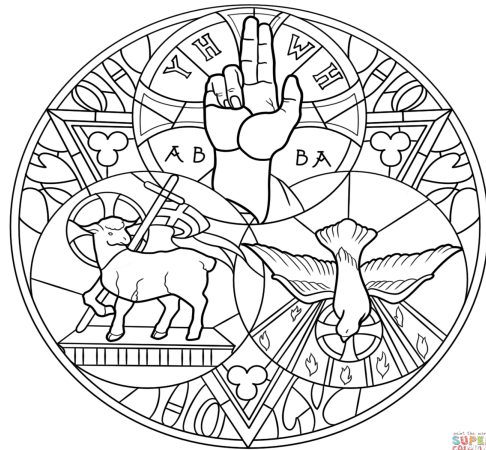


HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

Joyfully serving Jesus



Weekly devotions, prayers and news
Trinity Sunday
4 June 2023

This week we celebrate the Holy Trinity, our patronal festival. Yes, this is a celebration of the central paradox of our faith. We believe in one God, yet with three distinct manifestations, or persona, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This mystery caused much debate and some dissension in the early church, and it was only slowly that the idea of the Trinity emerged.

At its heart the Trinity is about the three relationships between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, relationships that are primarily of Love. It is that Love that we celebrate on Trinity Sunday. We rejoice when we see it in the lives of others and pray that it may totally infuse and transform our own lives also.

Brian & Jane

Church website: www.holytrinitycuckfield.org

Trinity Sunday (4 June 2023)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

Readers: Gerry Larner & Anthony Van der Willigen

9.45 Parish Eucharist *(in church & online)*

Reader: Isobel Simmonds; Intercessor: Isobel Simmonds

Hymns: 276, 272, 663, 470, 494, 810

11.15 Family Praise

Services during the week:

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

Readings: 1 Peter 1: 18-25; Mark 12: 18-27

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

Readings: Genesis 14: 18-20; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 6: 51-58

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

Next Sunday: Barnabas the Apostle (First after Trinity) (11 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 Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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:

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are the three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

2 Corinthians 13: 11-end

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you

Matthew 28: 16-end

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

A thought: Trinity Sunday 4th June 2023

Today is Trinity Sunday, which might also be interpreted as Unity Sunday. The Trinity illustrates unity in diversity; unity shouldn't be confused with conformity or sameness.

Unity does not mean sameness. If God wanted sameness, God would not have created the world as it was created. In the creation story, the universe starts from 'nothing' and ends with a kaleidoscope of diversity.

Today, as we profess our faith in our Triune God, who loves us deeply, we thank God the Trinity for the most incredible gift we have been given, the possibility to be in God's presence forever.

Every time we pray in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we renew our commitment to live lives worthy of this divine friendship and adoption which we have received from our Triune God.

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, George Snashall, 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, Tina Owens

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

Please remember the recently departed and their families: Mary Todd, Harvey Meares

In our Book of Remembrance this week we remember: 5th William Chatfield, Mary Beard, Elsie Griffiths, Mollie Nettleton, Marilyn Catterall, 6th Jill Castle, Ronald Knight, David Salter, Penny Thornton, 8th Bill Macdougall, Alison Petitpierre, 9th Doris Humphrey, Elizabeth Wadstein, 10th John Stead, Basil Beard