

HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

Joyfully serving Jesus



Weekly devotions, prayers and news

The Blessed Virgin Mary

15th August 2021

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God

Isaiah 61: 10

My dear friends,

You may have read my article in the church magazine about this Feast day of Mary. I vividly remember visiting the Abbey of Rohr in Bavaria (now a parish church) on this day a few years ago. The air was still heavy with fragrant incense, and there above the altar was the Asam brothers' great reredos of the Assumption of Mary. Her baroque sarcophagus open, and the apostles, holding great candles looking in amazement and alarm as Mary is assumed into heaven on her death! Of course it is all non-scriptural, yet this image is designed to lift one's heart heavenward with Mary - that is its true power. Mary allowed herself to become a vessel of grace in bearing the Saviour. This is our call too - we can have no greater example of Christian discipleship. Thus we live lives ever on that ascent towards the knowledge of God's love for each one of us.

With love,

Michael

Church website: www.holytrinitycuckfield.org

The Blessed Virgin Mary (15 August 2021)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)* Reader: Charles Solomon

9.45 Family Eucharist *(in church and online - see website to book)*

Readers: Jane Haughton & Valerie Poxon; Intercessor: Philip Richings

12noon Holy Baptism

1pm Holy Baptism

Services during the week:

Wednesday: 10.30 Holy Communion (C. Worship) *(in church & online)*

Readings: Judges 9: 6-15; Matthew 20: 1-16

Thursday: 9.00 Holy Communion (Iona/Celtic) *(online only)*

Readings: Judges 11: 29-end; Matthew 22: 1-14

Friday: 11.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Readings: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity *(online only)*

Next Sunday: Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (22nd August 2021)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

9.45 Family Eucharist *(in church and online - see website to book)*

12noon Holy Baptism

1pm Holy Baptism

All services live on Zoom: Click the blue link on the front page of the church website before services, entering a waiting 'area' before joining everyone.

The Collect for The Blessed Virgin Mary

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother
of your only Son: grant that we
who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory
of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Post Communion Prayer:

God most high, whose handmaid
bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament
of our redemption you visit us
with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us
by your power; strengthen us to walk with
Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth
the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Isaiah 61: 10-end

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Galatians 4: 4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem
those who were under the law, so that we might receive adop-
tion as children. And because you are children, God has sent
the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So
you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an
heir, through God.

Luke 1: 46-55

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

A thought

Annunciation - Malcolm Guite

We see so little, stayed on surfaces,
We calculate the outsides of all things,
Preoccupied with our own purposes
We miss the shimmer of the angels' wings,
They coruscate around us in their joy
A swirl of wheels and eyes and wings unfurled,
They guard the good we purpose to destroy,
A hidden blaze of glory in God's world.
But on this day a young girl stopped to see
With open eyes and heart. She heard the voice;
The promise of His glory yet to be,
As time stood still for her to make a choice;
Gabriel knelt and not a feather stirred,
The Word himself was waiting on her word.

Mary: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Calvary, Jerusalem....



A prayer for this time of anxiety:

**God of all compassion, your love never fails.
Help us to listen to the tranquillity
of your presence within our lives,
so that we may grow in the knowledge
that your Son, Jesus Christ, walks beside us,
and your Holy Spirit comforts us
at the heart of our being;
for you are One God,
world without end. Amen**

Please remember those for whom we pray:

Immediate need: Barbara Booth, Wendy Boys, Carla Spear, Wendy Hibling, Justine, Sheila Mitchell, John Bernardi (priest), Kate Malby, Becky Parker, Keith Thompson, Carole Wooldridge, Garry Diprose, Trevor

Long Term Need: Young Georgia, Young Joshua, Young Reggie, Anne Greenhill, Ros Ayling, Wendy, Ann Went, Dave Cox, Julie Sadler, Mark Parker, Tony Burbidge, Christopher, Janet Card, Yvonne Godsmark, George Snashall, Eileen Knight, Mary Todd, Gracie & Lucy Neiff, **Those in Care Homes:** Anne Norris, Alan Prebble, Stephanie Gilpin, Jill Rockey, Jean Simmons, Mary Watts, Ruth Baker

Please remember the recently departed and their families: Amy Fielder

In our Book of Remembrance this week we remember: 15th Mabel Clarke, Anne Lindsay, 16th Colin Ponsford, Ian Williams, 17th John Baxter, Norman Whitworth, Michael Hoile, Maud Punton, 18th Dian Bryson, 19th Edith Burstow, 20th Leslie King, Lorna Michie, Robert Alexander