

Sunday 27th October
2024
**Stewardship
Sunday**

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to
our worship!*



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Reflection

On Stewardship Sunday, the readings call us to reflect on generosity, service, and responsibility. In Malachi, God challenges us. "You are robbing me" by withholding tithes and offerings. We are reminded that all we have comes from God, and giving is an act of faith that opens us to His blessings. In 1 Peter, we are called to be "good stewards of God's grace", using our gifts to serve others and glorify God. Stewardship is not just about material resources but how we live and serve daily. In Luke, Jesus teaches that much is required of those entrusted with much. Like the faithful servant, we are called to be vigilant, using what God has given us wisely and diligently. Stewardship is about faithfully using all that God has entrusted to us—time, talents, and treasures—for His glory and the good of His kingdom.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Gracious God, Source of all we have and all we are,
Grant us hearts of gratitude and faithfulness. Teach us
to be wise and generous stewards of the gifts you have
entrusted to us - Our time, talents, and treasures.
May we serve you with joy, sharing your abundance
with others, that your kingdom may flourish on earth.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and
forever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of this
holy meal and for your boundless grace.
As we go from this table, help us to be faithful
stewards of all you have given, sharing
generously and serving with humble hearts.
May our lives reflect your love as we work to
build your kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

**Sunday 27th October 2024 - Last Sunday after Trinity, Stewardship
Sunday.**

Malachi 3.8-10
1 Peter 4.10-11
Luke 12.42-48

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion (BCP) | Reader | Roger Edmonson Eileen Caple |
| 9.45 am | Parish Eucharist* | | |
| Pr Hymn | 496 Long Ago You Taught Your People (HYFRYDOL) | Readers 1 | Ian Walden |
| Setting | Rizza | Readers 2 | Paul Goldfinch |
| Gr Hymn | 781 Son of God Eternal Saviour (EVERTON) | Intercessions | Mark Parker |
| Of Hymn | 787 Take My Life (ST BEES) | | |
| Communion | Speak O Lord (Getty Townend) | | |
| Cm Hymn | 462 Soul Of My Saviour | | |
| | 724 Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep (BUCKLAND) | | |
| Fn Hymn | 704 Let All the World (LUCKINGTON) | | |

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

First Reading

The Coming Messenger

Malachi 3.8-10

Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, 'How are we robbing you?' In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.

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Second Reading

1 Peter 4.10-11

Good Stewards of God's Grace

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

Luke 12.42-48

The Faithful or the Unfaithful Slave

'And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

This Week....

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| 30/10 Wed | 10.30 am | Holy Communion* followed by coffee and cake | Eph 6.1-9, Luke 13.22-30 |
| 31/10 Thu | 9.00 am | Iona /Celtic Communion | Eph 6.10-20, Luke 13.31-end |
| | 7.00 pm | Home Group | Online |
| 01/11 Fri | 11.00 am | BCP Communion | Philippians 1.1-11, Luke 14.1-6 |
| | 1.00 pm | Lunchtime Concert | |
| | 7.30 pm | Choir Practice | |
| 02/11 Sat | 9.30 am | Charity Coat Collection | |
| | 10.00 am | Choir Practice Fauré and Remembrance | |

Next Sunday...

Sunday 3rd November - All Saints' Day

Isaiah 25.6-9; Revelation 21.1-6a;
John 11.32-44

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| 8.00 am | Holy Communion (CW) | Reader | Anthony Vander Willigen |
| 9.45 am | Parish Eucharist * | | |
| Pr Hymn | 296 For all the saints (omit vv.6 & 7) (SINE NOMINE) | Reader 1 | Robyn Brotherton |
| Setting | Rizza | Reader 2 | Mark Parker |
| Gr Hymn | 823 Who would true valour see (MONK'S GATE) | Intercessions | James Sanders |
| Of Hymn | 826 Ye Holy Angels Bright (DARWALL) | | |
| Anthem | In Paradisum (Fauré) | | |
| Cm Hymn | 299 Give us the wings of faith to rise (SONG 67) | | |
| | 602 Blest Are the Pure in Heart (FRANCONIA) | | |
| Fn Hymn | 310 Thanks be to God (LOBE DEN HERREN) | | |
| 11.15 am | Family Worship | | |
| 6.00 pm | Commemoration of the Faithful Departed with Fauré Requiem (followed by refreshments) | | |

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

Notices and Parish News...

