

Sunday  
17<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Fifth Sunday of  
Lent  
Passiontide  
begins

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to our  
worship!*



## Weekly Reflection...

An enquiry from some non-Jewish seekers (via Philip who, though Galilean, had a Greek name) signalled how soon the impact of Christ's work would spill beyond the immediate confines of Israel within which he had largely worked. Yet he recognized this could be accomplished only through his death; this was precisely why he had come. With his hour of suffering and glory imminent, he accepts the difficult path of the Father's call. His anguish and death would mean life for many; but the principle of life coming only through renunciation, suffering and death applies equally to his followers.

## Worship this Sunday...

### Collect

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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.

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and  
sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

### 8.00 am Holy Communion

President: Rev'd Stephen Caple  
Preacher: Rev'd Stephen Caple  
1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Graham Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: Ralph Colbran

### 9.45 am Family Eucharist\*

Pr Hymn: 510 Will you come and follow  
Setting: Inwood  
Gr Hymn: 702 Lead us heavenly  
Of Hymn: 748 O Jesus I have promised  
Anthem: Father, we love you  
Cm Hymn: 451 Just as I am  
456 Now let us from this table rise  
Fn Hymn: 612 Christ triumphant

President: Rev'd Stephen Caple  
Preacher: C & F Team  
1<sup>st</sup> Reader: C & F Team  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: C & F Team  
Intercessions: C & F Team

### 11.15 am Baptism

President: Rev'd Daniel Valentine

### 2.00 pm Friends Concert

### 6.00 pm Sung Evensong\*

Exodus 7:8-24; Romans 5:12-end

President: Kevin Carey  
Preacher: Kevin Carey

\* Also live streamed on zoom - click the blue button on the front of the church website.

## Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31.31-34,

*God will make a new covenant with Israel remembering their sin no more*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## New Testament Reading

Hebrews 5.5-10

*Christ, a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek, learned obedience through suffering*

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## Gospel

John 12.20-33

*Jesus predicts his death and says his time is drawing near*

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say- "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

## This Week....

20/03 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Daniel 3.14-20, 24-25, 28; John 8.31-42
	2.00 pm	Online Prayer Group	
21/03 Thu	9.00 am	Celtic Communion	Genesis 17.3-9; John 8.51-end
	7.00 pm	Online Lent Course	
	7.30 pm	Benefice Lent Course	Jeremiah 20.10-13; John 10.31-end
22/03 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	

## Next Sunday...

**24<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday**

Mark 11.1-11; Philippians 2.5 -11;  
The Passion according to Mark/Mark 15.1-39

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	President:	Rev'd David Tickner
		Preacher:	Rev'd David Tickner
		Reader:	Roger Edmonston
<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>Blessing of palms, procession and Eucharist *</b>		
Pr Hymn:	159 All Glory Laud & Honour	President:	Rev'd Daniel Valentine
Setting:	Thorne	Preacher:	NA
Gr Hymn:	160 Make way, make way	Reader:	Brian Cutler
Of Hymn:	161 Ride on, ride on		The Passion according to Mark (Dramatic)
Anthem:	Ah Holy Jesu	Intercessions:	Isobel Simmonds (on sheet)
Cm Hymn:	346 My song is love unknown		

Fn Hymn: 145 It is a thing most wonderful

<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>The way of the Cross*</b> The passion narrative in music and readings	President: 1 <sup>st</sup> Readers	Rev'd Daniel Valentine Wendy Bloomer Rod Montague
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### Notices and Parish News...

**New Service Pattern for Sunday Mornings** – After Easter there will be a slightly amended pattern of worship at 9.45 on Sunday. A letter at the back of church explains more. The new pattern includes traditional Parish Eucharist services on the first, third, and fourth Sundays, a Choral Eucharist on the fifth Sunday to highlight the church's musical talent, and a family-friendly "Worship for Everyone" on the second Sunday featuring contemporary music and interactive elements. This will also be a chance to meet the families of those who are to be baptised the following week. Please support this inclusive, dynamic approach to worship.

**Sunday's Cool Is Back!** – We're keeping the same name for now but if you can think of a new name let Hilary know. For the time being it will not be every week, but with Family Praise, Worship for Everyone (see above) and now Sunday's Cool, there will be something for families three Sundays in every month. The dates pencilled in for Sunday's Cool are 21 April, 19 May, 16 June, 30 June, 21 July, 15 September, 29 September, 20 October, and 17 November. If you can help at any of those sessions, or your child wants to come along, please let Hilary or Charlotte know by emailing [inspirefm@holyltrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:inspirefm@holyltrinitycuckfield.org). We really want to demonstrate how committed we are to children and young families in this parish.

**Maundy Thursday Vigil 28<sup>th</sup> March** - following the Eucharist of the Last Supper at 8pm there will be a silent vigil kept in the Lady Chapel until midnight. We need to make sure that there are at least two people there for each slot (although there can be more). Please email Daniel to sign up for a ½ hour slot.

**Home Communion Set** - Due to very generous donations, we have raised £800.00. A home communion set will now be purchased.

**Church Spring Clean** - Can you come along on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10.00 - 12.30 to help with the church spring clean. You will be rewarded with pizza! Please let Jane Coan know if you can help.

**Pot plants wanted!** - On Maundy Thursday, we would like to create a garden of repose in the Lady Chapel which is a replica of the Garden of Gethsemane. We are looking for some assistance in making this happen. So, could you lend us any portable pot plants for Maundy Thursday? That would be fabulous. You can have your beautiful pot plants back after Easter Day. Please contact Stephen Caple if you can assist.

