

HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

Joyfully serving Jesus



Weekly devotions, prayers and news **Christ The King** *26th November 2023*

I cannot tell you how thrilled I am to be here at last as your vicar in Cuckfield and Bolney and I appreciate your patience during the vacancy. It will inevitably take me a little while to get to know you all. Please bear with me. And I am very conscious that I am following in the footsteps of not only a highly regarded predecessor, Fr. Micheal Maine, but also some very able priests who have sustained the parish during the interregnum. On your behalf I would like to thank Canon David Tickner, Fr Stephen Capel and Fr Stephen Terry, together with your readers, Vicky and Clive, and Lay Ministers, Charlotte and Jonathan for all the help that they have given.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know you all and working with you so together we may Joyfully Serve Jesus.

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Church website: www.holytrinitycuckfield.org

Christ The King (26th November 2023)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

Readers: Eileen Caple and Roger Edmonston

9.45 Parish Eucharist *(in church & online)*

Hymns: 691j, 770, Hail Redeemer, King divine (sheet), 464, 489, 612

Readers: Paul Goldfinch and Vicky Peattie; Intercessor: Vicky Peattie

Services during the week:

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

Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28, Luke 21:12-19

14:00 Prayer group *(online)*

18:30 Space for Grace

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

Isaiah 52:7-10, Matthew 4:18-22

Friday: 11.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Readings: Christ The King *(in church)*

Saturday: 8:30 Service of Light *(in church)*

Next Sunday: First Sunday of Advent (3rd December 2023):

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

9.45 Parish Eucharist *(in church & online)*

11.15 Family Praise *(in church)*

6.00 Advent Carols *(in church & online)*

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

The Collect for Christ the King

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Amen

The Post Communion Prayer:

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good
works, may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This Post Communion may be used as the Collect at
Morning and Evening Prayer during this week.

Copyrights used by permission of CCL. Licence holder number 5850 **Amen**

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Ephesians 1:15-end

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25:31-end

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

A thought

Today is a day of celebration where we commemorate the life of Christ and his impact on our world. His teachings and sacrifice have made a significant difference in many people's lives. We express our gratitude to God for all that he has done for us through Jesus. However, the Kingship of Christ we celebrate is unlike any other. His crown is made of thorns, and he wears no rings of power on his hands. Instead, they are pierced by nails that fix them to a wooden cross. He is not seated on a golden throne, surrounded by courtiers and servants. Instead, he is flanked by two criminals who share his fate. Here is a King who is prepared to suffer alongside us. This is not a King who holds himself aloof. This is a King who has lived life as we live it, who has died as we must die but now lives a new resurrection life. He reassures us and welcomes us into that same resurrection life in his Kingdom, where we will know the peace and healing we have longed for.

Please remember those for whom we pray:

Immediate need: Martin Packham, Becky Parker, Jim Knight, Jill Knight

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

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

Please remember the recently departed and their families: Shirley Smith, Paul Simpson, Alan Tarry , Jennifer Batchelor, Beryl Llewellyn

In our Book of Remembrance this week we remember: 27th Marjorie Harrison, Lillian Carter, David Hansom 2013; 28th Roger Coleman, Seonaid Collins; Joseph Millband, Tom Dawson; 30th Madge King, Douglas Candfield, Julie Sears; 1st Angela Fox; 2nd Jack Upton, Nigel Lloyd, Ronald Nye, Paul Somers