

Sunday
9th June 2024
**2nd Sunday
after Trinity**

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to
our worship!*



Weekly Reflection...

With the benefit of hindsight, it is easy to be astonished that Jesus' family thought he had gone mad and that the religious leaders of the day feared he might be working black magic. Jesus' response is addressed to all of them. The religious leaders must know that the devil does not undermine his own work, but his family also need to understand that a 'house divided against itself cannot stand'. It took his family a while to respond to that challenge, but Acts suggests that they did, in the end. In the meantime, Jesus extends the family to all who will build up, not pull down, the work of God.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

8.00 am Holy Communion

Reader 1: Charles Solomon
Reader 2: Charles Solomon

**9.45 am Worship for all Eucharist with Holy
Baptism of Juliet and Edward Moss***
For Music Please see Printed Service Sheet

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

First Reading

Gen 3.8-15

God rebukes Adam and Eve and curses the serpent

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1

Even if our outer nature is wasting, our inner nature is being renewed

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at

what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Gospel

Mark 3.20-end

A divided kingdom cannot stand; my family are those who do God's will

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

This Week....

11/06 Tue	7.30 pm	Deanery Confirmation Service	<i>Horsted Keynes</i>
12/06 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	<i>1 Kings 18.20-39</i> <i>Matthew 5.17-19</i>
	2.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting	
	4.00 pm	Admission to Communion	<i>Old School</i>
13/06 Thu	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	<i>1 Kings 18.41-end</i> <i>Matthew 5.20-26</i>
	1.00 pm	Music Festival: Molly Hord – Organ Recital	<i>Church</i>
14/06 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	<i>1 Kings 19.9,11-16</i> <i>Matthew 5.27-32</i>
	1.00 pm	Music Festival: Paul Gregory–Guitar Recital	<i>Church</i>
	7.00 pm	Music Festival: DIVA Iconic with Sophie Rolph & friends	<i>Church</i>
15/06 Sat	7.00 pm	Music Festival: Claire Martin & Montpelier Cello Quartet	<i>Church</i>

Next Sunday...

**Sunday 16th June -
3rd Sunday after Trinity**

Ezek 17.22-end
2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17
Mark 3.20-end

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Reader 1:	Anthony Vander Willigen
		Reader 2:	Anthony Vander Willigen
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist with Sunday's Cool	Reader 1:	Peter Graydon
Pr Hymn:	4 New every morning	Reader 2:	Elizabeth Graydon
Setting:	Rizza	Intercessions:	David Jamieson
Gr Hymn:	284 For the fruits		
Of Hymn:	290 We plough the fields		
Anthem:	Thou visitest the earth **		
Cm Hymn:	462 Soul of my Saviour		
Fn Hymn:	794 The King of love		
	646 God is working his purpose		
12.00pm	Baptism		
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong		<i>Jeremiah 7. 1-16</i> <i>Romans 9. 14-26</i>

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Notices and Parish News...

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market took place yesterday **8th June 2024**, providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. Thank you to all those who assisted and supported this venture. The next market will be on **Saturday 13th July 2024**.

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

Cuckfield Music Festival - will be taking place 13th - 15th June with a number of events being conducted here at Holy Trinity Church. **13th June at 1:00 pm** is Molly Hord organ recital, **14th June at 1:00 pm** Paul Gregory guitar recital, and **7:00 pm** DIVA Iconic, **15th June 7:00 pm** Jazz singer Claire Martin & Montpelier Cello Quartet. For more information and to book tickets please visit cuckfieldmusicfest.co.uk

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 know by emailing inspirefm@holytrinitycuckfield.org. We really want to demonstrate how committed we are to children and young families in this parish.

Admission to communion - At Holy Trinity, we take the spirituality of children seriously, and we want to give them opportunities to grow in their relationship with God and take their place as full members of our worshipping community. One way that children can enter more fully into our worship is by starting to receive communion, which can happen after a short course of preparation. We run the course for children in Year 3 and above. The service of admission will take at the 9.45 am service on **7th July 2024**. The preparation involves learning something of the Christian faith around the themes of Baptism and Belonging; The Christian Way; The Last Supper; and Holy Communion. The fun four-week Admission to Communion Course, will take place on **Wednesday 12th June 19th June, 26th June & 3rd July at 4.00 pm** in the Committee Room in the Old School, and nothing is complete unless we have a dress rehearsal and party which will be held on 6th July. If your child wishes to be admitted to communion and attend the course please email Gina <PA@holytrinitycuckfield.org>

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 Gina know their birthday so that we can make sure that it is marked and that nobody gets missed out.

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 Delaney, Jocelyn Bentley and 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:

Ivan Birchall, Roy Amey, Pat Gallagher, Donald McKay

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: 9th Doris Humphrey 2010, Elizabeth Mary Wadstein 2014, 10th John Stead 1998, Basil Beard 2012, 11th Elizabeth Howard, 13th Claire Taverner, Clarice Malins 2001, Kay Salisbury 2004, Eva Hope Sayers 2008, Stephanie Margaret Vander 2012, Dorothy Barton 2016, 14th Joan Eileen Humphries 2011, 15th Gwen Gurr 1994, Dorothy Yetton, Marjorie Bolton 1998, Phyllis Scadden 1998, Winifred Rollitt 2009, Marjorie Chilton 2021.

Praying through the week...

Mon Jun 10th - International Day of Play (11th) We give thanks for the gift of play and for the gift of childhood; for all who encourage and enable children to enjoy play; for all who appreciate the importance of play: for learning, recreation and fun. We pray for those children denied their right to childhood and play, through harsh expectations and circumstances. We give thanks for all local shopkeepers, and pray that they may be conscious of the love and beauty around them.

Tue Jun 11th - On St. Barnabas Day we pray for all churches hospitals and charities dedicated to St. Barnabas Church and all the work based there. We pray locally for the people of Lodge Lane, that they may feel the comfort and presence of God.

Wed Jun 12th - Looking to the World Day Against Child Labour (12th), we pray for protection against child labour, greater access for children to education, and proper wages for adults, so there is less pressure or need for children to earn. We pray locally for the people of London Lane, that they may feel the richness of a community of respect, care and inclusivity,

Thu Jun 13th - International Albinism Awareness Day. Albinism is a rare, non-contagious, genetically inherited difference present at birth, leading to a vulnerability to the sun and bright light. Almost all people with albinism are visually impaired and prone to developing skin cancer. They also face discrimination due to their

skin colour; so they are often subject to discrimination on the grounds of both disability and colour. We pray for all living with genetic conditions and coping with health problems, social stigma and discrimination.

Locally we pray for the people of Long House Lane, giving thanks for the ways in which they enrich the lives of the local community.

Fri Jun 14th - We pray all those Standing in the General Election. Lord, grant wisdom, integrity, and guidance to the candidates. Bless voters with discernment. May peace, unity, and Your will prevail in this election. In Jesus' name, Amen. Locally, we pray for the people of Longacre Crescent, that they may have peace and joy in their hearts.

Sat Jun 15th – On World Elder Abuse Awareness Day we pray for all elderly people, remembering particularly those living in poverty, pain, with mobility issues, those feeling lost, confused or abandoned. We pray that elderly people around the world be treated with respect, dignity, patience, understanding and compassion. We remember the elderly people of our parish and neighbourhood and pray that we help them to live as independently as possible, in safety and dignity. Locally we pray for the people of Magdalene Rise, that they may feel the safety and generosity of a kind neighbourhood.

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