

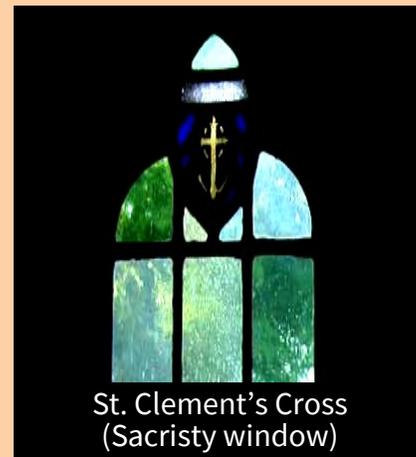
November 19 — November 26

St. Clement— Bishop of Rome and Martyr

Philippians 4:3

Donald E. Holmes, Archivist

St. Clement is considered the first Apostolic Father of the Church and was known as Pope Clement I from 88 to 97 AD. He was the third successor of and consecrated by St. Peter the Apostle. In his letter to the church at Corinth affirming the apostolic authority of the clergy, Clement responds to a dispute in which some presbyters of that church had been deposed by a group of Christians who behaved badly, so he reminded them of the importance of Christian unity and love. While his letter is pseudepigraphical (noncanonical), it is still used to support the doctrine of Apostolic succession practised by liturgical but not other Protestant churches.



St. Clement's Cross
(Sacristy window)

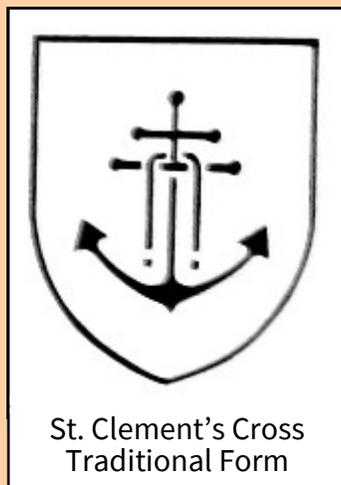
In his sole extant writing (c. 96 AD) in a Latin translation that almost achieved canonical status, he stresses that one of the functions of the higher class of clergy was “offering the gifts”. *We should be obedient unto God, rather than follow those who in arrogance and unruliness have set themselves up as leaders in abominable jealousy. . . . For Christ is with them that are lowly of mind, not with them that exalt themselves over the flock. (1 Clement 14:1; 16:1)*

Clement was born about 35 CE and held office from 88 to 99. He was banished from Rome and died in Chersonesus, Crimea (101 CE), where he worked in a stone quarry and cultivated a ministry among the prisoners. Finding upon his arrival that other prisoners were suffering from a lack of water, he knelt in prayer, then looked up and saw a lamb on a hill. When he went to the lamb, he struck the ground with his pickaxe, releasing a gushing stream of clear water. This miracle resulted in the conversion of many pagans and fellow prisoners to Christianity. As punishment for his miracle, he was martyred by being tied to an anchor and thrown from a boat into the Black Sea.

Nonetheless, he remains the patron saint of many Christian churches and mariners. November 23 is the customary celebratory date. The Anchor Cross or the Mariner's Cross is also referred to as the St. Clement's Cross, referring to the way he died. In our church we have maintained use of the anchor in its original form since 1891. The St. Clement's Cross appears in a stained glass window in the Sacristy and more recently in its streamlined form on our newsletter, renamed *The Anchor* by Val Allen in September 2013. *When you have the opportunity to be in the sanctuary, look at the ceiling--it resembles the hull of a boat. The mariner theme is reinforced, and we are shrouded in its symbolism.*

St. Clement's contemporary prayer at the conclusion of his letter easily spans the centuries to become a fitting prayer for Christians today:

May God, who seeth all things, and who is the Ruler of all spirits and the Lord of all flesh—who chose our Lord Jesus Christ and us through Him to be a peculiar people—grant to every soul that calleth upon His glorious Name, faith, fear, peace, patience, long-suffering, self-control, purity, and sobriety, to the well-pleasing of His Name, through our High Priest and Protector, Jesus Christ, by whom be to Him glory, and majesty, and power, and honor, both now and forevermore. Amen.



