

Sunday
19th May 2024
**Pentecost
(Whit)
Sunday**

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to our
worship!*



Weekly Reflection...

Luke's record of the Spirit's coming at Pentecost (Acts 2) is exciting. There is wind and fire, and the world is turned upside down. John's account (John 20.19-23) is set at Easter and appears much quieter. In both, though, there is a sense of preparation as the disciples are equipped for future ministry. The key is that the Spirit will guide them into all the truth (John 16.13). The experience of two thousand years bears this out, as the Spirit continually reveals new truth about God, with more yet to be discovered. This is exciting, as much as was the first Pentecost.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful People by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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 - Pentecost (Whit) Sunday* With Sunday's Cool

Pr Hymn: 258 O thou who camest
Setting: Shephard
Gr Hymn: 236 Breathe on me
Of Hymn: 238i Come down, O love divine
Anthem: O breath of life (Flexible p168)
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

President: Rev'd Stephen Caple
Preacher: Rev'd Stephen Caple
Reader 1: Eileen Caple
Reader 2: Robyn Brotherton
Intercessions: Anthony Lawrence

6.00 pm Sung Evensong

Ezek 36.22-28; John 20.19-23
President: Clive Simmonds
Preacher: Clive Simmonds
Reader 1: Wendy Bloomer
Reader 2: Charlotte Tayler

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

First Reading

The coming of the Holy Spirit, then Peter addresses the crowd

Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Second Reading

Romans 8.22-27

We do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Gospel

John 15. 26-27, 16. 4b-15

Jesus explains the work of the Spirit to be sent to the disciples

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

This Week....

21/05 Tue	10.00 am	KS2 School Eucharist	Church
	7.30 pm	Cuckfield and Bolney Men's Group	The Bull Inn
22/05 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	<i>James 4.13-end Mark 9.38-40</i>
	2.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting	
	4.00 pm	Confirmation Class	
23/05 Thu	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	<i>James 5.1-6 Mark 9.41-50</i>
24/05 Fri	11.00am	BCP Communion	<i>James 5.9-12 Mark 10.1-12</i>
	6.00pm	Choir Club	Church
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 26th May -

Trinity Sunday - Patronal Festival

Isa 6.1-8 Romans 8.12-17

8.00 am Holy Communion

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

9.45 am Parish Eucharist*

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

President: Rev'd Daniel Valentine
Preacher: Rev'd Daniel Valentine
1st Reader: Paul Goldfinch
2nd Reader: Mark Parker
Intercessions: Jane Coan

Followed by the annual vestry and parochial church meeting at 11.30 am, there will also be a champagne reception to celebrate Trinity Sunday.

6.00 pm Festal Sung Evensong

*Ezek. 1: 4-10; 22-28a;
Rev. 4*

President: Rev'd Daniel Valentine
Preacher: Rev'd Daniel Valentine
1st Reader: Rod Montague
2nd Reader: David Spear

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Notices and Parish News...

Sunday's Cool Is Back! - Sundays Cool is happening today. Children will start off in church and then go to the Old School returning to their parents in church for communion. 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.

Patronal Festival and APCM - Trinity Sunday 26th May 2024. 11.30 am, there will also be a champagne reception to celebrate Trinity Sunday.

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market took place on **11th May 2024**, 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**.

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

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.

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, Molly Phillips, 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:

19th Mary Baker 1995, Eleanor Cory Kingdon 2006, 20th Ethel Carter 1995, Raymond Marchant 1995, Wayne Debman 2022, 21th Olive Beryl Martin 2007, Pauline Anne Wallace 2012, 22nd Harold Getliffe, Len Philipson 1998, Margaret Nye 2001, Mary Agnes Todd 2023, Harvey Lawrence Meares 2023, 23rd Riah Gil 1996, Margaret Fraser 2001, Margaret Ruth Pamplin 2005, Merrill Ann Beveridge 2012, Winifred Jill Dant 2017, 24th Peter Poxon 1994, Brian Beales 2016, 25th Peter Bellenger 2022.

Praying through the week...

Mon May 20th - On World Bee Day, we give thanks for bees and other pollinators essential to our ecosystems and food security. We pray for their protection and for those dedicated to wildlife conservation, recognizing the crucial role these creatures play in enriching our lives and the environment. Amen. Locally, we pray for the people of Harvest Hill, for their health and well-being.

Wed May 22nd - On the International Day for Biological Diversity, we pray for the protection and restoration of our ecosystems, recognizing our dependence on them for our essential needs. We also pray for communities facing pressure from big business and tourism, that their commitment to culture and environment be respected and upheld. Amen. Locally we pray for the people of Hatchgate Close, that they may experience the warmth and security of a welcoming and inclusive neighbourhood

Thu May 23rd - The Day of the Full Moon. 'At this time of strife, the Buddha's teachings of tolerance, compassion, and service to humanity are a source of solace and strength. As we navigate the path to a better future, let us seize the spirit of Vesak' - UN Secretary-General António Guterres. As the most sacred day to millions of Buddhists around the world we pray for people of faith across the globe, for better understanding, willingness to work alongside each other and to work for a better world that honours and respects all peoples and our shared planet. Locally we pray for the people of Hatchgate Lane, that they may find the support, joy and strength they need in their lives.

Fri May 24th - Yesterday marked the International Day to end Obstetric fistula, one of the most serious and tragic childbirth injuries. A hole between the birth canal and bladder and/or rectum, it is caused by prolonged, obstructed labour without access to timely, high-quality medical treatment. It leaves women with incontinence problems, and often leads to chronic medical problems, depression, social isolation and deepening poverty. This problem is preventable with the correct medical assistance. We pray for all affected by this and those involved in the care and treatment of women suffering difficulties arising in pregnancy and childbirth. We pray for the achievement of health, gender equality and human rights for all. We pray locally for the people of Hatchlands, that they may feel heard, hopeful and valued.

Sat May 25th - (25-31st). In this Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of non-self-governing territories we pray that the political, economic, social and educational advancement of the peoples is ensured. We pray for robust democratic political institutions. We pray for those peoples feeling threatened or intimidated by the power of invasive or neighbouring authorities. We pray for the Holy Land and for just and peaceful solutions to the conflict, intimidation and violence suffered by so many and by the horrors of the current war and violations of basic human rights. We pray for the people of High Street, that they may know the generosity and compassion of their community.

Please stay in touch!

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