

Sunday 14th April  
2024  
**3rd**  
**Sunday of**  
**Easter**

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to our  
worship!*



## Weekly Reflection...

There was a belief in the ancient world that ghosts have no feet. It seems likely that this is one reason that the evangelists mention Jesus' feet when recording his resurrection appearances. Here Jesus encourages the disciples, 'Look at my hands and my feet ... touch me and see' (Luke 24.39). This, and eating a piece of broiled fish, removes any doubt among them that he is truly risen. We get a tantalizing glimpse here of what a resurrection body might be like, but more important is that his resurrection leads to a commission for the disciples: there is a job to be done!

## Worship this Sunday...

### Collect

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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**

### Post Communion Prayer

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

### 8.00 am Holy Communion

Zeph. 3.14-end, Acts 3.12-19, Luke 24.36b-48

President: Rev'd Daniel Valentine  
Preacher: Rev'd Daniel Valentine  
Reader: Charles Solomon

### 9.45 am Worship for Everyone (Communion)\*

Pr Hymn: 598 Before the throne  
Setting: Inwood  
Gr Hymn: 489 From heaven you came  
Of Hymn: 667 I danced in the morning  
Anthem: Music Group  
Cm Hymn: 563 Jesus Christ is waiting,  
Fn Hymn: 777 Sing of the Lord's goodness

President: Rev'd Daniel Valentine  
Preacher: Rev'd Daniel Valentine  
1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Children  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: Children  
Intercessions: Rev'd Daniel Valentine

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

**First Reading**

Zeph. 3.14-end

*Rejoice Jerusalem, the Lord shall restore your fortunes*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

**Second Reading**

Acts 3.12-19

*Peter tells the ignorant friends that they killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead*

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

**Gospel**

Luke 24.36b-48

*Jesus appears to the disciples and explains the scriptures in reference to himself*

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

**This Week....**

15/04 Mon	7.00 pm	Cuckfield Dramatic Society Rehearsal	
17/04 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion* with cake!	Acts 8.1b-8; John 6.35-40
17/04 Wed	2.00 pm	Prayer Group*	Online
17/04 Wed	6.30 pm	Fish and Chip Supper & Quiz	The Old School
17/04 Wed	6.30 pm	Space for grace	Church
19/04 Thu	9.00 am	Celtic Communion	Acts 8.26-end; John 5.44-51
18/04 Thu	6.30 pm	Lent Group additional session	Church
19/04 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Acts 9.1-20; John 6.52-59
19/04 Fri	6.00 pm	Choir Club	
19/04 Fri	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	
20/04 Sat	6.00 pm	An evening of music & fashion	Church

## Next Sunday...

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Gen 7.1-5,11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13; Acts 4.5-12;  
John 10.11-18

**8.00 am Holy Communion**

President: Rev'd David Tickner  
Preacher: Jonathan Berry  
Reader 1: Ralph Colbran  
Reader 2: Graham Johnson

**9.45 am Parish Eucharist (with Sunday's Cool)**

Pr Hymn: 678 In Christ alone  
Setting: Shephard  
Gr Hymn: 798 The Lord my pasture  
Of Hymn: 507 We have a gospel to proclaim  
Anthem: Faithful shepherd feed me (HON 117)  
Cm Hymn: 460 O thou who at thy Eucharist  
448i I come with joy  
Fn Hymn: 671 I will sing the wondrous story

President: Rev'd David Tickner  
Preacher: Jonathan Berry  
1<sup>st</sup> Reader: Ian Walden  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reader: Paul Goldfinch  
Intercessions: Rev'd Stephen Caple

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong**

Exodus 16:4-15; John 6:30 - 40  
President: Rev'd Daniel Valentine  
Preacher: Rev'd Daniel Valentine  
Reader 1: David Spear  
Reader 2: Carolyn Ponder

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## Notices and Parish News...

**Cuckfield Local Market** – Thanks to all of those involved in bringing the Cuckfield Local Market into the church on Saturday. A donation of £50.00 from the proceeds has been made to the Chailey Heritage Foundation, a Sussex charity changing the lives of young people with complex disabilities. Providing education, care and transition services to children and young adults. The next market will take place from 9.30 am to 12.30 am on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**Sunday's Cool Is Back!** – Next week is our first new monthly Sunday's Cool. Children will start off in church and then go to the Old School returning for communion. Other dates 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@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:inspirefm@holytrinitycuckfield.org). We really want to demonstrate how committed we are to children and young families in this parish.

