

Sunday 21st April
2024
**4th Sunday
of Easter**

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to our
worship!*



Weekly Reflection...

The shepherd is a common biblical image, from the Psalms to Revelation. David had been Israel's shepherd-king; now the hopes and aspirations of God's people are fulfilled in Jesus the 'Good Shepherd'. Unlike a hired hand, he knows the sheep by name and is prepared to sacrifice himself for the flock, laying down his life and taking it up again. There is more than a hint here, too, of John's message of universality, with 'other sheep' of another fold still to be gathered in – as Frederick Faber reminds us in 'There's a wideness in God's mercy', 'the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind'.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ
to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to
lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection, and give us
grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen**

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: 593 At the name of Jesus

President: Rev'd David Tickner
Preacher: Jonathan Berry
1st Reader: Ian Walden
2nd 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

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

First Reading

Gen 7.1-5,11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Noah and the great flood

Then the Lord said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to

keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.’ And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. In the six-hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth for forty days and forty nights. On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons, entered the ark, they and every wild animal of every kind, and all domestic animals of every kind, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and every bird of every kind—every bird, every winged creature. They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in. The flood continued for forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more. In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, ‘Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.’ So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ‘As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.’ God said, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Second Reading

Acts 4.5-12

Peter tells the chief priests that they crucified the cornerstone of faith.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is “the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.” There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

Gospel

John 10.11-18

Christ the good shepherd

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

This Week....

22/04 Mon	7.00 pm	Cuckfield Dramatic Society Rehearsal	
24/04 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion* with cake!	Acts 12.24-13.5; John 12.44-end
	1.30 pm	Funeral of Mike Coan	
	2.00 pm	Online Prayer Group	Online
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion in Church followed by PCC at 8.00 pm	Church and Old School
25/04 Thu	9.00 am	Celtic Communion (Mark the Evangelist)	Acts 15.35-end; Mark 13.5-13
26/04 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Acts 13.26-33; John 14.1-6
	6.00 pm	Choir Club	
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	

Next Sunday...

**Sunday 28th April -
5th Sunday of Easter**

Gen.22.1-18; Acts 8.26-end; John 15.1-8

8.00 am Holy Communion

President: Rev'd Daniel Valentine
Preacher: Rev'd Stephen Caple
Reader 1: Eileen Caple
Reader 2: Roger Edmonston

9.45 am Parish Eucharist

Pr Hymn: 471 We pray thee heavenly Father
Setting: Shephard
Gr Hymn: 212 Now the green blade
Of Hymn: 454 Love is his word
Anthem: O taste and see (AFC4)
Cm Hymn: 430 Bread of heaven
168 God is love
Fn Hymn: 721ii Love divine

President: Rev'd Daniel Valentine
Preacher: Rev'd Stephen Caple
1st Reader: Joyce Sewell Rutter
2nd Reader: Colin Sewell Rutter
Intercessions: Vicky Peattie

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Notices and Parish News...

Sunday's Cool Is Back! – This 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@holyltrinitycuckfield.org. We really want to demonstrate how committed we are to children and young families in this parish.

Thank you to the band and to all those who threw themselves into the new "Worship For All" service last Sunday. The feedback has been that it was a great success (just a few tweaks to fix) and we can't wait until the next one which will be on 12th May 2024.

Thank you to all those on the outreach committee that were responsible for the quiz and fish and chip supper on Wednesday 17th April raising money for Umunandi School, Lusaka. We will let you know how much has been raised.

On **Thursday 9th May 2024**, there will be a sung Eucharist at 8.00 pm for Ascension Day. Please put this important festival in your diaries.

The **Deanery Confirmation Service** will take place on **Tuesday 11th June at 7.30pm** (venue to be decided but may be Holy Trinity Cuckfield). If you, or a member of your family, has not been confirmed and would like to be so (children must have been admitted to year 7) please let Fr. Daniel know and we can agree some confirmation preparation. Children who are in years 5 and 6 are not able to be confirmed in this diocese but can be admitted to communion after following a short course, and a service of admission to take place at Holy Trinity, which will also take place in June. If you would like you child admitted to communion, please see Fr. Daniel about this also so that we can get the preparation classes set up in the most convenient manner.

Your Next Steps in Ministry, if you are a settled member of the congregation, have you thought about what your next steps might be in your worshipping life. Please approach Fr. Daniel if you might be interested in joining the rota of readers, of intercessors or of Eucharistic Assistants. He would also be interested in hearing from adults or children who would like to join the rota for operating the AV and sound desk, being an acolyte (candle bearer) and bringing the elements up at the offertory. Fr Daniel may well approach you about taking up one of these important but rewarding posts.

Children's Birthdays – from this month we want to start marking the birthdays of children who attend Holy Trinity by giving them a candle. If you have a child (under 13) please let Charlotte know their birthday so that we can make sure that it is marked and that nobody gets missed out.

Patronal Festival and APCM – Trinity Sunday 26th May 2024. The annual vestry and parochial church meeting will take place at 11.30 am, there will also be a champagne reception to celebrate Trinity Sunday, and a Festal evensong taking place that evening with a special setting being sung by the choir.

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), Jay Veer Grewel, Sue Bugden.

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:

Michael Coan

Those whose year's mind falls at this time:

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

Praying through the week...

Mon Apr 22nd - 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 23rd - 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 24th - 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 25th - 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 26th - 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 27th - 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.

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