my God

681 In heavenly love abiding

601 Blessed assurance

TODAY'S READINGS

Genesis: 1.2 – 2.3

Romans 8: 18 – 25

Matthew 6: 25 – end

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens
and the earth and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children; through
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you
and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all
things, now and for ever.

Amen

THE GOSPEL

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your
life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or
about your body, what you will wear. Is not
life more than food, and the body more than
clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they
neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns,
and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are
you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can
any of you by worrying add a single hour to
your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry
about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field,
how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet
I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was
not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so
clothes the grass of the field, which is alive
today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven,
will he not much more clothe you—you of little
faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying,
"What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or
"What will we wear?" ³² For it is the Gentiles
who strive for all these things; and indeed your
heavenly Father knows that you need all these

things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

INTERCESSIONS

Please Pray for:

The Church:

Pray for our diocese of Manchester and our bishops David, Mark and Matthew, archdeacon Karen and area dean Peter. Pray for our parishes of St Clement and St Mary and all those who work and worship in them.

The World:

Pray for all people living in areas of war and conflict and for all who are denied basic human rights. Give thanks for the beauty and diversity of creation and pray that we will work to protect the earth and all that is in it. Pray for people living with the effects of climate change and struggling to adjust to changes.

The King and Government:

Pray that the royal family will be reconciled and work together for the good of the nation. Pray for the government, MPs and local councillors that they will carry out their duties with diligence and integrity for the benefit of all people.

Community:

Pray for the small businesses in our town and the people who work in them. Pray for all who are unable to find work, that they will not lose their confidence and self-esteem.

The Sick:

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

The Departed:

Pray for Ada Carol Catherine Hughes, Martin Egan, Thomas Porter and any others known to us who have died recently and for the

families and friends who grieve for them. May all who have gone before us rest in peace and rise in glory.

Anniversaries:

Margaret Harrison, George Hilditch, John Hodgkinson, Mary Wilson, Galbraith Quinton, Elsie Smart, Jennifer Stubbs, Eleanor McCall, Alan Dean, Emily Bentley, Frederick Blackburn, Anne Rhoda Nicholson, Florence Orth, David Ramdas, Ethel Davies, Stanley Davies, Harry Pearson, Stanley Roberts, John Barnes, Bernard Sweet, David Boardman, Herbert Peat, Elizabeth Abrey, James Gray, Catherine Platt

POST COMMUNION

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Exodus 24: 12 – end
2 Peter 1: 16 – end
Matthew 17: 1 – 9

EVENTS IN LENT

Feb 18th Ash Wednesday

10 15am and 7.00pm

Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

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at St Clement's Church

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