

Sunday  
29<sup>th</sup> September  
**St. Michael  
and All  
Angels**

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to  
our worship!*



## Weekly Reflection...

We are surrounded by angels in our readings, as many people today believe we are - even those who don't go to church on a regular basis. In Jesus' words to Nathanael, these angels represent the promise of something wonderful, even more wonderful than the knowledge which Jesus has already shown about him. To see angels, both for Nathanael and for Jacob, means to be open to the ways of heaven and to see God's will being done on earth.

## Worship this Sunday...

### Collect

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order. grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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 heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect. as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### 8.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

Reader 1  
Reader 2

Graham Johnson  
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### 9.45 am Parish Eucharist\*

Pr Hymn. 2 Christ whose Glory  
Setting. Rizza  
Gr Hymn. 629i Father hear the prayer we offer  
Of Hymn. Offertory 708 Lift up your hearts  
Anthem 642 God be in my head  
Cm Hymn. 421 All for Jesus  
601 Blessed assurance  
Fn Hymn. 387 Rise and hear!

Reader 1  
Reader 2  
Intercessions

Susan Mayou  
Evelyn Stenning  
Clive Simmonds

### 6.00 pm Choral Evensong\*

Readers Daniel 10.4-end  
Revelation 5  
Pat & Rod Montague

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

## First Reading

*Jacob dreams of a ladder from earth to heaven*

*Genesis 28.10-17*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place -- and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

**Second Reading**

Revelation 12.7-12

*There is war in heaven as Michael and his angels attack Satan*

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world -- he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

**Gospel**

John 1.47-51

*Jesus tells Nathanael he will see the heavens open and angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man*

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

**This Week....**

1/10 Tues	9.30 am	Harvest Festival with HT Primary	Church
2/10 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion* followed by coffee and cake	Job 9.1-12, 14-16; Luke 9.57-end
3/10 Thu	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Job 19.21-27a Luke 10. 1-12
	7.00 pm	"Being With: online home group (Leader: Jonathan Berry (hirsuteshepherd1@yahoo.com)	
	7.30 pm	"Being With" in person Home Group (Leader: Caroline Curren)	
4/10 Fri	9.00 am	Harvest Festival with Bolney Primary	St Mary, Bolney
	11.00 am	BCP Communion	St. Francis of Assisi 1 Kings 19.9-18; Acts 4. 32-35; Luke 12.32-37
	6.00 pm	Treble Choir	Old School/Church
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church

**Next Sunday...****Sunday 6 October 2024 - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Gen 2.18-24  
 Heb.1.1-4; 2.5-12  
 Mark 10.2-16

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (CW)</b>	Reader	Anthony Vander Willigen
<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist*</b>		
Pr Hymn	507 We Have a Gospel (FULDA)	Reader 1	Wendy Bloomer
Setting	Rizza	Reader 2	Ian Walden
Gr Hymn	510 Will You Come and Follow Me (KELVINGROVE)	Intercessions	Caroline Curren
Of Hymn	634 Firmly I Believe and Truly (SHIPSTON)		
Anthem	I Sing of a New Covenant (Peter Nardone)		
Cm Hymn	423 And Now O Father (UNDE ET MEMORES)		
Fn Hymn	358 Be Still for the Presence of the Lord (BE STILL)		
<b>11.15 am</b>	<b>Pet Blessing Service</b>		
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Sung Evensong*</b>		Josh 3. 7-End Matt.10.1-22
Introit	Plainchant Proper	Reader	David Spear
Hymn	787 Take My Life And Let It Be (ST BEES)		
Responses	Ferial		
Psalm	125,126		

Canticles      Mag 8, Nunc 10  
Anthem        If Ye Love Me (Tallis)  
Hymn          15 Glory to Thee My God This Night (TALLIS' CANON)  
Final Hymn    19 Now as The Evening Shadows Fall (BLACKHEATH)

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

### Notices and Parish News...

**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) or Caroline regarding the other (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.

**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 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.

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.

**Cuckfield & Bolney Men's Group Meeting. 15<sup>th</sup> October.** Meal at the Whyte Harte, 7.30pm, 19<sup>th</sup> November. Skittles and Pizza at the Bull in Henfield. Please RSVP and let Clivesimmonds@btinternet.com know which events you'll attend.

