Notices

This week in church…

Wednesday	**Open Church: 10am-1pm**
	12.30pm Mass
Next Sunday	**All Souls**
	10.30am Requiem Mass

Open Church

Wednesdays are busy at St Clement's and we're always glad to see anyone who wants to drop in for a chat, a cup of tea of coffee, or to help out with the weekly tasks of keeping the church clean and tidy. Do join us!

Can you help?

Please speak to Fr David or Elaine 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.

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.

King Square Coffee

Community Room, Blackwell House
(between President House and Rahere House)
Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm
Friday afternoons12.30-2pm
A chance to chat with your neighbour and catch up over coffee, tea, soup and sweet treats. Everyone welcome!

Kid's Club needs you! We are looking for volunteers to help run Kid's Club. No previous experience is needed, just a desire to support our children and young people in their faith journey. If you would like to be involved in this ministry, please talk to Mother Sophie after Mass or you can email her on s.castell@btinternet.com and she can tell you more. We will be running some training in the coming months and would love to see you there.

Please take this sheet home with you

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

St Clement's Church, King Square

Last Sunday after Trinity

25th October 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.

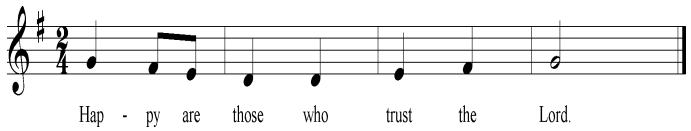
Collect Prayer

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to
be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort
of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading (Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18)

A reading from the Book of Leviticus
The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:
Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. |You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

Psalm (Psalm 1)



Response: Happy are those who trust the Lord.
Happy indeed are those
who follow not the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners. **R**
But whose delight
is the law of the Lord
and who ponders
his law day and night. **R**
He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade. **R**

Second Reading (I Thesalonians 2:1-8)

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Thesalonians
You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Gospel (Matthew 22.34-46)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"
He said to him, " "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."
Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
"The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet" '?
If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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, 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, Stephen Winfield, Danielle Hale, Dannielle Ives
Among the departed: Ng Yook Man
Anniversaries of Death: William John Hosken, Margaret Watson, Hannah Ingram, Inez Zaccarini, John Nelson Burrows (Pr), Albert James Geary, Saverio Sabatin, Eleanor Cobb, Doris Barber,Gertrude Lommas, Charles Rowe, Kate Buchanan
In our parish: We pray for Peerless Street, Baldwin Street and the Richard Desmond Children's Eye Hospital
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.