

HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

Joyfully serving Jesus



Weekly devotions, prayers and news
Fifth Sunday after Trinity
9 July 2023

The Order of St Richard is an annual award for lay people within the Diocese of Chichester who have made exceptional contributions to the parish, the local community or the diocese. We are very proud and delighted that our very own Gill Squires will receive this prestigious accolade from Bishop Martin at a special ceremony at Chichester Cathedral at the end of September, an award so richly deserved. As Gill begins the next chapter of her life we extend a very warm welcome to Emma Adamson, our new administrator, and assure her of our support as she takes over the reins of our busy parish office. Emma's hours will be 9.30 -12.30 Monday to Friday.

Fifth Sunday after Trinity (9 July 2023)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

Readers: Margaret Thistlethwaite & Roger Edmonston

9.45 Parish Eucharist *(in church & online)*

Readers: Joyce & Colin Sewell-Rutter ; Intercessor: Fr Stephen Caple

Hymns: 664, 669, 588, 451, 655, 475

Services during the week:

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

Readings: Genesis 41:55-end

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

Readings: Genesis 44:18-21, 23-29, 45:1-5

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

Next Sunday: Sixth after Trinity (16 July 2023)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

9.45 Family Eucharist *(in church & online)*

6.00 Choral Evensong *(in church & online)*

Church website: www.holytrinitycuckfield.org

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The Collect for Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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:

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Zechariah 9: 9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Romans 7: 15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.
So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!
So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,
"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn."
For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'
At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

A thought: 9th July (Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end)

The yoke of the Pharisees, the yoke of seeking God by keeping the rules and so constantly living in fear of getting it wrong, that yoke leads those who wear it to 'labour and be heavily laden'. In response, Jesus says, 'Come to me' not to a new law, a unique teaching, a secret interpretation, a hidden loophole, a book, or a list, but to me.

Jesus is saying if you seek God; if you seek his love; if you desire a life that makes some sense; if you want to be who you are created to be; if you wish to do this, then come to me. It's a call to a relationship, a relationship with Him.

Our relationship with Jesus is not an earned reward but a gift; to come to him is to discover, as Paul found, that 'there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus'. We are yoked not to a law or a set of rules but to a

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, Bruce Commandeur

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: Andrew Lyall

In our Book of Remembrance this week we remember: 9th Brian Page; 10th Dorothy Trevitwick; 11th Selina Gray; 12th Margaret Willcocks, Robert Hickman;; 13th Samuel Dods, Billy, Edward Wardle; 14th Dulcie Tidey, Jean Hammond; 15th Gladys Cranefield