**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@holytrinitycuckfield.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@holytrinitycuckfield.org. Let us come together to celebrate the blessings we have received and commit to giving back with joy and gratitude.

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.

**Remembrance Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024**, There will be a 9.00 am service of Holy Communion (said with hymns). At 10:45 am there will be a special service with two-minute silence at 11.00am (War Memorial, Cuckfield Churchyard) this will be followed at 11.15 am by a Church Parade (in church) with refreshments following in the hall. At 6.00 pm there will be "For the fallen" An Evening of Music, Poetry, Readings and Reflection for Remembrance Day led by our choir. Again followed by refreshments.

On **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024** the Deanery Synod will take place at Holy Trinity. This is an open meeting, and the speaker will be the Rev'd Buff Forbes Stone the Diocesan Environment Officer who will be speaking about "Eco Church Initiatives". Please do come along.

**We NEED HELP** with providing refreshments at several services and events. This responsibility currently rests on two few people. Please speak to Jane Coan if you can assist on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024, at 11.15 (Pet Service); 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024, at 9.30 (Market); Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024, at 6.00 pm (Faure Requiem) and Remembrance Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 11.15 am (Church Parade) and 6.00 pm (For the fallen).

## 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; Philip Richings

### **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.** Sept: 29<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth (Betsy) St. Claire Roberts 2012; 30<sup>th</sup> Norman Albert Marchant 2018; October 1<sup>st</sup> Phyllis Grimwade 1998; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Lerner 2005; 3<sup>rd</sup> Frederic Burridge, Sybil McKinnan 1998, William John Bosco Byrne 2012, Bernadette Maria Selous 2013; 4<sup>th</sup> Charles Newnham 2000, Daphne Gossage 2002, John Bradshaw; 5<sup>th</sup> Joseph Chapman, Brenda Burbidge 1997, David Barrett.

## Praying through the week...

**Mon Sep 30<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for the prisons in the UK, straining under pressures of cuts in staffing and resources, growing prison population, inadequate buildings and increased problems of drugs and control. We pray for the inmates and for prison staff. We pray for careful, skilful, wise and just policy making, sentencing and management. Locally we pray for the people of Church Platt, that they may experience love and beauty in their lives.

**Tue Oct 1<sup>st</sup>** - On this International Day of Older Persons we give thanks for all those older people from whom we have learnt so much through our lives and for all who continue to teach and challenge us. We pray for all the older people in our lives and communities, that they may feel valued and cherished, safe and supported. Locally we pray particularly for the people of Warwick Rd, that they may feel the joy of belonging and being valued.

**Wed Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>** - On this International Day of Non-Violence, we remember all those who have been the victims of violence and pray that we learn to build a society which respects non-violence; we pray that we learn to resolve differences in ways that acknowledge the essential dignity and humanity of all. Locally we pray for the people of Church Street, for a neighbourhood of understanding, hospitality and care.

**Thu Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>** - We pray for emergency services around the world, for those doing their best to serve their communities, responding to sometimes horrendous and often dangerous situations. We give thanks for all that is good in these services and pray for those services badly served either by systemic failures or by bad recruitment, training or self-serving individuals. Locally we pray for all those associated with the local Citizens Advice Bureau, that they may sense God's presence with them, whatever they are facing.

**Fri Oct 4<sup>th</sup>** - in this World Space Week, we look with awe and wonder at the immensity and beauty of space. We pray that our sense of greed, power and invincibility may not be allowed to lead us to treat the wider universe with the disrespect and contempt we sometimes display towards our planet. We pray locally for the people of Cleaver's Lane, that they may have a sense of the wonder and diversity of God's creation.

**Sat Oct 5<sup>th</sup>** - On World Teachers' Day we pray for teachers across the world: for those working with few resources, for those teaching in areas compromised by great poverty or conflict; we pray for those teaching with compassion, enthusiasm and great skills, despite feeling deskilled, undervalued, inadequately paid and supported. We give thanks for all those teachers from whom we and our families have learnt so much and all who keep us curious and eager to learn more. Locally we pray for the people of Colwood Lane, that they find the welcome and support of a caring neighbourhood.

## **Please stay in touch!**

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