St. Clement's Cross
Traditional Form

LEARNING TO FOLLOW JESUS

Ways to help the people of Afghanistan

Most people begin their resettlement journey in the Greater Toronto Area, staying temporarily in a hotel on the outskirts of the city before settling elsewhere. Local refugee agencies are doing their best to support them with clothing and personal care supplies, but the need continues to be great especially as winter approaches. Here are two ways you can provide immediate help to Afghans arriving in Toronto:

1. Donate new hats, gloves and scarves, for adults and children. You can do this on **November 21st** as part of the **St. Clement's warm clothing drive**.
2. Make a monetary donation to support short term needs through COSTI, a local refugee agency who is providing direct support. [COSTI: How you Can Help](#)

To support Afghan refugees into the future, opportunities for private sponsorships are expected to open-up in the coming year. In anticipation of the financial requirements for this, AURA (the Anglican United Refugee Alliance) has established a fund to help private sponsorship groups. You can find out more through this link [Afghan Relief Fund](#) or by calling (416) 588-1612 ext 0.

So please prayerfully consider donating in these specific ways, or you may donate directly to the St. Clement's Outreach Committee, clearly marked for Afghan refugees.

If you have questions related to this announcement, you may contact Claire Brama (clairebramma@lycos.com).



Calling all angels

Once again, Heather Goodall is coordinating the distribution of Christmas gifts to children of incarcerated parents. The goal of this ministry, "Angel Tree Christmas" is to help facilitate the connection between prisoners and their children. Last year, in spite of COVID, we were able to deliver 100 gifts to children and 50 care packages to their caregivers.

Heather will be at church before and after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service on the 21st and 28th or you can sign up online by clicking [here](#). The online link will be "live" this Sunday morning.

When you insert your name on the sign-up sheet, please wait 5-10 seconds for it to save and then just close the sheet. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Heather Goodall at 416-486-1292.



Help keep our neighbours warm!

On November 21st, before and after the 11 am service, volunteers will be helping to collect warm clothing: some for our Wednesday lunch guests, some for Afghani Refugees and some for our friends in Flemingdon Park . Most needed items include: socks, hats, scarves, mitts, gloves and new or gently used winter coats. All sizes are welcome. Please stop in and drop something off to help keep our neighbours warm!

Your Newcomers (Refugee), Outreach Committees and a number of individuals want to step up and continue to play an active role in refugee resettlement. So please prayerfully consider this need. **Please donate.**

Send your financial donations to the church, clearly marked "**For Refugees**". For more information, please contact either Linda Kurdydyk at lkurdydyk@rogers.com or Nancyhoodj@gmail.com.

Your level of generosity will determine our plans going forward. Thank you all for reaching out to love our neighbours.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honest Advent: Book Pick-Up

When: Sunday, Nov. 21st after the 11am service until 12:30pm

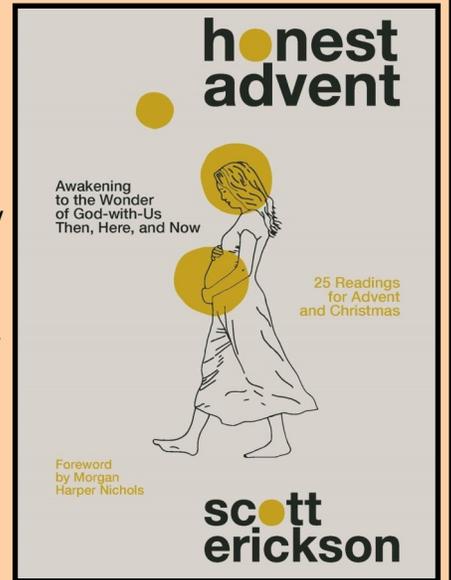
Where: Briar Hill Terrace and parking lot.

Cost: Pay what you can.

This year throughout Advent and Christmas we are inviting you to journey through the book, *Honest Advent: Awakening to the wonder of God-with-us then, here, and now* by Scott Erickson.

We will have a number of hard copies available for pick up this Sunday, or you can order a copy (digital or print) [here](#).

