

Jaqueline Ives, Tommy Naylor, Lenny Shaw, Stephen Green, Riva Hodges, Sarah Chambers, Dwight d'Aguilar Gooden, Bea Ray, Eudora Maame de GraftYankah, Martha de Graft-Johnson, Josea Cabey, Ian Isaacs, Ashton Lacken, David Hyams, Kathy Higgins

Among the departed: Libbie Smith

Anniversaries of Death: Alfred Keyworth (Verger), Robert Gofton-Salmond (Pr), James Cox, Walter Thompson, Cecil Norman Hosken, Guy Seymour Back (Pr), Susana A'Costa

In our parish: We pray for Goswell Road and Turnpike House

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...

Wednesday **Open Church: 10am-1pm**
 12.30pm Mass

Next Sunday **14th Sunday after Trinity**
 Sung Mass 10.30am

King Square Coffee

Community Room, Blackwell House
(between President House and Rahere House)

Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm

Friday afternoons 12.30-2pm

A chance to chat with your neighbour and catch up over coffee, tea, soup and sweet treats. Everyone welcome!

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.

Can you help?

Please speak to Fr David if you'd like to help set up for the service and with the refreshments or clear away on Sundays. We're looking for volunteers to help share out these jobs.

More information about the parish, services and events, and parish policies, can be found at www.stclementfinsbury.org

St Clement's Church, King Square

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

30th 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 God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First Reading (Jeremiah 15.15-21)

A reading from the Prophecy of Jeremiah. O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalm (Psalm 26)



Response: Give judgment for me, O Lord. Give judgment for me, O Lord: for I walk the path of perfection. I trust in the Lord; I have not wavered. O test my heart and my mind. /R

I never take my place with liars
and with hypocrites I shall not go.
I hate the evil-doer's company:
I will not take my place with the wicked. /R

To prove my innocence I wash my hands
and take my place around your altar, singing
a song of thanksgiving, proclaiming all
your wonders. /R

Second Reading (Romans 12:9-21)

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to

the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel (Matthew 16:21-28)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through 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,