

Sunday
8th September 2024
**Harvest
Festival**

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to
our worship!*



Weekly Reflection...

Harvest Festival is a time to give thanks for God's abundant provision. In our reading from Joel, we are reminded that even after hardship, God restores the land, bringing abundance to the soil, animals, and trees. This restoration is a sign of His ongoing faithfulness. As we celebrate the harvest, we recognise all that we have comes from God's generous hand, even after seasons of difficulty. In our Gospel, Jesus calls us to trust in God's care, urging us not to worry about material needs. Just as He provides for the birds and lilies, He will care for us. The harvest reminds us to place our trust in God's provision, not just for food, but for every aspect of our lives, seeking first His kingdom and righteousness. In his first letter to Timothy, Paul expands this by urging us to offer prayers of thanksgiving and intercession for others. As we celebrate the harvest, we are called to share our blessings and pray for those in need, recognising that God's provision is for all. In summary, Harvest Festival is a time of gratitude, trust, and prayer, reminding us that God's faithful care sustains both the earth and our lives.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

8.00 am **Holy Communion**

Reader 1: Charles Solomon

Reader 2: Charles Solomon

9.45 am **Worship for all Harvest Festival***

Pr Hymn: 287 Praise & thanksgiving

Setting: Peruvian Gloria and Metrical

Gr Hymn: 519 Sometimes a light

Of Hymn: 282 Come ye thankful

Cm Hymn: For the beauty (Rutter p12)

Fn Hymn: 432 Bread of the world

Readers: Children and Families Team

Intercessions: Children and Families Team

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First Reading

Joel 2. 21-27

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

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Second Reading

1 Tim. 2:1-7

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First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel

Matthew 6.25-33

Do not worry

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This Week....

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| 09/09 Mon | 10.00 am | Funeral - T/L Mr David Rogers | Church |
| 10/09 Tue | 1.30 pm | Funeral - T/L Mrs Edna Skinner | Church |
| 11/09 Wed | 10.30 am | Holy Communion* followed by coffee and cake | 1 Corinthians 7.25-31 Luke 6.20-26 |
| | 2.30 pm | Funeral - T/L Mrs Freida Noakes | Church |
| | 6:00 pm | Standing Committee | Vicarage |
| 12/09 Thu | 9.00 am | Iona /Celtic Communion | 1 Corinthians 8.1-7, 11-end Luke 6.27-38 |
| 13/09 Fri | 11.00 am | BCP Communion | 1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-end Luke 6.39-42 |
| | 3.00 pm | Funeral - T/L Mrs Janet Bowell | Church |
| | 6.00 pm | Choir Club | Church |
| 14/09 Sat | 9.30 am | Cuckfield Local Farmers Market | Church |
| | 2.00 pm | Wedding of Hugh Radojev & Kirsty Brown | Church |

Next Sunday...

**Sunday 15th September -
16th Sunday after Trinity**

Isaiah.50. 4-9a; James 3. 1-12
Mark 8.27-end

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion | Reader 1: | Graham Johnson |
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| 9.45 am | Parish Eucharist with Sundays Cool* | | |
| Pr Hymn: | 2 Christ whose glory fills the skies | Reader 1: | Liz Graydon |
| Setting: | Rizza | Reader 2: | Peter Graydon |
| Gr Hymn: | 718 (T4) Lord speak to me | Intercessions: | David Jamieson |
| 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 | | |
| 12.00 pm | Baptism | | |
| 6.00 pm | Sung Evensong | | |

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Notices and Parish News...

Have you ever been part of a **home group**? Many people find it's a great way to help faith to grow and to meet other people on their faith journey. We are planning two groups starting in September meeting weekly over ten weeks using the same course, one online and the other in person. Interested? Want to know more? Talk to Jonathan Berry or email hirsuteshepherd1@yahoo.com. Watch out for the announcement of start dates coming soon

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 18th 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.

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 Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market on **14th September 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@holyltrinitycuckfield.org. We really want to demonstrate how committed we are to children and young families in this parish.

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@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 10:30 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: Mrs Freida Noakes, Mr David Rogers, Mrs Edna Skinner, Mrs Janet Howell

Those whose year's mind falls at this time: 8th Gerald Keith Honeysett 2018, 9th James Taylor 2009, Adrian Russell 2023, 10th Tony Osborne 2000, Dorothy Florence Bumpus 2006, Veronica Charlwood Ross 2021, Judy Margaret Amey 2023, 11th Sybil Eaton 1998, Rosemary Vivien Gooderham 2020, 12th Lilian Wilson, Anne Allemand 2001, John Cuxson 2005, Margaret Brooker 2017, 13th Peter Brown, Ivy Eileen Christophers 2004, Bettina Pauline Flower 2011, 14th Ellen Ford 1998, Bridget Dunnett.

Praying through the week...

Mon Sep 9th - International Day for Clean Air for Blue Skies (7th). We pray for stronger partnerships, increased investment and shared responsibility to overcome air pollution. We pray for greater willingness and commitment to working together across borders and boundaries to protect the earth's atmosphere and ensure healthy air for everyone. We pray for climate activists trying to ensure their concerns are taken seriously for the sake of the planet and all its inhabitants. Locally, we pray for the people of Brook Street, that they may have peace and joy in their hearts.

Tue Sep 10th - Thousands of people take their own life each year throughout the world, 1 every 40 seconds, with about 25 times that number making an attempt. We pray for all who feel desperate, for those who respond to people in need, for those who work to create a healthier society, enabling people to connect, communicate and care. We pray that we may be instruments of God's compassion. We give thanks for all who live in Broxmead Lane, and pray that they may be conscious of the love and beauty around them.

Wed Sep 11th - We pray for writers, illustrators and publishers of children's books; for libraries and librarians; for teachers and all who encourage children to enjoy stories, information books, poetry. We celebrate those with the gift of storytelling. We pray for all ensuring open access to libraries around the country, and all maintaining this welcome and essential resource for communities. Locally we Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts and all local youth work

Thu Sep 12th - We pray for all trying to maintain the health, cleanliness and safety of our waters: oceans, rivers, canals, lakes. We pray for greater accountability, responsibility and reparation in the matter of sewage and other waste and pollution in our waterways. We pray locally for the people of Bull's Lane, that they may feel the richness of a community of respect, care and inclusivity.

Fri Sep 13th - We pray for all in the midst of famine, drought and disaster; for all still trying to rebuild their lives and communities after wild fires and extreme temperatures and for all the agencies responding to emergencies. Locally we pray for the people of Buncton Lane, giving thanks for the ways in which they enrich the lives of the local community.

Sat Sep 14th - 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. We pray locally for the people of Burrell Green, that they may feel the comfort and presence of God.

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