

Sunday  
15<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Trinity**

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to  
our worship!*



## Weekly Reflection...

Every group needs a Peter - someone brave enough to speak out when everyone else is dithering. The other disciples are happy to repeat gossip about Jesus, but it is Peter who gives his own opinion. But Jesus does not seem to have understood what Peter has said, so Peter tries to correct him. Does Jesus not understand the connotations of the title 'Messiah'? It will be a while before Peter realizes that if he was right about Jesus, then only Jesus can truly demonstrate what it is to be God's chosen one. But Peter does get there, in the end.

## Worship this Sunday...

### Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the Prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### 8.00 am Holy Communion

Reader 1: Graham Johnson  
Reader 2: Graham Johnson

### 9.45 am Parish Eucharist with Sunday's Cool\*

Pr Hymn: 2 Christ whose glory fills the skies  
Setting: Rizza  
Gr Hymn: 718 (T4) Lord speak to me  
Of Hymn: 667 I danced in the morning  
Anthem: Lead me Lord (NCAB p206)  
Cm Hymn: 420ii According to they gracious  
135 Take up thy cross  
Fn Hymn: 763i Praise to the Holiest

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

### 12.00 pm Baptism

### 6.00 pm Sung Evensong\*

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

### First Reading

*Isaiah 50. 4-9a*

*The Servant's humiliation and vindication*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

## Second Reading

James 3. 1-12

*Bridle the flaming tongue, which is like a rudder, small but powerful*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

## Gospel

Mark 8.27-end

*Peter confesses Christ and Jesus foretells his death and resurrection*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

## This Week....

16/09 Mon	11.30 am	Goldbridge Care Home - Holy communion	
18/09 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion* followed by coffee and cake	1 Corinthians 12.3-end Luke 7.31-12 Church
	6.00pm	AV Training with Jonathan Berry	
	8.00pm	HTC Finance Committee Meeting	
19/09 Thu	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Luke 7.36-end
20/09 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	1 Corinthians 15.12-20 Luke 8.1-3 Church
	6.00 pm	Choir Club	

## Next Sunday...

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September -  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Wisdom 1.16-2.1, 12-22  
James 3. 13-4.3, 7-8a  
Mark 9.30-37

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Reader 1:	Eileen Caple
		Reader 2:	Roger Edmonston
<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist*</b>		
Pr Hymn:	806 There's a wideness	Reader 1:	David Reed
Setting:	Rizza	Reader 2:	Isobel Simmonds
Gr Hymn:	348(T346) O perfect love	Intercessions:	Eileen Caple
Of Hymn:	648ii God of grace		
Anthem	Christus Factus est (sheet)		
Cm Hymn:	604 Brother, sister		
	468i Thee we adore		
Fn Hymn:	676 Immortal, invisible		

\* Also live streamed on zoom - click the blue button on the church home page.

## Notices and Parish News...

**Thank You** - to all those who decorated the church and who worked so hard over our harvest festivities last week. We had excellent attendance and feedback from those attending!

**Home Groups** - are a great way to explore and grow your faith. From 19<sup>th</sup> September there will be two home groups meeting weekly on Thursdays - one online (from 7pm) and one meeting in person in Cuckfield (from 7.30 - 9pm). If you are interested in joining, or simply want to know more, contact Jonathan regarding the online group ([hirsuteshepherd1@yahoo.com](mailto:hirsuteshepherd1@yahoo.com)) or Caroline regarding the other ([c.currer@btinternet.com](mailto:c.currer@btinternet.com)). This autumn, the in-person group will follow the 'Being With' course, written by Sam Wells of St Martin in the Fields.

**Sound!** - Jonathan will be holding a training session for those who are currently involved in operating the church sound desk and video equipment and those young and old who feel they might like to get involved with doing this.... The training will take place on **18<sup>th</sup> September** at 6.00 pm in church. If you are interested in this ministry or attending, please contact Jonathan Berry or email [hirsuteshepherd1@yahoo.com](mailto:hirsuteshepherd1@yahoo.com).

