

HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

Joyfully serving Jesus



Weekly devotions, prayers and news The Second Sunday before Lent 4 February 2024

Our readings this week look at the wisdom and love of God, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in creating the universe and how God found a way to save it from its own self-destruction. Life and Light are key elements of this creation but they also symbolise spiritual realities made manifest through Jesus Christ. The Light allowing us to see the glory of God, and Life giving us the opportunity to experience the fullness of that glory .

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The Second Sunday before Lent (4 February 2024)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

Reader: Gerry Larnar and Anthony Vander Willigen

9.45 Parish Eucharist *(in church & online)*

Hymns: 532, 518, 706, 127, 430, 754

Reader: Carolyn Ponder and Vicky Peattie; Intercessor: Stephen Caple

11.15 Family Praise *(in church)*

18:00 Evensong *(in church and online)*

Hymns: 11, 676, 754

Reader: Charlotte Tayler and Wendy Bloomer

Services during the week:

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

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

Readings: 1 Kings 10: 1-10; Mark 7: 14-23

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

Readings: 1 Kings 11: 4-13; Mark 7: 24-30

Friday: 11.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Readings: second Sunday before Lent *(in church)*

Next Sunday: The Sunday next before Lent (11 February 2021)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

9.45 Parish Eucharist *(in church & online)*

Details for Ash Wednesday (14 February)

8.00pm Parish Eucharist with imposition of ashes

The Collect Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,

give us reverence for all creation

and respect for every person,

that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ 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 our creator,

by your gift the tree of life was set

at the heart of the earthly paradise,

and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:

may we who have been nourished at your table

on earth be transformed by the glory of the

Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Proverbs 8: 1, 22-31 Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Colossians 1: 15-20 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

John 1: 1-14 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Parish News

Eucharistic Assistants

Eucharistic Assistants or Lay Ministers of Holy Communion are people authorised by the Bishop both to help distribute Holy Communion in the Church and to take Holy Communion (which has been consecrated at a Eucharist in Church) to members of the parish who are sick and unable to come to Church.

The Bishops in our diocese require all lay people who are to be authorised to exercise this ministry to participate in training. Training takes place either in a short diocesan course organized by the deanery or by the parish priest. Those who wish to be considered for ministry as a LMHC should speak to their parish priest who will arrange for them to be nominated by the PCC for this ministry.

Deanery Day

This year's Deanery Morning is from 10-11 on 10th February, and will take place at the Martindale Centre, Horsted Keynes. Revd Dr Earl Collins will be speaking on the New Testament. For more details please see the poster. Parking is available at the location and nearby, but car sharing is advised where convenient.

Lent courses

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-qjgagxg>.

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 22nd February (not 15th as previously advertised); to join please use the usual Zoom button on the website. See the noticeboard in the church for further details.

Home Communion—appeal

We are looking to purchase a Home Communion set for the church, to take Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend services in person. If you would be interested in contributing towards this, please see the wardens.

Big birthday!

We will be celebrating Father Daniel's birthday with a bring and share supper in the Old School at 7pm on Friday 16th February. To give us an idea of numbers, please book using the QR code or the link in the enews or contact Emma in the office.



Please remember those for whom we pray:

Immediate need: Martin Packham, Becky Parker, Jim Knight, Tina Owens, James Watson, Bill Delany,

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, Karen Leese, Jill Knight, Yvonne Godsmark

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

Please remember the recently departed and their families: John Billinghamay

In our Book of Remembrance this week we remember: ; 5th Grace Hendley, Noel Redman, Doreen Pye, Jeanne Dean, Margaret Swain; 6th John Wilde, Margaret Pressman; 7th John Powell, Eileen White, Masie Moore, Jennifer Chandler; 8th Peter Mackay, John Humphries, Geoffrey Clifton; 9th Margaret Humphries, James Revell; 10th Maurice Edgerton, Ethel Foreman