**Cuckfield Local Monthly Makers' Food Market** - Reopening at Holy Trinity Cuckfield on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 9:30-12:30. Join us every second Saturday for locally sourced, sustainable goods. Support local artisans and embrace environmental stewardship with us. The church will be serving tea, coffee and soft drinks, please let Jane know if you can assist.

### Easter Services...

**Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week** 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> March 9.00pm - a serene, reflective service held at night, marking the end of the day with prayers, hymns, and readings, focusing on repentance, reflection, and preparation for the solemnities of Easter, embodying a peaceful contemplation of Christ's Passion and Resurrection.

**Maundy Thursday**, 28<sup>th</sup> March - Eucharist of the Last Supper at 8pm: Marks the start of the Triduum, inviting reflection on Christ's sacrifice and our faithfulness, followed by a night vigil until midnight. Please sign up for a ½ hour slot.

**Good Friday**, 29<sup>th</sup> March - Reflection at noon: Contemplate Jesus' final words from the cross, with preacher Kevin Carey and Haydn's "Seven Last Words from the Cross" piano sonatas played by Fearghus Beauchamp. Easter-themed craft activities for families are available at the Old School. Good Friday Liturgy at 2pm: Narrates Christ's Passion, emphasising His love and sacrifice, with an alternative 'Family Praise' service for all ages, followed by refreshments and hot cross buns for all at the Old School.

**Holy Saturday**, 30<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Vigil at 8pm: Beginning outside at the brazier, a shortened version of the traditional overnight vigil, recounting God's salvation history leading up to Jesus' resurrection, focusing on the 'light of Christ' and a chance to renew our baptismal vows.

**Easter Sunday** - Holy Communion at 8am: The beginning of Easter Sunday services.

Parish Eucharist at 9.45am: Celebrates the Easter Gospel and the First Eucharist of Easter, emphasising joy in Christ's resurrection through worship and song and followed by fellowship over cake and a glass of fizz.

### Prayers...

**Those to be married:**

Georgie and Matt, due to be married at Bolney

**Those in immediate need:**

Becky Parker, James Watson, Bill Delany, Mark Herring, Molly Phillips, Jason

***Those in long term need:***

Young Georgia, Joshua and Reggie, 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, Jim Knight.

***Those in care homes:***

Mary Watts, Ruth Baker, Rosemary Pardey, Janet Card, Keith Card, Tina Owens

***The recently departed and those who mourn:***

Maureen

***Those whose year's mind falls at this time:***

17<sup>th</sup> Philip Thunder, Richard (Dick) Dean, John Peter Raby Black 2004, Norman King 2009; 18<sup>th</sup> William Beard 2000, Rosemary Baxter 2017; 19<sup>th</sup> Tay Booth Clarke 2005; 20<sup>th</sup> Ruth Simson 1998, Stanley 'Jack' Woods 2009; 21<sup>st</sup> Richard Laker 2017, Nancy Wilkes 2018, Jack Edward Leppard 2021; 22<sup>nd</sup> Elsie Constance Hemstead 2003, Alexander Thomas Glasgow 2008, Elizabeth Cadman 2016, 23<sup>rd</sup> Gordon Thomas Jones 2006.

**Praying through the week...**

**Mon Mar 18th** - Looking toward the International Day of Forests (21st) we give thanks for the woods and forests of the world. We give thanks for all the ways in which trees enrich our world. We pray for all whose responsibility it is to manage woodland, to ensure the safety and protection of valuable trees and we pray for those whose responsibility it is to ensure the safety and protection of green spaces for the benefit of all.

Locally we pray for the people of Brainsmead Close, that they may sense the beauty and bounty of God's creation.

**Tue Mar 19th** - As we look to the International Day of Happiness (20th), we pray for all who are overwhelmed with sadness, all who are coping with difficulties of debt, poverty, homelessness, addiction, loneliness and other major issues that are in danger of destroying any hope of happiness. We pray that we learn to be mindful of all moments of joy, love and beauty, however small or brief they may be. We pray for the people of Brick Lane, for their health and well-being.

**Wed Mar 20th** - On French Language Day we pray for French speakers everywhere and delight in the variety of languages used around the world. We pray for those whose native language is endangered, for those who have had to fight for the right to use their own language and for those who are unable to speak with fellow speakers of their native tongue. We pray locally for the people of Broad Street, that they may have a sense of God in whatever situation they find themselves in.

**Thu Mar 21st** - On this International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination we pray for those who have suffered or are suffering still the effects of racial discrimination. We pray for greater courage and commitment to eliminate all such discrimination in all areas of life, in all parts of the world. We pray that we may be good, reliable allies in standing up to injustice. We pray for the people of Brock End, that they may feel the comfort and presence of God.

**Fri Mar 22nd** - On World Water Day, we give thanks for this precious, life-giving gift. We pray for those areas suffering from drought, for the wildlife and habitats, for the people and the impact on ways of life and food-production. We pray for those who must walk miles to get clean water. We pray for those organisations working to provide wells with clean water and good sanitation systems in communities currently lacking. We pray that we might be thankful always for the clean, accessible water available to us, and never take it for granted. Locally we pray for the people of Brook Green, that they may experience the warmth and security of a welcoming and inclusive neighbourhood.

**Sat Mar 23rd** - Remembering World Down Syndrome Day (21st) we give thanks for the developments made in enabling people living with Downs to play a more active and integrated part in society. We pray for continued progress in creating an inclusive and kind, caring society, where all may feel respected and comfortable. We celebrate all that is good, kind and joyful in our communities. We give thanks for and pray for our neighbours, colleagues and friends. Locally we pray for the people of Brook Street, that they may find the support, joy and strength they need in their lives.

**Please stay in touch!**

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