

Sunday  
24th March 2024  
**Palm  
Sunday**

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to our  
worship!*



## Weekly Reflection...

Rev'd Daniel Valentine

The climax of the Gospel of the Palms is Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The city is to become the stage upon which the drama of salvation will be acted out. Psalm 118, with its cry of 'hosanna' ('save us now'), quoted in the Gospel, was traditionally sung in procession to the temple in Jerusalem as a thanksgiving for the King's victory. For us, the church building into which we process today becomes our Jerusalem: the place where in Holy Week we shall celebrate the victory of Christ our King. We have begun a journey and there is no turning back.

## Worship this Sunday...

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who of thy tender love towards the world  
hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example  
of his patience and humility,  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who didst humble thyself by taking the form of a  
servant and wast obedient even unto the death of  
the cross for our salvation:  
grant us the mind to follow thee  
and to proclaim thee as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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

### 8.00 am Holy Communion

President: Rev'd David Tickner  
Preacher: Rev'd David Tickner  
Reader: Roger Edmonston

### 9.45 am Blessing of palms, procession, and Eucharist \*

Pr Hymn: 159 All Glory Laud & Honour  
Setting: Thorne  
Gr Hymn: 160 Make way, make way  
Of Hymn: 161 Ride on, ride on  
Anthem: Ah Holy Jesu  
Cm Hymn: 346 My song is love unknown  
Fn Hymn: 145 It is a thing most wonderful

President: Rev'd Daniel Valentine  
Preacher: NA  
Reader: Brian Cutler  
The Passion according to Mark (Dramatic)  
Intercessions: Isobel Simmonds (on sheet)

### 6.00 pm The way of the Cross\* The passion narrative in music and readings

President: Rev'd Daniel Valentine  
Readers: Wendy Bloomer  
Rod Montague

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

## The Palm Gospel (Outside)

Mark 11:1-11

### *Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem*

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

## New Testament Reading

Philippians 2.5 -11

### *Christ emptied himself to die on the cross so every knee should bow and confess him Lord*

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Gospel

*Dramatic reading of The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark -Please see service sheet*

## This Week....

25/03 Mon	9.00 pm	Compline	
26/03 Tue	9.00 pm	Compline	
27/03 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Isaiah 50.4-9a; Hebrews 12.1-3; John 13.21-32
27/03 Wed	2.00 pm	Online Prayer Group	
27/03 Wed	9.00 pm	Compline	
28/03 Thu	9.00 am	Celtic Communion	Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14; John 13.1-17, 31b-35

## The Easter Triduum...

**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.

## Next Sunday...

## **DON'T FORGET THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024 – EASTER DAY**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**Easter Day**

Acts 10:34-43

1 Corinthians 15.19-26

John 20.1-18

**8.00 am**

**Holy Communion**

President:

Rev'd Daniel Valentine

Preacher:

Rev'd Daniel Valentine

Reader:

Graham Johnson

**9.45 am Festal Easter Eucharist\*  
Followed by fizz, cake and children's  
Easter egg hunt**

Pr Hymn:	205 Jesus Christ is risen today (Easter Hymn)	President:	Rev'd Canon David Tickner
Setting:	Metrical	Preacher:	Rev'd Daniel Valentine
Gr Hymn:	216 The day of resurrection (Ellacombe)	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader:	David Reed
Of Hymn:	203 Good Christians all rejoice and sing (Vulpius, Gelobt sei Gott)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader:	Susan Mayou
Anthem:	This joyful Eastertide (CfC3 p198)	Intercessions:	Clive Simmonds
Cm Hymn:	209 Love's redeeming work is done (Savannah)		
Anthem	"Hallelujah chorus" from "Messiah" George Frideric Handel		
Fn Hymn:	218 Thine be the glory (Maccabeus)		

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**Notices and Parish News...**

"Hallelujah chorus" from "Messiah" by George Frideric Handel will be sung on Easter morning. Congregation members who want to sing along are welcome to. If you have a copy of the music (Watkins Shaw edition) do bring it along, otherwise there might be all of the right notes but in all of the wrong order!

