

Riva Hodges, Sarah Chambers, Dwight d'Aguilar
Gooden, Bea Ray, Eudora Maame de Graft-Yankah,
Martha de Graft-Johnson, Josea Cabey, Ian Isaacs,
Ashton Lacken, David Hyams

Among the departed: : Tina Harrison, Libbie Smith

Anniversaries of Death: George Higgins, Emma Bayley,
Alfred Faulkner, William Alderson, Frances Edith
Brewer

In our parish: We pray for Bath Street and St Lukes'
Primary School

In the wider world: We pray for the Middle East and a
peaceful resolution of the conflict in Gaza and between
Israel and Iran. We pray for all those suffering in those
conflicts.

Notices

This week in church...

No Open Church this week or said mass

Next Sunday 13th Sunday after Trinity
Sung Mass 10.30am

St Clement's Shopping Basket

The basket provides the chance week by week to
donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and
toiletries which can be passed directly to the Dunloe
Centre at St Saviour's Priory which works with the
homeless and the very poor in our part of London.
Please give what you can.



Helping Hands

Can you come and help?

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Setting up tables with service books and refreshments



... and Meet and Greet

Welcome



Serving Refreshments



Washing up and put away hymn books etc...

If you can help, please speak to the clergy
or churchwardens

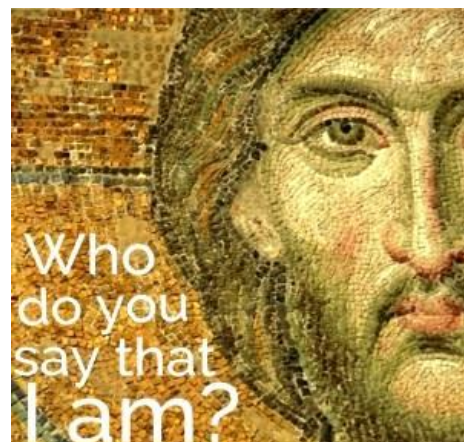
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services and events, and parish policies,
can be found at www.stclementfinsbury.org**

St Clement's Church, King Square

Twelfth Sunday

after Trinity

23rd August 2026



Welcome to St Clement's Church, we hope you enjoy
worshipping with us this morning. If you are a visitor to
St Clement's, or are here for the first time today, we're
very glad to welcome you. Please introduce yourself to
the clergy after the service.

Everyone is very welcome to stay for refreshments
served in the vestibule after the service. Donations
towards the cost of refreshments provided by
parishioners are gratefully received.

You'll find this morning's service in the Mass booklet
and the hymns in the red hymnbook. Today's Bible
readings, parish prayers and news are on this sheet.

We ask, as a matter of courtesy to others and respect
for the Sacrament, to keep **SILENCE** throughout the
distribution of Holy Communion.

St Clement's is delighted to receive all donations for
our work. UK taxpayers can increase their gift by over
20% by placing it in a blue Gift Aid envelope you'll find
in the back of the seat in front. Please remember to fill
in and sign the envelope

The soft play area remains available for children of all
ages. For child safeguarding as well as health and
safety reasons we ask parents and carers to supervise
children at all times. If a child becomes noisy or restive
please don't be embarrassed. The Vestibule (as you
entered church) is a great "time out" space, and we
encourage you to use it (and there's a speaker so you
can still follow the service). You're welcome to use the
toys provided. We all - and especially those who are
hard of hearing - appreciate your understanding.

Collect Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is
afraid and giving us those good things which we are
not worthy to ask but through the merits and
mediation

of 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.**

First Reading (Isaiah 51:1-6)

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the LORD will comfort Zion;

he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;

joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,

and give heed to me, my nation;

for a teaching will go out from me,

and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,

my salvation has gone out

and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,

and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,

and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke,

the earth will wear out like a garment,

and those who live on it will die like gnats;

but my salvation will be forever,

and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm (Psalm 138)



**Response: On the day I called,
you answered me, O Lord.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
You have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **/R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
Which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
You increased the strength of my soul. **/R**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
And the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
You give me life and frustrate my foes. **/R**

Second Reading (Romans 12:1-8)

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the
mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living
sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your
spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but
be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that
you may discern what is the will of God--what is good
and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me
I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself
more highly than you ought to think, but to think with
sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith
that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many
members, and not all the members have the same
function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,
and individually we are members one of another. We
have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:
prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering;
the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the
giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the
compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea
Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that
the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the
Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or
one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you
say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the
Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus
answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!
For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my
Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on
this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades
will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the
kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will
be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth
will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the
disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy,
in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For your prayers

In our Prayers: Tommy Lacken, Martin Fletcher, Carol
Martin, Hope Oram, Sherry Lacken, Doug Williams,
Neville Thomas, Lynn Williamson, Juan Carlos Mandich,
Nancy Mandich, Eliane Ferreira Batista, Jaqueline Ives,
Tommy Naylor, Lenny Shaw, Stephen Green,