

Sunday 20th October
2024

21st Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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our worship!*



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Reflection - Stewardship Week Begins

As we begin this season of stewardship, the readings remind us that all we have comes from God. David's prayer in 1 Chronicles acknowledges that even our ability to give is a gift from God, calling us to humility and gratitude. In 2 Corinthians Paul urges us to give generously and cheerfully, knowing that God will bless and multiply our offerings, producing both material and spiritual abundance. Finally, in Matthew 6 Jesus reminds us to store up treasures in heaven, focusing on eternal things rather than earthly wealth. Our giving reflects where our true treasure lies: in God's kingdom.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sunday 20th October 2024 - Launch of stewardship week and civic service with reception of the new Mayor of Cuckfield.

1 Chronicles 29.10-14
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)	Readers 1	Alan Currer
Setting	Rizza	Readers 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)		
Communion	Christus Factus Est (Anerio)		
Cm Hymn	595 Be Thou My Vision (SLANE)		
	594 Be Still My Soul (FINLANDIA)		
Fn 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
Hymn	14 Eternal Light Shine in My Heart (HERONGATE)		
Responses	Ebdon		
Psalm	Psalm 104 V1-14		
Canticles	Third Service Philip Moore		
Anthem	Christus Factus Est (Anerio)		
Hymn	24 The Day Thou Gavest (ST CLEMENT)		
Fn Hymn	11 And Now the Suns Declining Rays (ST PETER)		

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

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First Reading

1 Chronicles 29.10-14

David's acknowledgment that all wealth and blessings come from God, reminding us of the source of everything we have and prompting gratitude and generosity.

Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said: 'Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name. 'But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill-offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 9.6-15

Paul encourages believers to give generously and cheerfully, reminding them of the abundant blessings God gives to those who are generous.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gospel

Matthew 6.19-21

Jesus teaches about storing up treasures in heaven and placing value on eternal things rather than material wealth

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

This Week....

21/10 Mon	11:30 am	Goldbridge Nursing Home Communion	
22/10 Tues	6.30 pm	Space for Grace	
23/10 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion* followed by coffee and cake	Eph 3.2-12, Luke 12.39-48
24/10 Thu	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Eph 3.14, Luke 12.49-53
	7.00 pm	Home Group	Online
	7.30 pm	Home Group (in person)	
25/10 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Eph 4.1-6, Luke 12.54-end

Next Sunday...**Last Sunday after Trinity**

Malachi 3:8-10

Stewardship Sunday

1 Peter 4:10-11

Luke 12:42-48

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader	Roger Edmonson
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist with Sunday's Cool *		
Pr Hymn	496 Long Ago You Taught Your People (HYFRYDOL)	Reader 1	Ian Walden
Setting	Rizza	Reader 2	Eileen Caple
Gr Hymn	781 Son of God Eternal Saviour (EVERTON)	Intercessions	James Sanders
Of Hymn	787 Take My Life (ST BEES)		
Anthem	Speak O Lord (Getty Townend)		
Cm Hymn	463 Soul Of My Saviour		
	724 Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep (BUCKLAND)		
Fm Hymn	704 Let All the World (LUCKINGTON)		

* 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.

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.

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market takes place on **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.

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.

Sunday's Cool Is Back! - 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.

Cuckfield & Bolney Men's Group Meeting, 19th November 2024. Skittles and Pizza at the Bull in Henfield. Please RSVP and let Clivesimmonds@btinternet.com know which events you'll attend.

Christmas Tree Festival 2024 - will take place over the three days Friday 6th to Sunday 8th of December and, as ever, we are totally dependent on volunteers to help us to make it one of the most successful annual village events. Volunteer forms will be available in Church this weekend which we hope you will take away to complete. Completed forms can then be returned next week or dropped into the Church Office. Forms can also be downloaded from the CTF website cuckfieldctf.org.uk and instructions on how to submit appear at the bottom of the form. We do hope that you will feel able to help

Advance notice of our Christmas plans (some dates TBC)... Sunday, 1st December, 6:00 pm, Candlelit Advent Carol Service; Wednesdays, 4th, 11th (at Bolney) & 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 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, Betty Williams

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 20th Christine Shah, John Cox, Alice Pearce 2001, Carin Margareta Kent 2006, Margaret (Peggy) Ellen Norris 2019, 21st Ethel Shepherd, 22nd Dorothy Voller 1998, Hilda Hall, Robert Ellett 2000, Kenneth Raw 2002, Patricia Margaret Anne Garman 2019, Aileen Brice 2022, 23rd Bill Pinnell 1993, Pamela Joy Edgerton 2010, 24th Grace Thunder, Lucy Travers 1998, Vivian Griffin 2001, Cathie Lang 2004, Anthony Gordon Flight 2005, Violet Jones 2015, 25th Jim Burtenshaw, Margaret Anne Simmonds 2013, Alfred Amer 2000, Kenneth James Mowbray Walder 2013, Amalia Guest 2017.

Praying through the week...

Mon Oct 21st - We pray for all involved in medical and health work: for those trying to ensure proper funding and resourcing for the NHS: for doctors, nurses, pharmacists and therapists in hospitals, clinics and community: for all involved in the cleaning and maintaining of clinical buildings: for all involved in research and administration needed to ensure good working systems. Locally we pray for Cuckfield Playgroup, all parents and baby groups, that they may sense the beauty and bounty of God's creation.

Tue Oct 22nd - We pray for all who are ill, all who are suffering from long-term chronic conditions, all managing pain or discomfort, diminishing mobility or clarity of mind. We pray for those waiting a long time for much needed surgery. We pray for the people of Cuckfield Road, their families and friends, that they may feel part of a community of kindness and friendship.

Wed Oct 23rd - We pray for those who have been subjected to ridicule, bullying, to contempt and abuse, to words and actions of hate. We pray that we learn not to take out our feelings of anger, fear or frustration on others, but to find safe and fair ways of expressing and managing them. We pray locally for the people of Deak's Lane, that they may feel the security and dignity of a warm, inclusive community.

Thu Oct 24th - On this United Nations Day we give thanks for this global organization giving hope to so many people for a better world. We pray for its work in tackling the global crises we face today such as the climate crisis and mass migration, poverty and hunger; we pray for its work in its sustainable development goals including those of good health and well-being, Quality Education, Gender Equality, Clean water and sanitation and Affordable and Clean energy. We pray locally for the people of Deak's Paddock, that they may feel heard, hopeful and valued.

Fri Oct 25th - In this disarmament Week (21st-28th) we recognise that heightened tensions and dangers are better resolved through serious political dialogue and negotiation—not by more arms. We pray for all working for peace, diplomacy and justice. Locally we pray for the people of Earwig Lane, that they may experience the warmth and security of a welcoming and inclusive neighbourhood.

Sat Oct 26th - 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. Locally we pray for the people of Farr Close, that they may find the support, joy and strength they need in their lives.

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