

# HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

*Joyfully serving Jesus*



*Weekly devotions, prayers and news*  
**Fourth Sunday after Trinity**  
**2 July 2023**

The news that we were able to announce last weekend that the diocese now has a suitable candidate for the incumbency here and at Bolney will, we are sure, be very welcome and provide hope that our period in vacancy is coming to an end. At this stage we can say no more except to ask for your continuing prayers for our new vicar and your continuing patience as we work with the Diocese over the announcement and the induction. The Gospel for this Sunday encourages us to welcome everyone as if we were greeting Jesus himself, a good starting point for preparing to welcome our new shepherd amongst us.

Brian and Jane

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## **Fourth Sunday after Trinity (2 July 2023)**

### **8.00 Holy Communion** *(in church)*

Readers: Anthony Van der Willigen & Gerry Larner

### **9.45 Parish Eucharist** *(in church & online)*

Readers: Susan Mayou & Brian Cutler; Intercessor: Mark Parker

Hymns: 610, 503, 471, 446, 358, 643

### **6.00 Sung Evensong** *(in church & online)*

#### **Services during the week:**

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

Readings: Genesis 21: 5, 8-20; Matthew 8: 28-end

**Thursday: 9.00 Holy Communion (Iona/Celtic)** *(in church)*

Readings: Genesis 22: 1-19; Matthew 9: 1-8

**Friday: 11.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)** Readings: Fourth Sunday after Trinity *(in church)*

## **Next Sunday: Fifth after Trinity (9 July 2023)**

### **8.00 Holy Communion** *(in church)*

**9.45 Parish Eucharist** *(in church & online)*

### **6.00 Sung Evensong** *(in church & online)*

**For services live on Zoom: Click the blue link on the front page of the church website**

#### **The Collect for Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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:**

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Jeremiah 28: 5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

## Romans 6: 12-end

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Matthew 10: 40-end

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

## A thought: 2nd July (Matthew 10.40–end)

Jesus reminds us that how we treat those most vulnerable among us is, ultimately, representative of our response toward Him. He refers to these vulnerable ones as the 'little ones'. The followers of Jesus were called 'little ones' regardless of their origin, and Jesus encouraged them to identify themselves with the 'little ones' in the world.

So when we love the 'little ones', we love Jesus. Our efforts to accept and love the 'little ones' are significant because Jesus sees it and receives it as worship. In welcoming one another into our hearts, Jesus tells us that we are welcoming him into our hearts. And when we welcome others, we experience Jesus' welcome.

### **A prayer for this time of Vacancy:**

Send us your Holy Spirit at this time of change and uncertainty, to fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community; and guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new priest for this Benefice, so that the one whom we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example, in loving obedience to your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

### **Please remember those for whom we pray:**

**Immediate need:** Paul Simpson, Martin Packham, Becky Parker, Karen Leese, Jim Knight, Jill Knight, Nickola Smith

**Long Term Need:** Young Georgia, Joshua and Reggie, Wendy, Ann Went, Julie Sadler, Wendy Hibling, Yvonne Godsmark, Carla Spear, Pam Sagar, Eileen Knight, Maureen Griffiths, Liz Graydon,, Eileen Macdougall, George Snashall, Tina Owens, Peter Graydon,

**Those in Care Homes:** Mary Watts, Ruth Baker,, Rosemary Pardey, Janet Card,

### **Please remember the recently departed and their families: Harvey Meares, Angela Perfect, Mary Todd, Andrew Lyall**

**In our Book of Remembrance** this week we remember: 2nd Sherrie Willard, Anthony Bray, Martin Galbraith, 3rd Luke Morris, Peter Marshall, 4th Walter Horn, Kathleen James, Jose Brown, 5th Edna Liddell, Patricia Bullen, Betty Cripps, Diana Jennings, 6th Martha Dutton, Evelyn Graydon, 7th Elisabeth Dunnett, 8th Kenneth Kleinwort