Welcome - This morning we welcome as guest accompanist Claire Thomas who will be leading the music at the Parish Eucharist at 9.45 from the piano. Claire, you are very welcome!

Help Us Build Our Social Media Presence! - We're working hard to enhance our social media, and we need your support. If you're on Facebook, visit the Holy Trinity Cuckfield page. You'll find church services and events—please don't just like them, share them! This helps spread the word about our church. You can also RSVP to events and invite others. If you have any content, like photos or updates, send them to claire@juniperbloom.co.uk (Claire is assisting Fr Daniel with Social Media Marketing). Or, consider becoming a Facebook administrator yourself to help us further. You could also follow Fr. Daniel on Twitter: @CuckfieldCleric!

Half Term Pumpkin of Light Trail, Tues 29th October - Sunday 3rd Nov Have fun with your children/grandchildren finding the pumpkins hidden around the churchyard behind our church. Collect the letters on the back to unscramble a message and collect a little prize from the back of the church. Pick up a trail sheet from the church porch or on the church website, www.https://holytrinitycuckfield.org/ Pumpkins will be lit from 6 - 7.30pm Tuesday to Saturday, if you fancy doing the trail in the dark!

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 on **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.

Winter coat and jumper collection Sat 2nd November 9.30 - 11.30am - It's getting colder and there are a lot of refugees and homeless people in Crawley in desperate need of winter clothing. Please bring any coats or jumpers (in good condition please) to church on Sat 2nd Nov. You can also leave items in the tower in the marked box from Sun 3rd to Saturday 9th. All sizes needed. children (all ages), men, women. Hats, scarves, gloves and socks are also needed and can be donated. Thank you very much.

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: 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 (Tickets available from the Church Website); 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, 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, Julia Graham

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 27th Reginald Arthur Homes 2021, 28th James Jourdain 1997, Theodore Wynne 2017, 29th Vera Watts, Christopher John Patrick Smith 2020, 30th Linda Ann Kruse 2006, 31st Justine Mullins 2021, 1st November John Temple, 2nd Charles Cadman, Priscilla 'Daisy' Bennett 2011, Joyce Donoghue 2018, Dorothy Barbara Wiseman 2020

Praying through the week...

Mon Oct 28th - We pray for all those who, through the Arts inspire, teach, challenge and enthral us. We pray locally for the people of Foxhole Lane, that they may see something of God's love in their lives and in their community.

Tue Oct 29th - On this International Day of Care and Support we recognise how crucial such work is, whether paid or unpaid. Growing populations, ageing societies, changing families, women's secondary status in labour markets and shortcomings in social policies demand urgent action on the organization of care work from governments, employers, trade unions and individual citizens. If not adequately addressed, current deficits in care service provision and its quality will create a severe and unsustainable global care crisis and increase gender inequalities at work. We pray for all involved in care work. direct, personal and relational care activities, such as feeding a baby or nursing an ill partner; and indirect care activities, such as cooking and cleaning. We pray for those who feel undervalued or underpaid. We pray for a world that values all care workers. We pray for the people of Glebe Road, that they may be conscious of beauty and hope amidst those feelings of hopelessness and sadness.

Wed Oct 30th - We pray for all the businesses and shops in Cuckfield and surrounding areas; for those who work in them, for those who use them. We pray for a thriving area, proud of so much that is good in our community. We pray for all who feel they have no investment in their local community and no part to play in their upkeep. Locally we pray for the people of Goreside Lane, that they may experience love and beauty in their lives.

Thu Oct 31st - On World Cities Day we pray for those who live in cities around the world. We pray for those working to plan and make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. We give thanks for the cultural and artistic opportunities in cities, for all that is beneficial to our communities, to the health and well-being of our citizens. Locally we pray for the people of Hanlye Lane

Fri Nov 1st - On All Saints' Day we pray for all who treat others with dignity and respect, who bring out the best in others, whose kindness, patience and willingness to listen reflect the love of God, whose courage to stand up to injustice and whose desire to serve reflect a seeking after God's Kingdom. Locally we pray particularly for the people of Harvest Hill, that they may feel the joy of belonging and being valued.

Sat Nov 2nd - Looking towards All Souls Day, we remember all we have known and loved and see no more; members of our family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, people we've admired and friends from our own church community. We pray for all who are grieving, wherever they are in the world, that they may feel the presence of God and receive God's comfort and strength. Locally we pray for the people of Hatchgate Close, for a neighbourhood of understanding, hospitality and care.

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