

Sunday
22nd September 2024
**17th Sunday
after Trinity**

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to
our worship!*



Weekly Reflection...

The disciples are such a comfort to us, their successors. Like us, they shy away from difficulties and, like us, they so easily revert to their own preoccupations. As Jesus is trying to prepare them for the approaching terror of his arrest, betrayal and death, they do not understand and so quickly turn their attention back to themselves and their favourite question: who is the greatest? It is not clear that they understand Jesus' answer to this, either, as they gaze in bafflement at the child that Jesus is holding out as an example. We are still learning the same lessons.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Reader 1: Eileen Caple
Reader 2: Roger Edmonston

9.45 am Parish Eucharist*

Pr Hymn: 806 There's a wideness
Setting: Rizza
Gr Hymn: 348(T346) O perfect love
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

Reader 1: Ron Tillyer
Reader 2: Isobel Simmonds
Intercessions: Eileen Caple

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

First Reading

Wisdom 1.16-2.1, 12-22

Life as the ungodly see it and the error of wickedness

But the ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company. For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, 'Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. 'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is and make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.' Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Second Reading

James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a

Be guided by the wisdom that comes from above

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded

Gospel

Mark 9.30-37

Jesus predicts his passion, and when asked 'Who is the greatest?' takes up a little child

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This Week....

24/09 Tues	6.30 pm	Space for Grace	Church
25/09 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion* followed by coffee and cake	Proverbs 30.5-9
			Luke 9.1-6
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	Old School
26/09 Thu	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Ecclesiastes 1.2-11
			Luke 9.7-9
27/09 Fri	10.30 am	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Old School
	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Ecclesiastes 3.1-11
			Luke 9.18-22
	6.00 pm	Choir Club	Old School/Church
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	

Next Sunday...

Sunday 29th September -St Michael and All Angels

Genesis 28.10-17
Revelation 12.7-12 or Hebrews 1.5-end
John 1.47-end

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader 1:	Graham Johnson
		Reader 2:	Graham Johnson
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist*		
Pr Hymn:	159 All glory, laud	Reader 1:	Susan Mayou
Setting:	Rizza	Reader 2:	Evelyn Stenning
Gr Hymn:	666 I cannot tell	Intercessions:	Clive Simmonds
Of Hymn:	753 O praise ye the Lord		
Anthem	Holy is the true light (NCAB)		
Cm Hymn:	459 O food to pilgrims		
	601 Blessed assurance		
Fn Hymn:	589 Angel voices		
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong*		

Daniel 10:4-end
Revelation 5
Readers
Pat & Rod Montague

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Notices and Parish News...

Home Groups - are a great way to explore and grow your faith. From September there will be two home groups meeting weekly on Thursdays – one online, starting 26th September (from 7.00-8.00pm) and one meeting in person in Cuckfield, starting 19th September (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 or Caroline regarding the other (c.curren@btinternet.com).

Both groups will be following the 'Being With' course, written by Sam Wells of St Martin-in-the-Fields.

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.

Cuckfield & Bolney Men's Group Meeting: 15th October: Meal at the Whyte Harte, 7:30pm, 19th November: Skittles and Pizza at the Bull in Henfield. Please RSVP and let Clivesimmonds@btinternet.com know which events you'll attend.

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.

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market on **12th 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 **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@holyltrinitycuckfield.org. We really want to demonstrate how committed we are to children and young families in this parish.

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@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 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 10:45 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:

At St Mary, Bolney

Those in immediate need:

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

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: 22nd Olive Beatrice Caplan 2001, Joan Esme Stevens 2012, 23rd Jack Swain, Len Smith 1998, Patricia Hague 2016, 24th John Jellicoe 1994, 25th Donald Goldfinch 2014 26th Jenifer Nancie Spear 2012, 27th Winifred Bailey 2001, David Robert Raynor Tapp 2014, Nicholas Bennett 2017, Ross Bennet 2022, 28th Mildred Magdalene Young 2002, Pauline Erlam 2019

Praying through the week...

Mon Sep 23rd - On this International Day of Sign Languages we give thanks for all who have worked to ensure better access, training and visibility of sign languages. We pray for all using sign languages and give thanks for the greater appreciation of the necessity of signing in everyday communications, in business and the arts. We pray locally for the people of Chapelfields, that they may feel the security and dignity of a warm, inclusive community.

Tue Sep 24th - We pray for clean water for everyone; for all those made ill through lack of clean water; for all those whose livelihoods are in danger through water pollution. We pray for an attitude of greater responsibility and care towards our oceans, rivers and land. We pray locally for the people of Charles Peel Place, that they may feel heard, hopeful and valued.

Wed Sep 25th - International Day of Food Awareness of Food Loss and Waste (29th). We pray for all involved in food production: in preparation, packaging, storage, transport and sales. We pray for greater learning and awareness of the problems of food loss and waste amongst producers, food outlets and purchasers. We pray that ways may be found to reduce waste and to match excess food with those in need. We pray for foodbanks, volunteers, management and consumers. Locally we pray for the people of Chatfield Road, that they may experience the warmth and security of a welcoming and inclusive neighbourhood.

Thu Sep 26th - On World Maritime Day we pray for all those working to maintain the health of our seas and oceans. We pray for all who work in maritime industries, balancing the needs and safety of the workers with those who benefit from their work and the need to maintain the health of the maritime environment- plant life, creatures, land and water. Locally we pray for the people of Cherry Lane, that they may find the support, joy and strength they need in their lives.

Fri Sep 27th - On World Tourism Day we recognise the role tourism plays in economic development, but perhaps also in fostering peace. On a global level, where nations are interconnected and interdependent, Tourism, an industry made by people and for people, can be a compelling force to defy stereotypes and challenge prejudices. It allows meeting the "other", learning about different cultures, hearing foreign languages, tasting exotic flavours, bonding with other human beings, and building tolerance. We pray for tourist areas and a balance between the needs of tourists and of locals.

Sat Sep 28th - We pray for all who are jobless, all who feel undervalued, all whose financial situation is precarious and housing inadequate. We pray for refugees and asylum seekers fleeing war and violence, for those on the streets coping with abuse and violence, for those coping with addiction. We pray for all suffering abuse, racism, sexism and other discriminations. We pray for all feeling alone, threatened and frightened. We pray locally for the people of Chownes Mead Lane, that they may see something of God's love in their lives and in their community.

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