

HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

Joyfully serving Jesus



Weekly devotions, prayers and news
Second Sunday after Trinity
18 June 2023

The first job that the disciples were given after they were chosen by Jesus was to go out and preach the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand, a kingdom of love, peace and justice. Going out and preaching the Gospel has continued ever since, the Christian community growing across the world over the last nearly 2000 years to what we know today. Sometimes that growth has been dramatic, at other times less so. The world today is very different to what it was 2000 years ago, although it is still consumed by greed, jealousies and hatred. There is still very much a need to show how love can change lives and communities. Go, tell everyone!
Brian and Jane

Church website: www.holytrinitycuckfield.org

Second Sunday after Trinity (18 June 2023)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

Readers: Ralph Colbran & Margaret Thistlethwaite

9.45 Family Eucharist *(in church & online)*

Hymns: 6, 389, 747, 592, 650

6.00 Festival Choral Evensong

Readers: Pat & Rod Montague

Readings: Colossians 3:12-17, Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 150

Hymns: 549, 621, 766

Services during the week:

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

Readings: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-11; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

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

Readings: 2 Corinthians 11: 1-11; Matthew 6: 7-15

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

Next Sunday: Third after Trinity (25 June 2023)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

9.45 Parish Eucharist *(in church & online)*

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

The Collect for Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son 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:

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Exodus 19: 2-8a

They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.'

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: 'Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.' Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Romans 5: 1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Matthew 9: 35-10: 8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.'

A thought: 2nd Sunday after Trinity 18th June 2023

This passage from today's Gospel begins by revealing the heart of Jesus to us. At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he told his disciples, "The harvest is abundant, but the labourers are few, so ask the master of the harvest to send out labourers for his harvest."

Sometimes, when we think of God, we allow ourselves to have inaccurate perceptions of who He is and how He sees us. But when Jesus looks at us, He feels love, compassion, concern, and mercy.

The second part of the passage reveals to us one of the ways that Jesus reaches out to us. He is the "master of the harvest" who has called others to Himself and sent them forth to minister in His name. What's helpful to ponder is that any time you have encountered the grace of God through another, it happened because the Master of the Harvest chose to send a labourer to you.

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, Peter Graydon, 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

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, Don Cranefield

In our Book of Remembrance this week we remember: 18th Ruth Brown, Peter Pawson, 19th Kenneth Bunker, 20th Elsie Matthews, Gordon Mitchell, 21st Mary Walton, 22nd Alfred Thurston, Connor Mahoney, Rene King, Jessica Beecher, Eileen McNeill, 23rd Ian Ross, Merrill, 24th Mary Goddard, Marie Atmore