**17<sup>th</sup> April: Fish & Chip Supper and Quiz Night** - Come along (and bring friends!) on Wednesday 17 April at 6.30pm to the Tudor Hall in the Old School for a fun quiz night! Tickets are available after most services from Ros Longfield or Hilary Turner-King. They cost £15 (cash only please!) and include the quiz and dinner, plus tasty, homemade puds and a drink.... Speak to Hilary for more details

**20<sup>th</sup> April 2024** - An evening of music and fashion. Enjoy live performances by young local musicians, the latest Spring fashions, and hosting by BBC's Katie Derham. Starts 6pm. Tickets £10 at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cuckfieldmusicfest](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cuckfieldmusicfest).

## 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, Jill Knight, Shirley Ford (priest)

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

Young Georgia, 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:***

Catherine Smith, Michael Coan

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

21<sup>st</sup> Sally Adams, Kenneth Hilton 1999, William Frederick Wilkes 2002; 22<sup>nd</sup> Alistair White 2001, Valerie Hollinghurst 2005, Dorothy Alice Cox 2013, Hilary Ruddock 2019, Peter Richard Chandler 2021; 23<sup>rd</sup> Anthony Seabrook 1990, Reg Burdett 1998, Reg Rapley 2000, Doug Maude 2001, Enid Mary Saunders 2008; 24<sup>th</sup> Lorna White 2009; 25<sup>th</sup> Beryl Hodges 2003, Phyllis Ellen Choppin 2012; 26<sup>th</sup> Joyce Sears, Joan Nash, Mervyn Adams 2002, Bernard Godsmark 2010, Vera Chandler 2019; 27<sup>th</sup> Roger Kirkbell, Frank Hemstead 1999, Frances Elfreda Gunston 2005, Keith Morgan.

**Praying through the week...**

**Mon Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Looking back to World Creativity and Innovation Day (21st) we pray for all involved in creativity and innovation, recognising that Creativity drives our ideas and emotions, as well as our ability to connect, to question and to be understood. We pray for a greater awareness of the many roles played by creativity and innovation: in expression of our identities, in livelihoods, careers, and economic opportunities for millions of people around the world, especially women, youth, and vulnerable groups. We pray that in our own country and around the world we remain open to celebrating and encouraging creativity and innovation. Locally we pray for all those involved with the local Citizens Advice Bureau, that they may experience the warmth and security of a welcoming and inclusive neighbourhood.

**Tue Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>** - World Book and Copyright Day is a celebration to promote the enjoyment of books and reading, recognizing the scope of books - a link between the past and the future, a bridge between generations and across cultures. We pray for the three major sectors of the book industry - publishers, booksellers, and libraries. 23 April is a symbolic date in world literature. It is the date on which several prominent authors, William Shakespeare, Miguel de Cervantes and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega all died. We give thanks for authors and all who encourage a love of reading and enable access to books. We pray for a greater commitment to and support for our libraries and for all who work to keep them open and accessible to all. Locally we pray for the people of Cleaver's Lane, that they may find the support, joy and strength they need in their lives.

**Wed Apr 24<sup>th</sup>** - On this International Day for Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace, we recognise the founding principles such as consultation, inclusion and solidarity and pray for such in the local, national and international arenas. We pray for all that makes for peace and builds up our common bond. We pray for all who work tirelessly for peace and justice.

We pray locally for the people of Colwood Lane, that they may feel heard, hopeful, and valued.

**Thu Apr 25<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for all who work in ICT, and all who are working hard to encourage greater inclusivity and parity in the industry. We give thanks for international cooperation and collaboration in the industry.

We pray for the people of Copyhold Lane, that they may know the generosity and compassion of their community.

**Fri Apr 26<sup>th</sup>** - World Immunisation Week aims to highlight the collective action needed and to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease. We give thanks for the ways in which immunization has protected so many around the world from vaccine-preventable diseases. We give thanks for and pray for the World Health Organisation in its role to raise awareness with countries across the globe of the value of vaccines and immunization and to ensure that governments obtain the necessary guidance and technical support to implement high quality immunization programmes. We pray for those frightened and alarmed by stories of misuse and harm caused by such programmes. We pray for those who feel compelled to spread misleading or untruthful stories about immunisation, causing fear and harm. We pray locally for the people of Courtmead Road that they may feel the security and dignity of a warm, inclusive community.

**Sat Apr 27<sup>th</sup>** - We remember World Malaria Day (25th) and pray for all suffering from this disease and all working to improve the care and treatment of such. We pray for all whose health is compromised by environmental factors such as poor housing, polluted air, damp and mould, poverty, poor sanitation, and lack of clean water. We pray locally for the people of Court Meadow School, that they may see something of God's love in their lives and in their environment.

**Please stay in touch!**

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