

Sunday 13th October
2024
**20th Sunday
after Trinity**

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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our worship!*



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Weekly Reflection...

Longing to ensure his place in the age to come, a rich man approaches Jesus to check on his progress. He has faithfully kept the commandments. Jesus looks with love, seeing all that is weighing the rich man down and holding him back. Sell up, give it away and follow me, says Jesus. The man, so tightly tied to his possessions, sadly walks away. Discussing money with this man, the disciples and Peter, Jesus challenges each to embrace the liberation that following him brings.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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Amos 5.6-7,10-15
Hebrews 4.12-end; Mark 10. 17-31

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader	Charles Solomon
9.45 am	Worship For All (Communion)*		
Pr Hymn	O Jesus I Have Promised (HATHEROP CASTLE) (556 O&N)	Readers and Intercessions	Children & Families Team
Setting	Peruvian Gloria/Metrical (SLANE/REPTON)		
Gr Hymn	563 Jesus Christ Is Waiting (NOEL NOUVELET)		?????
Of Hymn	585 All I Once Held Dear (KNOWING YOU)		
Communion	Music Group		
Cm Hymn	Majesty (498 O&N)		
	144 How Deep the Fathers Love for Us (TOWNEND)		
Fn Hymn	You Shall Go Out with Joy (853 O&N)		
12.30 pm	Solo's Lunch		Old School

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

First Reading

Amos 5.6-7,10-15

Amos condemns those who hate justice and look after themselves

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore, the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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Second Reading

Hebrews 4.12-end

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Gospel

Mark 10.17-31

The rich man told to sell everything he has and give to the poor; the first shall be last

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

This Week....

15/10 Tues	7.30 pm	Cuckfield and Bolney Men's Group	White Hart
16/10 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion* followed by coffee and cake	Gal 5.18-end, Luke 11.42-46
17/10 Thu	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Eph1.1-10, Luke 11.47- end
	7.00 pm	Home Group	Online
	7.30 pm	Home Group (in person)	
18/10 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion - Luke The Evangelist	Isaiah 35.3-6 or Acts 16.6-12a, 2 Timothy 4.5-17, Luke 10.1-9
	6.00 pm	Treble Choir	Old School/Church
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church

Next Sunday...

21st Sunday after Trinity

1 Chronicles 29.10-14

Launch of stewardship week and civic service with reception of the new Mayor of Cuckfield.

2 Corinthians 9.6-15

Matthew 6.19-21

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader	Graham Johnson
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist with Sundays Cool*		
Pr Hymn	357 All People That on Earth Do Dwell (OLD 100 th)	Reader 1	Alan Curren
Setting	Rizza	Reader 2	Eileen Caple
Gr Hymn	814 Thy Hand O God Has Guided (THORNBURY)	Intercessions	Nicholas Rowe
Of Hymn	754 O Worship the King All Glorious Above (HANOVER)		
Anthem	Christus Factus Est (Anerio)		
Cm Hymn	595 Be Thou My Vision (SLANE)		
Fn Hymn	594 Be Still My Soul (FINLANDIA)		
Final Hymn	739 Now Thank We All Our God (NUN DANKET)		
12.00 pm	Baptism		
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong*		Josh 14.6-14 Matt 12.1-21

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

Notices and Parish News...

Join Our Team We have two employment vacancies Part-Time Verger/Caretaker & Youth and Children's Worker. We are looking for dedicated individuals to fill two key roles in our church community: **Part-Time Verger/Caretaker.** Help maintain our church's welcoming, safe, and ready environment for worship and events. 10 flexible hours/week, including Sundays and some evenings. Pay: £12/hour + extra for weddings/funerals Holiday: 33 days pro-rata. **Youth and Children's Worker** Engage with young people and families across Cuckfield, Ansty, and Bolney through outreach and ministry. Full-time (40 hours/week) Salary: £26,000 per annum 2-year fixed term (potential for extension). For both roles, contact the vicar@holytrinitycuckfield.org for more details. Closing date end of October.

Home Groups - a great way to explore and to grow your faith as well as getting to know people better in a small group. There are currently two home groups meeting - one online and one meeting in person in Cuckfield.

If you would like to know more, perhaps with a view to joining, contact Jonathan re the on-line group (hirsuteshepherd1@yahoo.com) or Caroline regarding the other (c.currer@btinternet.com). This autumn, both groups are following the 'Being With' course, written by Sam Wells of St Martin in the Fields, but there will be a new course after Christmas, when new members will be very welcome.

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market takes place on **12th October 2024 and 9th November** from 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. 15th October. Meal at the Whyte Harte, 7.30pm, **19th November 2024.** 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 **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.

Stewardship Week Begins - Sunday 20th October 2024 - Join us for a week of reflection and giving back, with events like a fellowship meal, volunteer fair, and financial workshop. It all leads to Stewardship Sunday on **27th October 2024**, with a 9:45 am service and the chance to pledge your support for the year. Volunteers needed - please speak to the Vicar. Let's celebrate our blessings and commit to giving back!

