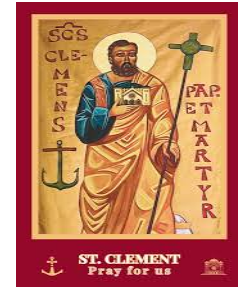




16th November 2025

We extend a warm welcome to
Rev Josette Crane and all our
members, friends and
visitors



For meditation: *Receive, O God, our sacrifice of praise, that of thanksgiving for your mercies, that of prayer for your grace, that of penitence for our sins, and that of love, being the only gift that you seek or desire. John Donne (1572 – 1631)*

NEWS AND VIEWS

Next Sunday (the last before Advent) is also the feast day of St Clement. He is thought to have been the fourth successor to Peter as Pope. He died in the 4th Century by being thrown out to sea weighed to an anchor. The church of St Clement's Dane in Fleet Street is dedicated to him and the bells of the church are immortalised in the children's song, 'Oranges and Lemons'. He is also the Patron Saint of blacksmiths.

Island Pilgrimage – the first 100 days

This afternoon Jo and Jamie Hay will give a short talk about some of their experiences as they sailed the first 100 days of their 'Island Pilgrimage' Round Britain Prayer Sail and the work of the Morning Star Trust, which they are supporting. Leaving Dartmouth in May, they sailed 1300 nautical miles along the coast of the British Isles, visiting fascinating places and meeting wonderful people along the way.

The talk will take place at the **Pavilion in Box from 4 - 5pm** followed by tea and cake.

FOR PRAYER

God our Maker, may we bring into being the world that You dream of. Christ our Saviour, may we be the followers and healers You call us to be Spirit of God, may we know You guiding and comforting us and all whom we meet. Send us now to be Your presence in the world, to live out Your will, for Your glory.

We remember in prayer today the congregation at Trinity, Radstock

LECTIONARY READINGS – 23 November

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1: 11 -20

Luke 23: 33 -43

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Lord Almighty says, "The day is coming wall proud and evil people will burn like straw. On that day they will burn up, and there will be nothing left of them. But for you who obey me, my saving power will rise on you like the sun and bring healing like the sun's rays. You will be as free and happy as calves let out of the stall." Malachi 4:1,2

DIARY

Thursday 20th November

Caf  + Soup 9.30 – 1.30pm

The meal (provided by Hazel) will be served at around noon. All welcome.

Sunday 23rd November

Morning worship 11.00am

This will be a lay led service – with Teresa sharing a reflection on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

THE MUSIC OF LIFE

Life is like a keyboard, vast and endless as the seas,
Where chords of love and chords of hate are played
in different keys.
The lilting strains of happiness are heard above the din,
Of loud disturbing notes of evil, doubt, despair and sin.
Notes of sorrow, black with grief are played along life's way,
But with them tender loving chords will cheer our hearts each day.
For life holds many different keys, in tunes both bright and sad,
And in them we can trace our lives, our actions good and bad.
A kindness done in Christ's dear name, with hands outstretched in love,
A song of hope for someone lost brings blessings from above.
But let some hidden sin be seen, a selfish motive known,
Then shamed we'll hear harsh notes peal out, discordant in their tone.
And sometimes when we're out of tune, and everything seems vain,
While playing on life's keyboard, thinking no true notes remain,
Our teacher comes beside us and our hands He'll gently guide,
Until each note is clear again, with Jesus by our side.
And so we travel on; each day we touch a different key,
Playing through experience a rich full melody.

Joan Higham