**We need YOU!** - We are looking for a few more people to augment our team of **Crucifers** (the person that carries the cross at the front of the procession) and **servers**, the person that assists the priest with setting up and clearing the altar. There are also spaces for people to be trained to administer the chalice. In fact, we need more volunteers for all the roles that make church work on a Sunday morning as welcomers, sound desk, coffee makers, readers, intercessors administering the chalice and so on. If you think any of these jobs might be for you, have a word with Rod Montague or email him on [condurrow@btinternet.com](mailto:condurrow@btinternet.com).

**Cuckfield & Bolney Men's Group Meeting: 17th Sept 2024** - Pub Games at the Whyte Harte, 7pm in the Games Room (no food provided). 15th Oct: Meal at the Whyte Harte, 7:30pm, 19th Nov: Skittles and Pizza at the Bull in Henfield. Please RSVP and let [Clivesimmonds@btinternet.com](mailto:Clivesimmonds@btinternet.com) know which events you'll attend.

On **Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Cuckfield Local Market** - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market on **12<sup>th</sup> October 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 **20<sup>th</sup> October**, and 17<sup>th</sup> November. If you can help at any of those sessions, or our child wants to come along, please let Hilary know by emailing [inspirefm@holyltrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:inspirefm@holyltrinitycuckfield.org). We really want to demonstrate how committed we are to children and young families in this parish.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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@holyltrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:treasurer@holyltrinitycuckfield.org). Let us come together to celebrate the blessings we have received and commit to giving back with joy and gratitude.

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

- On **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024**, at 10:45 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:*

#### **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:** 15<sup>th</sup> Constance May Blackburn 2006, 16<sup>th</sup> Brian Lockyer 1999, 17<sup>th</sup> Edith Joan Pelham 2013, 19<sup>th</sup> Brian Frank Hillman 2013, 20<sup>th</sup> Elsie Farley 1997, 21<sup>st</sup> William Smith 1998, Robert Arendt 2005

### Praying through the week...

**Mon Sep 16<sup>th</sup>** - Remembering this International Day of Democracy (15<sup>th</sup>) we recognise that an engaged, well-educated electorate is at the heart of strong democratic societies. We pray for young people, having to navigate a world, in which democracies are under threat from factors ranging from the proliferation of online mis- and disinformation, to rising populism and the destabilizing effects of the climate crisis.

We pray for the people of Butler's Green Road, for their health and well-being.

**Tue Sep 17<sup>th</sup>** - On World Patient Safety Day, we give thanks for all the medical skills, research, good record keeping, training and therapies which help to ensure patient safety. We give thanks for robust health systems and pray for those areas where there are difficulties in maintaining or financing good health care and access to such. Locally we pray for the people of Buttinghill Drive, that they may feel the comfort and presence of God.

**Wed Sep 18<sup>th</sup>** - On International Equal Pay Day, we pray for all those penalised on discriminatory grounds, and we pray for all working to dismantle such discrimination. Locally we pray for the people of Bylanes Close, that they may feel the safety and generosity of a kind neighbourhood.

**Thu Sep 19<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for all grandparents, for good caring relationships between generations. We pray for all who have lost touch with their grandchildren; for those who feel alone or forgotten. We pray for all who feel adrift from family or friends, that they find ways to connect or reconnect with people who care and can offer support and hope. Locally we pray for the people of Bylanes Crescent and for the ways in which they help to create a community that feels safe, confident and supportive.

**Fri Sep 20<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for all who take responsibility to clean-up after the carelessness of others, after polluting spillages, after wildfires, after rioting or looting. We pray for those who act on behalf of their community to build up, not to destroy. We pray locally for the people of Callender Walk 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.

**Sat Sep 21<sup>st</sup>** - On this International Day of Peace, we remember all those parts of the world where there is war or conflict. We remember those who have died or have been injured: those we know of - Ukrainian, Russian, Palestinian, Israeli and those we've heard less of, such as the 200 killed and thousands injured in Bangladesh after a crackdown from security forces on a recent student protest. We remember each one of these and those from many other conflicts as someone's child, brother, sister, mother, father, grandparent, cousin, friend. We lament the loss of life and the injuries inflicted and pray for all who suffer in such conflict. We pray for all working towards peace and justice. Locally we pray for the people of Chapel Road, that they may sense the beauty and bounty of God's creation.

### Please stay in touch!

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