

Sunday
14th July 2024
**7th Sunday
after Trinity**

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to
our worship!*



Weekly Reflection...

Paul's letter to the Ephesians is written to a small, vulnerable, newly formed group of people who have no power, no influence and nothing that holds them together, except that they have come to believe that Christ is their life and their hope. Yet this little group are told that they are the ones who know 'the mystery' of what God is doing in the world, which is to bring everything and everyone home to God in Christ. That would have seemed unlikely, perhaps, except that God had already done that for the Ephesian Christians, witnesses to the start of the Holy Spirit's work of reconciliation in Christ.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

Reader 1: Charles Solomon
Reader 2: Charles Solomon

9.45 am **Worship for all Eucharist***
Pr Hymn: 598 Before the throne of God
Setting: Peruvian Gloria/Metrical
Gr Hymn: 489 From heaven you came
Of Hymn: 593i At the name of Jesus
Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit
Cm Hymn: 448i I come with joy
Fn Hymn: 678 In Christ alone

Readers: Children & Families Team
Intercessions: Children & Families Team

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First Reading

Amos 7.7-15

The Lord sets a plumb-line

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."'

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Second Reading

Ephesians 1.3-14

In Christ we have redemption through his blood and the forgiveness of sins

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel

Mark 6.14-29

Herod has John the Baptist beheaded

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

This Week....

15/07 Mon	11.30 am	Goldbridge nursing home communion	
16/07 Tues	11.00 am	Funeral - Ivan Stewart	Church
17/07 Wed	11.30 am	Holy Communion*	<i>Isaiah 10.5-7, 13-16</i> <i>Matthew 11.25-27</i>
	6.30 pm	Space for Grace	Church
18/07 Thu	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	<i>Isaiah 26.7-9, 16-19</i> <i>Matthew 11.28-end</i>
19/07 Fri	All Day	Archdeacon's visitation	
	11.00 am	BCP Communion	<i>Isaiah 38.1-6, 21-22, 7-8</i> <i>Matthew 12.1-8</i>
20/07	10.00 am - 4.00 pm.	PCC Away Day - Worth Abbey	

Next Sunday...

**Sunday 21st July -
8th Sunday after Trinity**

Jeremiah 23.1-6
Ephesians 2.11-end
Mark 6.30-34, 53-end

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Reader 1:	Graham Johnson
		Reader 2:	Graham Johnson
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist - with Sunday's Cool*		
Pr Hymn:	584 All my hope on God is founded 5	Reader 1:	Carolyn Ponder
Setting:	Rizza	Reader 2:	Vicky Peattie
Gr Hymn:	679 In Christ there is no east nor west	Intercessions:	Isobel Simmonds

Of Hymn: 794 The King of love my shepherd is
Anthem: 799i The Lord's my shepherd
Cm Hymn: 441 Draw nigh and take this body
610 Christ is the world's true light
Fn Hymn: 520 Thine arm O Lord

12.00 pm Baptism

6.00 pm Sung Evensong

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Notices and Parish News...

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market on **10th August 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.

Sunday's Cool Is Back! - Next dates are **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.

Weekly Food Collection - Please remember to support this if you are able. There are several families at Holy Trinity School in need of help who rely on our weekly delivery

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.

Solo's Lunch needs volunteers - Could you spend some time helping now and again with the Solo's lunch. This lunch takes place from 12.30pm - 2.30pm on the Second Sunday of each month. Providing a two course Sunday lunch to elderly single people. We are looking for volunteers to help with serving and who might like to help with cooking. If you think you might be able to help, please let Gina know in the office and she will put you in touch with the coordinator.

Stewardship - Like other churches, we are dependent on the generosity of our local community for our financial support, so we always welcome new donations. Your help will be very much appreciated. Please look at the Giving Page on the Church website, Giving - Holy Trinity Church Cuckfield (holytrinitycuckfield.org), to see all the ways available.

Our Weekly Food Collection - Our food trolley has been looking rather empty recently. Please remember to support this if you are able. There are several families at Holy Trinity School in need of help who rely on our weekly delivery.

Prayers...

Those to be married:

At Holy Trinity, Cuckfield: 14/09/2024 Hugh Alexander Radajev and Kirsty Elizabeth Brown.

Those in immediate need:

Becky Parker, James Watson, Pam Sagar, Mark Herring and Ralph Colbran

Those in long term need:

Georgia, Ann Went, Julie Sadler, Wendy Hibling, Eileen Knight, Jim Knight, Liz Graydon, Peter Graydon, Eileen McDougall, George Snashall, Karen Leese, and 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: Ivan Stewart

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: 14th Dulcie Tidey 2001, Jean Ena hammond 2016, 15th Gladys Elisabeth Cranefield 2005, 16th Frank Knight 1923, 17th Sally Jane Mitchell 2011, 18th Peter Kapff 2016, 19th Dorothy Duthie 1996, 20th Tony Fabb, David Kerr 2001, Barrie Galbraith 2018

Praying through the week...

Mon Jul 15th - On World Youth Skills Day we pray that we learn to listen to and learn from young people, that we learn as a society to encourage and support young people develop their skills and fulfil their potential. We pray for young people around the world, having to navigate difficult and sometimes hostile situations. We pray for a world that enables children and young people to thrive, not one that instils fear, insecurity and resentment. Locally we pray for the people of South Street, that they may feel the safety and generosity of a kind neighbourhood.

Tue Jul 16th - We pray for all who are sick in body, mind or spirit: for those on the parish prayer list; for those known to us; for those who feel forgotten or alone. We pray for those losing independence and mobility through old age; for all who are frightened or feel adrift. May they know the love and strength of God's presence. We pray for the people of Spark's Lane, for their health and well-being.

Wed Jul 17th - We pray for all involved in law and legal services. We pray for a just society, where everyone has access to legal services. We pray for all parts of the world where corruption undermines the fairness of trials and decision making. We pray for those caught up in destructive practices in our own country, and all organisations trying to create a more just society for everyone. We pray for charities like Amnesty International and Freedom From Torture, highlighting injustice and torture. Locally we pray for the people of Springfield Close, that they may feel the comfort and presence of God.

Thu Jul 18th - As we mark Nelson Mandela Day we pray for all working for peace and justice around the world. 'It is easy to break down and destroy. The heroes are those who make peace and build.' - Nelson Mandela. Locally we pray for the people of Spronkett's Lane, that they may sense the beauty and bounty of God's creation.

Fri Jul 19th - We pray for teachers and others working in schools, colleges and universities as they break up for a well-needed rest and holiday. We pray for all those who will be looking towards a new position, new responsibilities or change in circumstances. Locally we pray for the people of Stairbridge Lane and for the ways in which they help to create a community that feels safe, confident and supportive.

Sat Jul 20th - On World Chess Day we give thanks for play and games; we give thanks for the skills, enjoyment and learning that is possible through participation in playing games of all sorts. We pray for those who find it hard to allow themselves to play or participate in recreational activities that can offer so much that is positive and life-enhancing. We pray locally for the people of Staplefield Road 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.

Please stay in touch!

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