

Sunday
26th May 2024
**Trinity
Sunday**

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to our
worship!*



Weekly Reflection...

The dialogue between Nicodemus and Jesus includes elements which help build an understanding of God as Three-in-One: Nicodemus recognizes Jesus as having come 'from God' (the Father) and Jesus speaks of the need to be born (from above) of the Spirit. But it is in the penultimate verse that the writer takes us to the heart of the triune God: God the eternal giver, God who is eternal love, and God who calls to eternal life. This passage is sometimes cited as scriptural evidence for the doctrine of the Trinity. But to read it as such misses the point. Jesus' words sit within the Great Commission to 'make disciples of all nations'. We are thus caught up within the Trinity, finding our true selves in God.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

8.00 am Holy Communion

Reader 1: Roger Edmonston
Reader 2: Roger Edmonston

**9.45 am Parish Eucharist - Trinity Sunday*
Patronal Festival**

Pr Hymn: 272 Father Lord of earth
Setting: Shephard
Gr Hymn: 276 Holy Holy Holy
Of Hymn: 663 How shall I sing
Anthem: Hymn to the Trinity (NCAB)
Cm Hymn: 726 May the grace of Christ
628 Father of heaven
Fn Hymn: 589 Angel voices
*Followed by Champagne Reception and
APCM*

Reader 1: Paul Goldfinch
Reader 2: Mark Parker
Intercessions: Jane Coan

6.00 pm Festal Sung Evensong

Ezek. 1.4-10; 22-28a; Rev 4
Reader 1: Rod Montague
Reader 2: David Spear

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

First Reading

I saw the Lord sitting on his throne: Holy, holy, holy

Isa 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Second Reading

Romans 8.12-17

We live by the Spirit, putting an end to living by the flesh

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Gospel

John 3.1-17

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This Week....

28/05 Tue	10.30 am	Half Term Craft Day	Church
	10.00 am	Online Prayer Meeting	
29/05 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	<i>1 Peter 1.18-end Mark 10.32-45</i>
	4.00 pm	Confirmation Class	
	6.30pm	Space for Grace	
30/05 Thu	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	<i>Genesis 14.18-20</i> <i>1Corinthians 11.23-26</i> <i>John 6.51-58</i>
31/05 Fri	11.00am	BCP Communion	<i>Zephaniah 3.14-18</i> <i>Romans 12.9-16</i> <i>Luke 1.39-49 (50-56)</i>
	6.00pm	Choir Club	Church
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church

Next Sunday...

**Sunday 2nd June -
1st Sunday after Trinity**

*Deut 5.12-15
2 Corinthians 4.5-12
Mark 2.23-3.6*

8.00 am Holy Communion

Reader 1: Gerry Larnar
Reader 2: Anthony Vander Willigen

9.45 am Parish Eucharist*

Pr Hymn: 2 Christ whose glory fills the skies
Setting: Rizza
Gr Hymn: 790 Teach me my God & King
Of Hymn: 630 Father Lord of all creation
Anthem: Jesus Lamb of God (Flex p132)
Cm Hymn: 437ii Come to me says Jesus
747 O God you search me
Fn Hymn: 387 Rise and hear!

1st Reader: Jane Coan
2nd Reader: Kate Berry
Intercessions: Mark Parker

11:15am Family Worship

*Please note there is no sung evensong as it
has been moved forward by a week for Trinity
Sunday*

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Notices and Parish News...

Church Electoral Roll – Has now closed Annual Parochial Church Meeting on **Sunday 26th May at 11.30am**

Cuckfield Local Market - Thank you to all those who assisted and supported this venture. The next market will be on **Saturday 8th June 2024**.

The **Deanery Confirmation Service** will take place on **Tuesday 11th June at 7.30pm** venue St Giles, Horsted Keynes.

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

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 July). 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.

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, Jay Veer Grewel and Jocelyn Bentley, Pam Sagar.

Those in long term need:

Young Georgia, Ann Went, Julie Sadler, Wendy Hibling, Eileen Knight, Jim Knight, Liz Graydon, Peter Graydon, Eileen Macdougall, George Snashall, Karen Leese, Yvonne Godsmark, Mark Herring

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, David Mortimer Strong, Ivan Birchall, Roy Amey and Lisken Jellings

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: 26th James Roberts 1996, 27th Margaret Cockburn 2002, Hazell Woollven Liddell 2002, Agatha Riley 2005, 28th James Hall, 29th John Fielder 1997, Nancy Halsall 2001, John Weir 2015, 30th Audrey Ducker, Mabel Davies 1997, Jo Lambert 2001, Betty Cobley 2005, 31st Klara Graf 2003, 1st June Dorothy Jessie Moore 2003, Florence Beatrice Cuxson 2005, Norma Margaret Keen 2013, Betty Woods 2022, Andrew Thurgood 2022.

Praying through the week...

Mon May 27th – We pray for all working in legal aid and justice systems across the world, that they may uphold truth, ensure justice through the law and treat people with respect and dignity. We pray for all who have been badly treated through oppressive laws, poor access to legal support or miscarriages of justice. We pray for all working to fight injustice and improve access to legal aid. We pray locally for the people of Hillside Walk, that they may see something of God's love in their lives and in their environment.

Tue May 28th – We pray for all working in the entertainment industry: for actors, dancers, musicians, poets, cartoonists, comics, and circus performers. We give thanks for their skills and the ways in which they enhance our lives. We pray locally for the people of Holy Trinity School, that they may feel the security and dignity of a warm, inclusive community.

Wed May 29th – On this International Day of UN Peacekeepers we pray for all involved in diplomacy, making and strengthening peace and justice. Rising global tensions, more complex conflict, and a proliferation of misinformation and disinformation, impede their work and threaten their safety. The theme of the 75th anniversary "Peace begins with me" recognizes the service and sacrifice of peacekeepers, past and present, including more than 4200 who have given their lives under the UN flag. It also pays tribute to the resilience of the communities they serve, who continue to strive for peace despite many obstacles. We pray that we may recognise the part we can play, that together, we can be a strong force for change. From our own parish we pray for the homeless, for their health and welcoming, for their wellbeing and joy.

Thu May 30th – We give thanks for our parks and gardens and for all who work to maintain them. We pray for all who use and love them and for all who fight to preserve them for local access and enrichment. Locally we pray for the people of Horsefield Green, that they may have a sense of love and joy in God's creation around them.

Fri May 31st - We pray for all struggling with mental illness and all who work to support, care for and treat those who are ill. We pray for greater understanding and acceptance in society at large, whilst giving thanks for the improvements we do see. We pray locally for the people of Horsgate Lane, for their friends, family and colleagues, that they may enrich each other's lives and feel both joy and hope in their lives.

Sat Jun 1st - On Global Day of Parents we remember parents everywhere and pray for them; for those in difficult relationships with their children, those struggling to provide for their children, those unable to spend time with their grandchildren. We pray for parents in fused or adoptive families, for all facing stresses and difficulties. We give thanks too for the joys of parenthood. We pray locally for the housebound, that they may have a sense of the wonder and diversity of God's creation.

Please stay in touch!

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