

HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

Joyfully serving Jesus



Weekly devotions, prayers and news

The Sunday before Lent *11 February 2024*

The transfiguration

In the previous chapter of Mark, at Caesarea Philippi, Peter professes Jesus as Messiah. Then Jesus teaches the apostles about his coming passion, death and resurrection and the cost of following him. Before Jesus turns his face towards Jerusalem, and Calvary, Peter, James, and John are given a vision to strengthen their faith. On the mountain top, they see him transfigured from his earthly appearance to heavenly glory, and hear a voice from heaven, saying 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'

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Church website: www.holytrinitycuckfield.org

The Sunday next before Lent (11 February 2024)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

Readers: Roger Edmonston

9.45 Parish Eucharist *(in church & online)*

Hymns: 2, 281, 603, 432, 441, 719

Readers: Robyn Brotherton and Eileen Caple Intercessor: Philip Richings

Services during the week:

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

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

Readings: Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17; 2 Corinthians 5: 20b-6: 10; John 8: 1-11

8.00pm Parish Eucharist with imposition of ashes *(in church & online)*

Readings: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6.10; John 8:1-11

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

Readings: Deuteronomy 30: 15-end; Luke 9: 22-25

Friday: 11.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Readings: Ash Wednesday *(in church)*

Next Sunday: First Sunday of Lent (18 February 2024)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

9.45 Parish Eucharist *(in church & online)*

6.00 Evensong *(in church & online)*

The Collect Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death on the cross;
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
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:

Holy God,
we see your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know
his power to change and save.
This we ask through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

2 Kings 2: 1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9: 2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Parish News 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 7:30-9:30 pm, with the option of joining for a simple Lent Supper at 6. To book a place, please use the QR code or the link in the enews or contact Emma in the office. 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 7pm 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.



Sing Gloria!

For those of you who like to be able to join in with the service music with confidence, we will be running a "Sing Gloria!" evening in the church at 7pm on 6th March. This will be a chance to practice the service music that will be in use after Easter, as well as to try a few other versions. All welcome! 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.



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.

Books—free to a good home!

There are a number of books at the back of the church which you are welcome to take away.

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, David King

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 Billingham

In our Book of Remembrance this week we remember: 11th Mary Marchant, Ethel Harris; 12th Donald Philpott, Eric Grainger, Jack Brooker MBE, James Donovan, John Rennison; 13th Jessie Piolet; 14th Bill Dixon, Tom Williams, Stella Burgess, Peter Harrison; 15th Mary Lisle, Ruby Murrell, Frances Barrett, Jean Douglas, Gladys Smith; 16th James Forsyth, John Bourne; 17th Charlotte Smith, Janet Inch, Alan Page, Mary Harris, Michael Sadd, Harold Chandler