

Sunday 5th
May 2024
**6th Sunday
of Easter**

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to our
worship!*



Weekly Reflection...

Jesus expands his theme of 'abiding' - remaining continually - in God's love. Abiding follows keeping his commandment: that we love one another as he loves us. He explains that the greatest expression of love is that which lays down life for a friend. The evangelist, writing after the death and resurrection of Jesus, lets this passage resonate with what readers know, through the cross, of the depth of God's sacrificial love for the world. As disciples today, whether or not we are called to lay down our lives, the commandment to love and abide holds for us too.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ
gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for
ever. **Amen**

8.00 am Holy Communion

President: Rev'd Daniel Valentine
Preacher: Rev'd Daniel Valentine
Reader 1: Anthony Van Der Willigen
Reader 2: Gerry Larner

9.45 am Parish Eucharist *

Pr Hymn: 238 Come down O love
Setting: Shephard
Gr Hymn: 498 Lord thy church on earth
Of Hymn: 243 Come thou Holy Spirit come
Anthem: Ubi Caritas
Cm Hymn: 448 I come with joy
Fn Hymn: 201 Come ye faithful, raise

President: Rev'd Daniel Valentine
Preacher: Rev'd Daniel Valentine
1st Reader: Vicky Peattie
2nd Reader: Carolyn Ponder
Intercessions: Caroline Curren

11:15am Family Worship

President: Stephen Caple
Preacher: Families Team

6:00pm Sung Evensong *

Song of Sol 4. 16-5:2, 8.6-7; Luke 22.24-30
President: Kevin Carey
Preacher: Kevin Carey
1st Reader: Pat Montague
2nd Reader: Rod Montague

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

First Reading*Isaiah 55.1-11**The Lord gives rich food offering a new covenant - seek him while he may be found*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Second Reading*Acts 10.44-end**Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit and are baptized*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Gospel*John 15.9-17**New commandment to love as Jesus loves; no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends*

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This Week....

06/05	Midday	Cuckoo Fair	Cuckfield Rec.
07/05 Tue	10.00 am	Online Prayer Meeting	
07/05 Tue	7.00 pm	Cuckfield Dramatic Society Rehearsal	Church
08/05 Wed	10.30am	Holy Communion* (Julian of Norwich)	Isaiah 61.10-62.5 Acts 4.32 35 Matthew 11.25-30
09/05 Thu	9.00 am	Celtic Communion	2 Kings 2.15; Revelation 5 Matthew 28.16-20
	8.00 pm	Eucharist for Ascension Day	Dan.7: 9-14; Acts 1:1-11 Luke 24.44-53
10/05 Fri	11.00am	BCP Communion	Acts 18.9-18; John 16.20-23
	6.00pm	Choir Club	Church
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church
11/05 Sat	9.30 am	Cuckfield Local Farmers Market	Church

Next Sunday...**Sunday 12th May -***Ezek 36. 24-28 Acts 1.15-17, 21-end***7th Sunday of Easter***John 17. 6-19***8.00 am Holy Communion**

President:	Rev'd David Tickner
Preacher:	Rev'd David Tickner
Reader 1:	Charles Solomon
Reader 2:	Charles Solomon

Followed by Christian Aid Big Breakfast

9.45 am Parish Eucharist *

Pr Hymn: 494 I the Lord of sea and sky
 Setting: Inwood
 Gr Hymn: 639 Give thanks
 Of Hymn: 690 Jesus is Lord
 Anthem: TBC
 Cm Hymn: 432 Bread of the world
 Fn Hymn: 223 All hail the power

President: Rev'd Daniel Valentine
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 1st Reader: TBC
 2nd Reader: TBC
 Intercessions: TBC

12.30 pm Solos Lunch in the Old School

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Notices and Parish News...

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

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market on **11th May 2024, 9:30-12:30** 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. Not forgetting proceeds from this local event will be donated to Kangeroos adults and children

Christian Aid Week 2024, 12-18th May 2024 - Could you spare half an hour to deliver Christian Aid envelopes in your street or another street in Cuckfield? We now only deliver the envelopes, so there is no need to collect. Ideally, envelopes should be delivered between Sunday 12 May and Saturday 18 May (though during the week beginning 5 May is possible as well). Please contact Hilary on 01444 400087 if you can help. Thank you very much.

Save the date! Christian Aid Big Brekkie. **Sunday 12th May** - Tudor Hall - 8.30am - 9.30am

Sunday's Cool Is Back! - It was great that Sundays Cool is back up and running. Children will start off in church and then go to the Old School returning for communion. Other dates are **19th May**, 16th June, 30th June, 21st July, 15th September, 29th September, 20th October, and 17th 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. We really want to demonstrate how committed we are to children and young families in this parish.

