

Sunday
16th June 2024
**3rd Sunday
after Trinity**

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to
our worship!*



Weekly Reflection...

These two parables of secret growth are companion pieces. The first makes a serious point about what is and what is not our responsibility in growing the kingdom. We sow the seed and we harvest it, but everything in between is beyond our powers. The parable of the mustard seed takes this a bit further, with the kind of wry humour so typical of Jesus' stories. Mustard seed is a weed, and dreadfully hard to eradicate. So we have to be ready to rejoice if the seeds we are given produce unexpected, untidy kingdom growth.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

8.00 am Holy Communion

Reader 1: Anthony Vander Willigen
Reader 2: Anthony Vander Willigen

9.45 am Parish Eucharist with Sunday's Cool*

Pr Hymn: 4 New every morning
Setting: Rizza
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 Juliet Moss

Reader 1: Peter Graydon
Reader 2: Elizabeth Graydon
Intercessions: David Jamieson

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Jeremiah 7. 1-16
Romans 9. 14-26

First Reading

Ezek 17.22-end

God will plant a tree in Israel to produce boughs and bear fruit

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel

Mark 4.26-34

Jesus speaks in parables: seeds and mustard seeds

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This Week....

19/06 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	1 Kings 2.1, 6-14 Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18
	1.00 pm	Funeral of Donald McKay	
	2.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting	
	4.00 pm	Admission to Communion Class	Old School
20/06 Thu	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Isaiah 63.7-9 Matthew 6.7-15
21/06 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	2 Kings 11.1-4, 9-18, 20 Matthew 6.19-23
	6.00 pm	Choir Club	Church
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church

Next Sunday...

**Sunday 23rd June -
4th Sunday after Trinity**

Job 38.1-11
2 Corinthians 6.1-13
Acts 8.26-end
Mark 4.35-end

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Reader 1:	Roger Edmonston
		Reader 2:	Roger Edmonston
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist*		
Pr Hymn:	823 He who would valiant	Reader 1:	Isobel Simmonds
Setting:	Rizza	Reader 2:	Brian Cutler
Gr Hymn:	702 Lead us heavenly Father	Intercessions:	Nicholas Rowe
Of Hymn:	768i Put thou thy trust		
Anthem:	A Gaelic blessing NCABp1		
Cm Hymn:	255 O Holy Spirit Lord of Grace		
	494 I the Lord of sea & sky		
Fn Hymn:	739 Now thank we all our God		

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Notices and Parish News...

Sunday's Cool Is Back! - Next dates are **today**, 21st July, 15th 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 The first session will now be **Wednesday 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 <office@holytrinitycuckfield.org>.

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market on **13th July 2024, 9.30-12.30** providing 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.

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, 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, Pat Gallagher, Donald McKay

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: 16th Ernest Malins, Montague Michael Peter Lowe 2004, Angela Georgina Stirner 202, 17th Wendy King, Ian Waterhouse 1998, Edna May Harland 2006, 18th Ruth Brown, Peter Pawson 2016 19th Kenneth (Ken) Paul Bunker 2012, 20th Elsie Joan Matthews 2002, Gordon Edwards Mitchell 201, 21st Mary Walton 2009, 21nd Alfred Thurston, Connor Reece Mahoney 1999, Rene King 2001, Jessica Beecher 2001, Eileen Doris McNeill 2005.

Praying through the week...

Mon Jun 17th – On the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, we pray that degraded land may be turned into healthy land, bringing with it economic resilience, creating jobs, raising incomes and increasing food security. We pray that it may help biodiversity to recover and lock away the atmospheric carbon warming the Earth, slowing climate change. Locally we pray for the people of Manor Drive, that they may feel the comfort and presence of God.

Tue Jun 18th – On International Day for Countering Hate Speech we pray for those who have been targeted by hate speech. We pray that those promoting such be called out, held accountable and turn away from such hateful treatment of others. May we not remain silent when others are treated unfairly, their dignity and safety undermined. Locally we pray for the people of Mayfields, that they may sense the beauty and bounty of God's creation.

Wed Jun 19th – On this International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, we recognise that Conflict-related sexual violence, whether against women, girls, men, or boys in all their diversity, continues to be used as a tactic of war, torture, and terrorism amid deepening political and security crises. Reprisals against human rights defenders, activists, and journalists have risen; sexual harassment and gender-based hate speech have surged in the digital space. We pray for all who have been victims of such violence in speech or action and for those working to heal the wounds; we pray too for those working to hold perpetrators to account and create a more compassionate, respectful world. Locally we pray for members of the Cuckfield Society and for the ways in which they help to create a community that feels safe, confident and supportive.

Thu Jun 20th – We pray for all businesses that operate in Cuckfield. We pray for a lively, thriving, sustainable and caring business community, able to cater for locals and visitors alike. We pray locally for members of the Parish Council and ask that they may sense the joy and richness of God’s creation and have a sense of God in whatever situation they find themselves in.

Fri Jun 21st – Remembering World Blood Donor Day (14th) we give thanks for all who donate blood and blood products and for those who work in this field. We pray for all who benefit from these blood donations. We pray for those parts of the world where a blood donor scheme can’t be relied upon, where emergency and health care services are under severe strain. We pray locally for Mothers Union, for their health and well-being.

Sat Jun 22nd – We pray for those whom we meet or are in contact with today, that we may see or hear them truly, that we may recognise their dignity. We pray for them in all they are coping with in their lives. Locally we pray for Mount Noddy, that they may experience the warmth and security of a welcoming and inclusive neighbourhood

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