**Thank you** – to all those who came along on Saturday morning last week in order to give the church a spring clean! Thank you also to our dedicated and hardy band of cleaners who do such a wonderful job keeping the church clean and tidy.

**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 Hillary 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 our child wants to come along, please let Hilary or Charlotte know by emailing 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.

**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 13th 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.

**Do you know** - who "Joshua and Reggie" are on the prayer list below? If so, please could you let Daniel or Vicky know.

**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, Jim Knight, Liz Graydon, Peter Graydon, Eileen Macdougall, George Snashall, Karen Leese, Yvonne Godsmark

**Those in care homes:**

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

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

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

24<sup>th</sup> Nina Mackie 2002, Valerie Bray 2006, Michael Josling 2017; 25<sup>th</sup> Michael Leonard Buck 2006, Phyllis 'Peggy' Green 2009, Sheena Berkeley 2016; 26<sup>th</sup> Russell Murphy 1996, Joseph Heyman 2015; 27<sup>th</sup> Joan Audrey Wampach 2004, David Davidson 2022; 28<sup>th</sup> Peggy Small, Ethel Mildred Riddle 2006, Anne Rosemary Atkinson 2020, Stephanie Gilpin 2022; 30<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Turner 1993, Ken Sutton 2006, Stanley Norman Hallett 2011, Mary Williams 2015, Vera Platt 2018, David William Bedding 2019; 31<sup>st</sup> Iris Buttery, Jack Coomber 1997, Joshua George Morgan 2003, Peter Burgess 2013.

**Praying through the week...**

**Mon Mar 25<sup>th</sup>** - Holy Week. On this International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, we remember the devastating, dehumanising trade in people. We pray for all who continue to carry the scars of such heritage. We pray that we may learn to see our history in a way that recognises the very different experiences and perspectives of different people, to acknowledge hurts and shame, injustice and wrongdoing. Today we pray for Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts and all local youth work

**Tue Mar 26<sup>th</sup>** - Holy Week. Remembering World Tuberculosis Day (24th) we pray for those suffering the devastating health, social and economic consequences of tuberculosis (TB) and we pray that efforts be stepped up to end the global TB epidemic. We pray locally for the people of Broxmead Lane, that they may feel the security and dignity of a warm, inclusive community.

**Wed Mar 27<sup>th</sup>** - Holy Week. We look toward the International Day of Zero Waste (30th), help us to address the impact of our waste on Your creation. Help us reduce, manage, and prevent waste to protect the environment, enhance food security, and improve health. Inspire us to cherish and preserve the natural world You have given us. We pray locally for the people of Bull's Lane, that they may see something of God's love in their lives and in their environment.

**Thu Mar 28<sup>th</sup>** - Maundy Thursday. As we remember the story of a servant king, ready to wash the feet of his followers, to break bread with his friends, to be alone amidst his companions, to face betrayal and death, we cannot but reflect on our lack of readiness to follow Jesus. Help us Lord to serve others; help us to celebrate the love of friends; help us when we feel alone; help us when we are betrayed. Help us to embrace life, face life's difficulties and ultimately to face death, all with love, hope and courage. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. We pray locally for the people of Bunton Lane, that they may feel heard, hopeful and valued.

**Fri Mar 29<sup>th</sup>** - Good Friday 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.' (Luke 23:34) Merciful Lord, we give thanks for the gift of forgiveness. We find it so hard to forgive, even little offences; yet you teach us to forgive in the face of pain, betrayal and suffering. Help us to forgive each other. We find it hard to see that forgiveness can be granted; yet you show us the way. Help us to accept your forgiveness and see that we can live in hope and love. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. From our own parish we pray for the people of Burrell Green. For their health and welcoming, for their wellbeing and joy.

**Sat Mar 30<sup>th</sup>** - Soul of Christ, sanctify me, body of Christ, save me, Blood of Christ, inebriate me, water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me: hide me within your wounds and never let me be separated from you. From the wicked enemy, defend me, In the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you, so that with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever. Amen (Anima Christi (14th Century)). We pray for the people of Butler's Green Road, that they may sense the coming joy and hope of Easter.

**Please stay in touch!**

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