Of particular note is the way Erickson weaves his original art throughout, accompanied by thought provoking devotionals that help us to reflect on this season of waiting and new life that are rooted in the honesty of life. We will be engaging with elements of this book throughout the next few weeks - stay tuned for more info!



CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY

Outside
Family Edition

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, DEC. 5TH

1PM - 2PM

BRIAR HILL TERRACE

Parents & Kids

**JOIN US FOR A TIME OF
PRAYER & PLAY!**

details to come!

Youth Ministry updates

We will be pausing Online Tuesday Youth Group for December. Our last Tuesday Youth Group for this year will be Tuesday November 23rd, and we will provide an updated Tuesday Youth Group plan in the New Year!

Our Youth Minister Mackenzie will be preaching at both services on December 12th, and we will have Youth participating in the 11am service as readers and intercessors! We will not be going up to the Youth Room on this day but we invite all of our youth to engage with the entire main service, and to take some notes about the main focus of the sermon! We will chat about this the following week at Youth Ministry!

There will be **no Youth Ministry** on Boxing Day (Sunday December 26th) or Sunday January 2nd. We hope you enjoy your Christmas holidays and find some time to relax!

Through December, Youth Ministry will be working through an Advent Workbook that the youth can take home. Please contact our Youth Minister Mackenzie if you would like to bring home a copy to a young person who doesn't normally attend Youth Ministry!



ST. CLEMENT'S SPECIAL UPDATES

A Note from Elisabeth

It is getting close to my saying farewell to my colleagues and parishioners at St. Clement's. Some of you are fairly new to our church community, but quite a few of you I have gotten to know well over my 18 years as bookkeeper. It has not quite sunk in that I will no longer be part of the daily life of this church, but it is time to hand the duties over to a new person. On that note I have started the training of our new bookkeeper, Lucie, and I feel that you will be in very good hands! Best of luck to you, Lucie!

So now it remains to say a big Thank You to you all. You have enriched my life in so many ways. When I was hired on a 4 months contract to help out in 2003, I found out early that working in a church setting was much different than big business and I did not hesitate when I was offered to stay on. Don't be surprised if I join you for a service or two as we are now able to gather in person, one step at a time. I have missed seeing you during all the lockdown months.

Blessings, Elisabeth

Please join us in celebrating Elisabeth's well-deserved retirement by contributing to a farewell gift for her. In keeping with tradition, a financial 'purse' will be collected and given to Elisabeth upon her departure.

If you would like to make a non-tax-receiptable donation, please do so by putting your donation in an envelope clearly marked for Elisabeth and place it in the offering plate on Sundays or drop it off to our marked mailbox at the St. Clement's entrance. Cheques should be made out to St. Clement's church and clearly marked for Elisabeth. If you prefer to send your gift electronically, please send an e-transfer to finance@stclements-church.org (no password required). In the notes field, please enter 'Elisabeth.'



St. Clement's sermons

Did you miss the sermon on Sunday? Were you unable to join the Zoom call or tune into the livestream? All of our sermons are posted weekly on our [YouTube](#) page: [St. Clement's Church—Toronto](#).

Our **9:30 AM service** is uploaded **weekly** on Monday.

Subscribe to the channel and turn on notifications to get an alert every time we upload a new message.

Didn't get a chance to attend the 11 AM service in-person or watch the livestream?

Our 11 AM livestream is available for **one week** on our YouTube page. Check out our channel every Sunday at 1 PM for a full recording of our 11 AM service.

Prefer to listen to the sermons as a podcast? Check out our SoundCloud page by clicking [here](#). Download the sermon and take it with you wherever you go!



Pastoral Calls

Over these past months, members of our Pastoral Care Team have been keeping in touch with over 60 parishioners via regular phone calls and emails.

This means that hundreds of hours have been generously shared in reaching out, listening, and praying together.

We are so grateful for all of these faithful efforts to keep our parish community connected throughout this time of separation.

If you or someone you know would appreciate a regular keeping-in-touch call from one of our Pastoral Care Team callers, please contact Liska at lstefko@stclements-church.org

In the event of an urgent pastoral matter, please use our Pastoral Emergency phone number (416-483-2920) to reach the priest on call.