The **Deanery Confirmation Service** will take place on **Tuesday 11th June at 7.30pm** venue St Giles, Horsted Keynes. 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. The preparation classes will take place at 4.00 pm on **8th May, 15th May, 22nd May, 29th May & 5th June**. 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 and following a service of admission to take place at Holy Trinity (this will be arranged for 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.

Holy Trinity is working to implement the **ChurchSuite** software for the Benefice. It has been adopted by more than 3,000 churches worldwide and the software provides a central repository for people, events, bookings, rotas, and groups and oversees communications by email and text (among numerous other things!). The parish calendar is already available via the website, and the Mailchimp mailing list for the newsletter is updated automatically from ChurchSuite. You are now able to login to **My ChurchSuite** - you can also find a link at the bottom of each newsletter. Enter your email address (this is the one to which the newsletter is sent). You probably do not yet have a password, so click 'Forgotten Password'; ChurchSuite will send you an email with a link to enable you to set a new password. You do not have access to all the features of ChurchSuite, but feel free to explore!

Prayers...

Those to be married:

At Holy Trinity, Cuckfield: 25/06/2024, Robert Martin Littlejohns and Oleksandra Korsunska, 29/06/2024, Matthew Peter Smith and Emma Elizabeth Robson, 06/07/2024, David Henry Rowlinson and Olivia May Barnard

Those in immediate need:

Becky Parker, James Watson, Bill Delany, Mark Herring, Molly Phillips, Jay Veer Grewel, Lisken Jellings and Jocelyn Bentley

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:

Derek Barton, and Elizabeth Charles

Those whose year's mind falls at this time:

5th Peter Anthony Irving 2006, 6th Angela Catherine Margaret Turner 2006, Richard Beddington 2008, Andrew Lyall 2023, 7th Dicky Brigden 1997, 8th Wyn Capelin, Peg Goddard, Peggy Shortt 1997, Thomas Coke 2015, Diana Elizabeth Hoile 2021, Patricia Ahern 2022, 9th John Cecil Randtoul 2013, 10th Muriel Elisabeth Robinson 2003, Alice Kate Glenister 2003, Susan Marion Hoad 2007, Michael Alan Sparshott 2012, 11th George Anderson 1993, Kathleen Bentley 1999, Terence Darling 1999, Peter Burrows 2020.

Praying through the week...

Mon May 6th - We pray for all able to enjoy this Spring bank holiday and neighbourhood events organised. We pray for all organising or taking part in Cuckoo Spring Fair, that offers fun and encourages community engagement. We pray for the Independent state of Cuckfield in its charity work. Locally we pray particularly for the people of Cuckfield Baptist Church, that they may feel the joy of belonging and being valued.

Tue May 7th - We look to the International Day for Plant Health (12th) we recognize our reliance on plants for most of our food and oxygen. Global travel and trade contribute to biodiversity loss by spreading plant pests, threatening our planet's life-support systems. We support those protecting plant health through sustainable practices like integrated pest management and efforts to halt pest spread across borders. We are grateful for nature's diversity and strive for a sustainable balance. Locally we pray for the people of Cuckfield Cottage Homes, for a neighbourhood of understanding, hospitality, and care.

Wed May 8th - 8-9 May is a time of remembrance and reconciliation for those who lost their lives during the Second World War and to pay tribute to all victims of the Second World War. From this historic event the United Nations was created, designed to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war. It called upon the Member States to unite their efforts in dealing with new challenges and threats, with the United Nations playing a central role, and to make every effort to settle all disputes by peaceful means and in such a manner that international peace and security are not endangered. We pray for the UN and for all who work for peace and justice around the world. Locally we pray for the people of Cuckfield Dramatic Society, that they may experience the love and kindness of others today.

Thu May 9th - On Ascension Day we pray for a reign of peace and love upon the earth, a deepening fellowship between nations and peoples: for a time when no one will be exploited, and no one neglected.

Your Kingdom come in us, as it is in heaven. We pray locally for the people of Cuckfield Playgroup, all parents and baby groups, that they may feel the richness of a community of respect, care, and inclusivity.

Fri May 10th - We pray for all involved in education, giving thanks for the care, skills, creativity, inspiration, fun, joy and compassion of so many who teach. We pray for teachers across the world, especially those who have few resources or little support. We pray for all working to improve access to education for all.

We give thanks for all who live in Cuckfield Road and pray that they may be conscious of the love and beauty around them.

Sat May 11th - On World Migratory Bird Day we acknowledge the many threats faced by birds: flight routes, endangered habitats, inhospitable environments, cruelty, effects of climate change. We pray for all involved in bird conservation. We give thanks for the ways in which wild birds enrich our world and bring us joy, beauty, and learning. We give thanks for the people of Deak's Lane and ask that they may sense the joy and richness of God's creation.

Please stay in touch!

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