

HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

Joyfully serving Jesus



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Weekly devotions, prayers and news Second Sunday of Epiphany 14 January 2024

In the Gospel for this Sunday Jesus is visiting Galilee where he calls Philip to be a disciple. We know very little about Philip although he appears in the ministry of Jesus at the feeding of the 5000, when the Greeks want to meet Jesus and when Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father. Perhaps of the greatest importance is that Philip brings Nathanael to Jesus.

Nathanael isn't sure about Jesus not least because he comes from Nazareth which was such an insignificant place. Nathanael though was open-minded and lacking deceit or guile and Jesus convinces him by his divine insight.

Doubt and suspicion are natural things for all of us and yet at the same time it is wise to keep an open mind. Many a contemporary disciple has been surprised by their meeting with Jesus and how that has changed their lives.

Second Sunday of Epiphany (14 January 2024)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

Reader: Charles Solomon

9.45 Parish Eucharist *(in church & online)*

Hymns: 223, 603, 805, 432, 451(ii), 494

Reader: Joyce and Colin Sewell-Rutter Intercessor: James Sanders

Services during the week:

Tuesday: 10:00 Online prayer group *(online)*

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

Readings: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37; Mark 3:1-6

14:30 Online prayer group

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

Readings: 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

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

Next Sunday: Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (21st January, 2024)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

9.45 Parish Eucharist *(in church & online)*

12:00 Holy Baptism

6.00 Evensong

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

The Collect for Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of
your grace, and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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:

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name
of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

I Samuel 3: 1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Revelation 5: 1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

John 1: 43-end

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Parish News

The next men's group meeting is in the games room at the White Hart on Wednesday 17th January from 19:00A tabletop sale will be held in support of Samara's Aid Appeal on 20th January from 10-1. There are still tables available at £15; please book at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/holy-trinity-church-cuckfield/t-earkgex> and then contact the office to arrangement payment. Alternatively, turn up on the day to browse and enjoy the pop-up café.

This year's Deanery Morning is from 10-1 on 10th February, and will take place at the Martindale Centre, Horsted Keynes. Revd Dr Earl Collins will be speaking on the New Testament.

With Ash Wednesday fast approaching on 14th February, Lent courses are being put into place. Father Daniel will be holding a Lent course from 22nd February. He will be following Hilary Brand's course "Finding a Voice", using the film The King's Speech. The sessions will run from 19:30-21:30, with the option of joining for a simple Lent Supper at 18:00. To book a place, please go to <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/holy-trinity-church-cuckfield/t-qjagxg>.

The church will also run the Diocesan Lent course online, focusing on the full revelation of God's Word in Jesus Christ (the Word-made flesh). This will run online at 19:00 on Thursdays starting on 15th February; to join please use the usual Zoom button on the website. See the noticeboard in the church for further details.

Please remember those for whom we pray:

Immediate need: Martin Packham, Becky Parker, Jim Knight, Jill Knight, James Watson, Christine Claringbull, Bill Delany, John Billingham

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,, Keith Card

Please remember the recently departed and their families: Helen Maher, Paul Simpson, Gladys Constantine, Ursula Moon,

In our Book of Remembrance this week we remember: 14th Richard Janvrin, Leonard Starbuck, Dorothy Tuffin; 15th Joan Woodhams, Roger Broome; 16th Frank Stirner, Rita Camp; 17th Jane Annells, 18th Alan Graydon; 19th Isabel Bravo; 20th Elsie Laker, John Upton, Shirley Lewis