

Sunday
28th July 2024
**9th Sunday
after Trinity**

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to
our worship!*



Weekly Reflection...

Like all the signs in John's Gospel, this miracle points to a deeper truth about Jesus' messianic identity. There are clear connections with God's provision of manna in the wilderness, although the disciples are slow to see this. Echoes of the Eucharist ring through this passage as Jesus reveals himself in word and action as the true bread of heaven; the one who sustains eternally and completely. Some find this teaching hard and walk away but Peter expresses beautifully the deep foundation of our sometimes-floundering faith: 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life' (*John 6.68*).

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

8.00 am Holy Communion

Reader 1: Roger Edmonston
Reader 2: Roger Edmonston

9.45 am Parish Eucharist *

Pr Hymn: 532 omit v 5&6 All Creatures
Setting: Rizza
Gr Hymn: 738 Not far beyond the sea
Of Hymn: 453 Lord enthroned
Anthem: Lord I trust thee NCABp228
Cm Hymn: 451ii Just as I am
460 O thou who at thy Eucharist
Fn Hymn: 652 Guide me o thou great

Reader1: Paul Goldfinch
Reader 2: Ian Walden
Intercessions: Clive Simmonds

* Also live streamed on zoom - click the blue button on the church homepage.

First Reading

Elisha feeds a hundred

2 Kings 4.42-end

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left."' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Second Reading

Paul prays that the Ephesians may be strengthened with power in their inner being

Ephesians 3.14-end

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that

you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

John 6.1-21

Jesus feeds the five thousand and walks on the water

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

This Week....

NB Services on Sunday Morning & Wednesday morning only during August

31/07 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	<i>Jeremiah 15.10, 16-end; Matthew 13.44-46</i>
2/08 Fri	1.00 pm 6.00 pm	Lunchtime Concert Choir Practice	<i>Church Church</i>

Next Sunday...

**Sunday 4th August -
10th Sunday after Trinity**

*Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15
Ephesians 4.1-16
John 6.24-35*

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Reader 1:	Gerry Larner
		Reader 2:	Anthony Vander Willigen
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist (said with hymns)*		
Pr Hymn:	772 Rock of ages, cleft for me	Reader 1:	Alan Curren
Setting:	Said	Reader 2:	Mark Parker
Gr Hymn:	455 My God and is thy table spread	Intercessions:	James Sanders
Of Hymn:	453 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour		
Cm Hymn:	430 Bread of heaven on thee we feed 456ii Now let us from this table rise		
Fn Hymn:	630 Father Lord of all creation		

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Notices and Parish News...

Lunchtime Concert - Holy Trinity Cuckfield look forward to welcoming **Jo Kimber**, Jazz vocalist on **2nd August 1.00pm**. Jo her musical career in the 1960s, achieving numerous musical highs throughout her journey. She has been involved in amateur operatic productions and performed in jazz trios and quartets. Most recently, Jo joined the renowned Cuckfield-based group, The Singing Allsorts.

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 **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 - We are now 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.

Looking Forward... We are now thinking about our Autumn worship... here's what we have in mind...

