

Sunday 12th
May 2024
7th **Sunday**
of Easter

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to our
worship!*



Weekly Reflection...

Chapters 13-17 of John's Gospel are an extended body of teaching as Jesus prepares the disciples for life after his death and resurrection. In chapter 17 we are reminded once again that God is a God who sends: the Father has sent the Son into the world, and the Son now sends the disciples (John 17.18). The purpose of the Son being sent into the world was to 'dwell among' (John 1.14) or to 'be with' us. That 'being with' is continued through the disciples' ministry and, by extension, through each of us, called to 'be with' others in Christ's name.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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
Preacher: Rev'd Daniel Valentine
Readers: Children and family's team
Intercessions: Children and family's team

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

First Reading

Ezek 36. 24-28

I will sprinkle you with clean water and put a new heart within you

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Second Reading

Acts 1.15-17, 21-end

Casting of lots: Matthias is chosen

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Gospel

John 17. 6-19

Jesus prays for the protection and sanctification of his disciples

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This Week....

13/05 Mon	7.00 pm	Cuckfield Dramatic Society Rehearsal	Church
15/05 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	<i>Acts 20.28-end John 17.11-19</i>
	2.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting	
	4.00 pm	Confirmation Class	
	6.30 pm	Space for Grace	
16/05 Thu	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	<i>Acts 22.30, 23.6-11</i>
	1.00 pm	Funeral TL Michael Tourle RIP	
17/05 Fri	11.00am	BCP Communion	<i>Acts 25.13-21; John 21.15-19</i>
	6.00pm	Choir Club	Church
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 19th May -

Pentecost - Whit Sunday

Ezek 37. 1-14 Acts 2.1-21

John 15. 26-27, 16.4b-15

8.00 am	Holy Communion	President:	Rev'd Stephen Caple
		Preacher:	Rev'd Stephen Caple
		Reader 1:	Graham Johnson
		Reader 2:	Graham Johnson

9.45 am **Parish Eucharist***
With Sunday's Cool

Pr Hymn:	258 O thou who camest	President:	Rev'd Stephen Caple
Setting:	Shephard	Preacher:	Rev'd Stephen Caple
Gr Hymn:	236 Breathe on me	1 st Reader:	Eileen Caple
Of Hymn:	238i Come down, O love divine	2 nd Reader:	Robyn Brotherton
Anthem:	O breath of life (Flexible p168)	Intercessions:	Anthony Lawrence
Cm Hymn:	241 Come Holy Ghost our souls		
	358 Be still for the presence		
Fn Hymn:	532 omit 5&6 All creatures of our God		

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Ezek 36.22-28

John 20.19-23

President: Clive Simmonds
Preacher: Clive Simmonds
1st Reader: Wendy Bloomer
2nd Reader: Charlotte Tayler

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Notices and Parish News...

Solo's Lunch - Sunday Lunch for people living alone takes place TODAY and then the second Sunday of each month. If you would like to know about the next lunch, please ask Daniel or email office@holytrinitycuckfield.org and we will put you in touch with the organisers. Lovely food, and excellent company at a very reasonable price.

Next Week is Pentecost - On this date we mark the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the liturgical colour is Red. If you are attending the 9.45 am service, please will you wear something Red to mark the coming of the Holy Spirit, after the service we will gather outside and take a Parish photograph!

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market took place yesterday **11th May 2024, 9:30-12:30** providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. Thank you to all those who assisted and supported this venture. The next market will be on **Saturday 8th June 2024**.

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 12th May and Saturday 18th 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.

Sunday's Cool Is Back! - It was great that Sundays Cool is back up and running **NEXT WEEK 19th May 2024**. Children will start off in church and then go to the Old School returning for communion. Other dates are 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 have started but are taking 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, Elizabeth Charles, Ivan Birchall, David Mortimer Strong.

Those whose year's mind falls at this time:

12th Ronald Bailey, Ellen Harford 1997, 13th Robert Brinley Codd 1999, 14th Robert Affleck Aspinall 2012, Dan Batchelor 2011, Cyril Kenneth Dixon 2020, 15th Peter Grimwade 1990, Donovan Thornton 1999, Frances Edward Barrett 2006, 16th Robert Leonard Goldsmith 2003, 18th Christina Watling 2010

Praying through the week...

Mon May 13th - We pray for all involved in medicine, medical and social care. We pray for those working with skills, patience, compassion and dedication, despite a sense of being undervalued, under-supported, under-paid and overworked. We pray for the many nurses and others in health professions who have left their work in the UK, due to insecurity of pay, conditions or of the right to remain with family joining them. Locally we pray for the people of Deaks Paddock, giving thanks for the ways in which they enrich the lives of the local community.

Tue May 14th - Matthias the Apostle. We pray for Christians in our local community, for good ecumenical relationships and good, respectful relationships with people of other faiths and people of no faith. We pray for people living in areas where there is danger in professing Christianity and other faiths. Locally, we pray for the people of Earwig Lane, that they may have peace and joy in their hearts.

Wed May 15th - On this International Day of Families, we celebrate and pray for families across the world of all shapes and sizes. We give thanks for the support they can access in many countries and pray for those who are struggling, that they may find the support they need. Locally we pray for the people of Farr Close, that they may feel the safety and generosity of a kind neighbourhood.

Thu May 16th - On this International Day of Living Together in Peace we recognise the need for accepting differences and having the ability to listen to, recognize, respect and appreciate others, as well as living in a peaceful and united way. We pray for all who work hard to help us locally, nationally and globally to live in peace. We pray for all who suffer when we fail in this. We pray for all who stand up to injustice and work for a fairer, better, more caring and inclusive world. Locally we pray for the people of Foxhole Lane and for the ways in which they help to create a community that feels safe, confident and supportive.

Fri May 17th - Held every year on 21 May, UNESCO leads the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. We give thanks for the richness of the world's cultures and pray for those enabling intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development. We note that 89% of all current conflicts in the world occur in countries with low intercultural dialogue. Locally we pray for the people of Glebe Road, that they may feel the comfort and presence of God.

Sat May 18th - We give thanks for musicians and singers, for composers and conductors, for instrument makers, tuners and repairers, for all involved in the music business. We give thanks for the ways in which lives across the world are enriched by music. We pray for all who use their musical skills to enhance the lives and cohesion of communities, to reach across boundaries, to challenge, inspire and delight. Locally we pray for the people of Goreside Lane, that they may sense the beauty and bounty of God's creation.

Please stay in touch!

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