

NEXT SUNDAY
26 November 2017
CHRIST THE KING
ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH
 8.00am Said Eucharist
 6.30pm Service for Departed Loved Ones
ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH
 11.00am Sung Eucharist
ST PETROX CHURCH
 No service today
ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, DITTISHAM
 9.15am Sung Eucharist

Readings at the Sung Eucharist 26 November:
Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

NOTICES

Children are very welcome at all our services. There are children's resources in each of our churches. A sidesperson will be happy to help you. Please feel free to move around with children if they need a change of scene.

Please note there is no hearing loop system in St Saviour's Church. Large print copies of the service booklets are available. The toilet, which has full access and facilities for baby changing and the disabled, is located under the tower on the right hand side.

THURSDAYS AT ST CLEMENT'S

St Clement's is open every Thursday from 10.00am for 'Coffee and Chat' – light lunches available during autumn and winter. All welcome.

The ANCHORMEN – Men's Drop in Breakfast Club in St Clement's, third Monday of the month, open from 8.00am

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Prayers for Peace are said every Friday from 11.30am to 12 noon in St Saviour's Church. Come and join us.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office in St Saviour's is open on Saturday from 10.30-11.30am to arrange marriages and baptisms.
Tel: 01803 835540 Email: office@parishofdartmouth.co.uk
 Keep up to date with the news from the parish on Facebook
www.facebook.com/parishofdartmouth

Welcome Booklets are available in church; please take a copy for anyone moving in to your area.

Tuesday 21st November at 7.30pm
Candlelit Evensong at St Petrox for St Cecilia
 All welcome.

St Clement's Patronal Festival – All welcome
Thursday 23rd November
Sung Patronal Eucharist - 7.30pm at St Clement's

Memorial Service for Departed Loved Ones
Sunday 26th November at 6.30pm at St Clement's
 If you would like the name of a loved one remembered at the service, please email: office@parishofdartmouth.co.uk or telephone 01803 835540

Saturday 25th November – Christmas Market
 in Dittisham Village Hall at 2.00pm
 see posters for details.

Candlelit Advent Carols with Sine Nomine -
Sunday 3rd December at 6.30pm at St Petrox

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19 NOVEMBER 2017 **SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

Celebrant (11.00am): Father Bob Boyle

Preacher: Father Will Hazlewood



Today's Services

ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

8.00am Said Eucharist
 6.30pm Choral Evensong

ST CLEMENT'S CHURCH

11.00am Sung Eucharist & Baptism

ST PETROX CHURCH

No service today

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

9.15am Sung Eucharist

We welcome Buzz Thompson and his family and friends on the occasion of his baptism

Services during this week:

Monday 20 November

8.30am Morning Prayer – St Clement's

Tuesday 21 November – Eve of St Cecilia

8.30am Morning Prayer – St Clement's
 7.30pm Festival Candlelit Evensong – St Petrox

Wednesday 22 November

9.00am Morning Prayer – St Saviour's

10.00am Said Eucharist - St Saviour's

Thursday 23 November – St Clement

8.45 Morning Prayer – St Clement's

9.30am Said Eucharist - St Clement's

7.30pm Sung Patronal Eucharist – St Clement's

Friday 24 November

11.30am Prayers for Peace - St Saviour's

Saturday 25 November

10.30-11.30am Parish Surgery - St Saviour's

Midday Prayer is said daily
 (Mon - Thur) in St Saviour's Church

HYMNS

304 'Lift up your hearts!'
 174 God of grace and God of glory
 130 Fill your ears with joy and gladness
 452 Soul of my Saviour
 164 Go forth and tell!

Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah

(1.7,12-18)

Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
'The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.'

Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them

on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (5.1-11-18)

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Choir verse

Alleluia

The Gospel: Matthew (25.14-30)

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Post Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

HEADINGS FOR READINGS

First Reading (Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18). Zephaniah describes the coming of the Lord in horrible, fearful terms. It lies in our hands to decide whether we live in a relationship of love with God and Father, or in a relationship of fear
Second Reading (1 Thess 5:1-11). We are called to stay awake and guard against temptation in our day-to-day lives.
Gospel (Matt 25:14-30). God has given us talents which we should use for his greater glory.

Please remember in your prayers:

The sick: Jean Martin; Margaret and Frank Wetenhall; Patricia Camp; George Andrews; Eileen Hobson; Stephanie; Barry; Doreen Renbold; Margaret Jackson; John; Simon Atwell; Gina Cornish; Jane Snodgrass; Sandra Chase; Patsy; Vickie; Michelle; Emma; David Wright; Carol; Marina Westwood; Julian Rowe-Jones; Eddie Barker; Anne Hinsley; Linda.

The recently departed: John Smith; Peter Norton.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Haddock; Patricia Gill; Doris Falkenham; Melville Wardlow; Joan Porter.

The Worldwide Church: Uyo, Nigeria..

PARISH ADVENT FAIR - Saturday 2nd December in St Saviour's from 10am. Donations please of homemade cakes and chutneys, crafts and gifts, Christmas decorations, toys and books; **RAFFLE PRIZES** and refreshments on the day. Boxes in church.