- On **Sunday, 8th September 2024**, our 9:45 am Worship for All Service will be our **Harvest Festival**. This annual church celebration gives thanks to God for the wonder of creation, our place within it, our food, and those whose work and skill bring God's gifts to us. Please bring non-perishable harvest gifts to donate to the local food bank.
- On **Sunday, 6th October 2024**, our 11:15 am Family Praise service will be our **Pet Blessing Service** and will take place outside (weather permitting). Join us for our beloved tradition of blessing the animals! Bring your furry, feathered, or scaled friends to receive a special blessing in the tranquil surroundings of our church gardens. This event is open to all creatures great and small, and their human companions. Highlights include a Pet Blessing Ceremony led by Father Daniel, refreshments for both pets and owners, a Pet Parade showcasing our beloved companions, and a Pet Photo Booth to capture the special day. Come celebrate the joy and love our pets bring into our lives and share in this beautiful community event.
- **Sunday 20th October 2024** will mark the launch of our Stewardship Week. During this week, we will reflect on and celebrate the gifts we receive and how we can give back to our church and community. Stewardship Week is an opportunity to explore the many ways we can contribute our time, talents, and treasures to support our mission. We plan several events, including a fellowship meal, a volunteer fair, a service of prayer and reflection, and a workshop on financial stewardship, and this all leads up to...
- **Sunday 27th October 2024**, which will be "Stewardship Sunday" with a service that celebrates our collective commitment to stewardship. Our 9.45 am service will include an opportunity to pledge your time, talents, and financial support for the coming year. We need volunteers to help organize Stewardship Week. If you can help, please contact our treasurer, Isobel Simmonds, at treasurer@holytrinitycuckfield.org. Let us come together to celebrate the blessings we have received and commit to giving back with joy and gratitude.
- On **Sunday 3rd November 2024**, at 6:00 pm, there will be an evening of music and readings with an act of remembrance for **Commemorating the Faithful Departed**. We hope our choir will be joined by the New Sussex Singers with accompaniment by a string quartet or small orchestra. We are seeking 8-10 people to sponsor the cost of the musicians for this service by pledging £100.00. If you think you might be able to pledge this or any sum, please let Daniel know so that we can make this a very special service remembering those we have loved but see no longer.
- On **Sunday, 10th November 2024**, at 10:30 am there will be a special service at the War Memorial for **Remembrance Day**. We will wear our poppies as we remember those who have lost their lives because of war and observe two minutes of silence at 11:00 am. This will be followed by a Church Parade Service for Remembrance Sunday. We hope that on the same day at 6:00 pm, there will be music, readings, and prayers of remembrance and peace.

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 MacDougall, 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:

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: 28th Aileen Morrison 1995, Barbara May Galbraith 2013, 29th Robert Clarence Capp 2013, Revd. Eric Hayden, Shirley Beard 2017, 30th Lilian Anne Bourne 2011, Mina Rosemary Bushby 2011, 31st Kenneth Viles, Francis Grainger 1995, Graham Hardwick 1999, Betty Turner 2018, Peter Anderson 2019, 2nd August David Revill 1999, Kenneth David Keymer 2002, Dorothy Young 2009, 3rd Steve Dant 1997, Margaret Henley 2001, Helen Hargreaves Heap 2009, Cpt. Alan Prebble 2022

Praying through the week...

Mon Jul 29th - We pray for those looking for work and those unable to find employment because of health or caring issues. We pray for the people of Tollgate Lane, for their health and welcoming, for their wellbeing and joy.

Tue Jul 30th - World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Global crises, conflicts, and the climate emergency are escalating trafficking risks. Displacement and socio-economic inequalities are impacting millions of people worldwide, leaving them vulnerable to exploitation by traffickers. Those who lack legal status live in poverty, have limited access to education, healthcare, or decent work, face discrimination, violence, or abuse, or come from marginalized communities are often the primary targets of traffickers. We pray for all who have been trafficked, that they are found and enabled to live freely. We give thanks and pray for those helping and supporting people trapped in this way.

Wed Jul 31st - We remember the International Day of Friendship (30th) and give thanks for our personal friends, for friends we miss and those we see often, for friends who challenge us, whom we find difficult. We give thanks for friendships across divides, between individuals, neighbouring communities, areas within one country and between nations. We pray that as individuals, communities, leaders of countries we have the courage, the determination, wisdom and will to negotiate for friendship in justice and peace. We pray for the people of Top Street, that they may enjoy the safety and joy of a welcoming community of friendship.

Thu Aug 1st - We pray for parents with new babies, especially those on their own, those living in poverty, those with little support, those living in areas of conflict. We pray locally for the people of Tower House Close, that they may have a sense of the wonder and diversity of God's creation.

Fri Aug 2nd - We pray for our government and MPs, for leaders across the world and political candidates, that they be guided by a sense of duty and service, by wisdom, mercy, and a longing for justice and peace. Locally we pray for the people of Tyler's Green for a neighbourhood of understanding, hospitality and care.

Sat Aug 3rd - We pray for those parts of the UK and around the world, which are popular holiday resorts. We pray that revenue coming in through tourism is able to benefit the local communities and businesses; we pray that locals in need of housing are not priced out of the market in favour of tourists; we pray for wisdom and skills in managing the needs of different groups. Locally we pray for the people of Tythe Barn, that they may sense God's presence with them, whatever they are facing.

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