Support the Poppy Appeal and the Royal British Legion - All types of poppies available **Friday 25th & Saturday 26th October, between 10.15am - 12.15pm & 1st & 2nd November 10.15am - 12.15pm.** In the Foyer of the Queens Hall. Please also consider joining the Cuckfield Branch of the Royal British Legion which we are hoping to relaunch and refresh, it is only £20.00 a year and can be done online at <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/things-to-do/membership/become-a-member>, and tick the Cuckfield Branch option.

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**. Our choir will be joined by the New Sussex Singers with accompaniment by a string quintet. This will be a moving tribute to those we have loved but see no longer.

Remembrance Sunday, 10th November 2024, No 8.00 am service. 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 12th 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.

Christmas Tree Festival - Although it is only the first week of October, plans are already well advanced for this year's Christmas Tree Festival ! It will take place over the three days **Friday 6th to Sunday 8th December 2024**. Needless to say, it will require the enormous army of volunteers that so dependably turn out each year to make it one of the most successful village events. If you are in Church this Sunday you will be handed a volunteer form which we hope you will take away to complete if you are available over that weekend. Completed forms can then be returned next week or dropped into the Church Office if you are passing.

Advance notice of our Christmas plans (some dates TBC)... Sunday, 1st December, 6:00 pm, Candlelit Advent Carol Service; Wednesdays, 4th, 11th & 18th December, 9:00 pm, Sung Compline for Advent; Sunday, 8th December, 9:45 am, Worship for All-Toy Service; Sunday, 8th December, 6:00 pm, Community Christmas Tree Carols; Sunday, 22nd December, 6:00 pm, Candlelit Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols; Christmas Eve, 24th December Crib Service at 2:30 pm & 4:00 pm; Christmas Eve, 24th December, 11.15 pm Midnight Mass; Christmas Day, 25th December, 9:45 am Worship for All-Christmas Eucharist; Monday, 6th January 2025, 7:00 pm Epiphany Choral Eucharist. **O Come Let Us Adore Him!**

Prayers...

Those to be married.

At Holy Trinity, Cuckfield.

At St Mary, Bolney

Those in immediate need.

Becky Parker, James Watson, Mark Herring, Ralph Colbran, Philip Richings, Wendy Barnsdall

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.

Pam Sagar

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 13th Marjorie Smith, Oliver Binns 1995, Daisy Kathleen Rhodes 2001, Monica Harvey 2001, Janet Margaret Windmill 2003, Richard Thomas Sharp 2011, Eileen Mary Weir 2011, Cheryl Clarke 2023, 14th Margaret Prebble, Mabel Shakespeare, John Edward Penny 2007, 15th Len Beard, Margo Dixon 2004, Gilbert Stewart Ritchie Went, 2011, 17th Francis Woods 1995, 18th Dorothy Wright 1998, Aldo Marsili 2004, Douglas Alec Claude Symes 2007, Gilbert Richard William Garrett 2010, Daphne Stella Harris 2020 Sheila Mary Chasser 2022, 19th David Wellum 2004, Anne Hazel Stevenage 2023.

Praying through the week...

Mon Oct 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 Crossways, that they may feel the comfort and presence of God.

Tue Oct 15th - We pray for our prisons, for all who are working to maintain safety and rehabilitation opportunities. We pray for inmates and their families, for all that they have lost and face losing in the future. We pray for a lessening of the pressures of overcrowding, for a greater commitment from government and Society to enable successful life beyond prison. We pray for all who work in prisons and for those who work to enable former prisoners find and maintain meaningful employment and adequate accommodation.

We pray locally for the people of Crouch Fields 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

Wed Oct 16th - On World Food Day we give thanks for all the food available to us. We pray that people around the world have greater access to diversity, nutrition, affordability and safety of foods, We pray for greater respect for good ethical food production, for less waste and enough food for all. We pray for all involved in the food industry and all who encourage us to appreciate the delight and joy in food preparation, in taste, appearance, smell and texture. We pray for the people of Crouchlands Farm, for their health and well-being, that they may feel drawn to acts of friendship and kindness this week.

Thu Oct 17th - On this International Day for the Eradication of Poverty we pray for greater understanding and dialogue between people living in poverty and the wider society. We pray for those trapped in extreme poverty often working long, gruelling hours in dangerous, unregulated conditions but still unable to earn enough income to adequately support themselves and their families. We pray for universal access to decent work and social protection as a means to uphold human dignity for all people, and to emphasize that decent work must empower people, provide fair wages and safe working conditions, and fundamentally recognize the inherent value and humanity of all workers. We pray for those even in our own wealthy country, in work but having to rely on food banks; for those struggling to pay rent and fuel bills; for those anxious about the extra expense of Winter. Locally we pray for the people of Cuckfield Baptist Church, that they may feel the comfort and presence of God.

Fri Oct 18th - We pray for all who work in our legal and justice system, and for fair access to legal aid. We pray for a lessening of the time it takes for cases to come to court - for the sake of victims, defendants and Justice. We pray for all who work in our courts. Locally we pray for the people of Cuckfield Cottage Homes, that they may feel the safety and generosity of a kind neighbourhood.

Sat Oct 19th - We give thanks for our gardens, parks and the green spaces of our villages and towns. We pray for all involved in their maintenance and upkeep. We pray that all are able to access and enjoy the benefits of such spaces. Locally we pray for all those involved with the Cuckfield Dramatic Society.

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