THIS WEEK
Monday: 9.45am - Walking for Health Group
Tuesday: 9.30am - Morning Prayer
6pm – Brownies meet in the Parish Hall
Tuesday 7.30pm at St Mary's Advent course – Journey to the Manger.
Wednesday: 10.15am - Holy Communion
11am – Welcome Morning Christmas Party
Thursday 7pm Choir and handbell ringers meal at the Italian Job.
Friday 7pm Choir practice
Sunday 6th December 10.30am Eucharist and our annual toy service.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Friday 11th December 7pm Longford Choral Concert
Sunday 13th December. 10.30am Eucharist with Christingles
Thursday 17th December 7pm Mothers' Union carol service – everyone welcome

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ST. CLEMENT'S PEWSHEET

29th November 2026
Advent Sunday

TODAY'S HYMNS
45 O come, O come Emmanuel
50 The advent of our King
41 Lo, he comes with clouds descending
649 God of mercy, God of grace
38 Hark a thrilling voice

TODAY'S READINGS
Isaiah 64: 1 - 9
1 Corinthians 1: 3 - 9
Mark 13: 24 – end

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
24 Jesus said to his disciples, 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

26 Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory.
27 Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
28 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.
29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32 ‘But about that day or hour no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son,
but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert;
for you do not know when the time will come.
34 It is like a man going on a journey, when
he leaves home and puts his slaves in
charge, each with his work, and commands
the doorkeeper to be on the watch.
35 Therefore, keep awake—for you do not
know when the master of the house will
come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at
cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find
you asleep when he comes suddenly.
37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep
awake.’

INTERCESSIONS

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

The World:
Pray that as we prepare for the celebration of the coming of the Prince of Peace, and look for his coming again, we will all work for peace in the world. That we will make peace with people we have disputes with and that world leaders will settle their disputes with other nations for the good of all.

The King and Government:
Pray for King Charles, Queen Camilla and all the royal family. Pray for the government and MPs, and local authorities that policy makers will be guided by wisdom, justice and compassion for all.

Community:
Pray for the small businesses in our community, especially those hoping that increased sales before Christmas will enable them to keep trading. Pray for tradespeople who respond to emergencies in the home in heating, plumbing and electricity.

The Sick:
We hold in God’s care all those we know who are sick, including Alastair Moore, Eileen McKay, Elaine Blezzard, Beryl O’Neil, Alison Griffiths, Emma Coulson, Michael Looby, Melinda Jones, Chris Jones, Karen Barlow, Gwen Welsh, Debbie Jones, James Smith, Nan Dawson and Colin Tripp. May they find healing in body, mind and spirit.

The Departed:
Pray for Maureen Baker and all 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:
Joseph Colegate, William Garlick, Eva Monks, Joan Campbell, Denzel Howard, 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

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 40: 1-11
2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Mark 1: 1-8

TOY SERVICE
Next Sunday is our toy service when we ask for donations of toys to send to Wood Street Mission for the families they support. Toys should be new and unwrapped and suitable for any age from babies to teens.

Advent course
Journey to the Manger - Exploring the Birth of Jesus.
Tuesday at 7.30pm at St. Mary's
Explore Bible passages together, learn, share, and pray as we make our way towards Christmas.
Reflect on the profound truth of Christmas.
All are welcome to come along as we journey together!