

Sunday 6 October
2024
**19th Sunday
after Trinity**

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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our worship!*



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Weekly Reflection...

Divorce is a political topic for the Pharisees who are divided in their responses to it. They try to trap Jesus by seeking his wisdom, hoping he might defy the Law of Moses. But Jesus points beyond Moses to God's original intention in Genesis, re-centring the discussion on the faithful commitment of marriage. Then he focuses on the children who have gathered and blesses them. He indicates that the way to the Kingdom of God is through the ego-abandoning, innocent trust of a child.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader	Anthony Vander Willigen
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist*		
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 Currer
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)		
	358 Be Still for the Presence of the Lord (BE STILL)		
Fn Hymn	Final Hymn Tell Out My Soul (WOODLANDS)		
11.15 am	Pet Blessing Service		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong*		Josh 3. 7-End Matt.10.1-22 David Spear
Introit	Plainchant Proper	Reader	
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 homepage.

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First Reading

Gen 2.18-24

God makes a woman out of the man's rib

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Second Reading

Heb.1.1-4; 2.5-12

God has spoken by his Son, Jesus, who was made perfect through suffering

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

Gospel

Mark 10.2-16

A question about divorce; Jesus blesses little children

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This Week....

7/10 Mon	11.30 am	Goldbridge Care Home - Holy Communion	Goldbridge Church
8/10 Tues	6.30 pm	Space for Grace	
8/10 Tues	10.30 am	Holy Communion* followed by coffee and cake	Gal 2.1-2, Luke 11.1-4
9/10 Thu	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Gal 3.1-5; Luke 11.5-13
9/10 Wed	6.00 pm	Church leadership & staff meeting is CANCELLED	Cancelled
	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 (c.curren@btinternet.com))	
10/10 Thu	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	Gal 3.7-14; Luke 11.15-26
11/10 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	
	6.00 pm	Treble Choir	Old School/Church
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church
12/10 Sat	9.30 am	Cuckfield Local Farmers Market	

Next Sunday...

Sunday 13th October - 20th Sunday after Trinity

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	TBC (Families Team) Ian Walden
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)		
Anthem	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

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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 - are a great way to explore and grow your faith. From 19th 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.

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market on **12th 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. 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!

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.

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. Yes ! It has started ! THANK YOU. The Christmas Tree Festival Planning Group

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. 6th Vera Philipson 1997, Douglas Owens 1987, Leslie King 2001, Brian Peake 2001; 7th Winifred Seldon, Evelyn Mary Stead 2005, Yvonne McMillar 2007; 8th Hilda Evans 2006, Derek Ball 2017; 9th Bill Spear, John Bellenger, Sandy Gallagher 2023; 10th Christina Vivienne Cawton 2005, Florence Mary Augusta McDonald 2006, Roy Francis Laver 2006, Derek Ball; 11th Audrey Florence Cowen 2001, Glydwr Goldfinch 2015.

Praying through the week...

Mon Oct 7th - On World Habitat Day, we lament the loss of habitat for so many creatures and plants over the ages. We pray that we may work to maintain and respect the earth and all its inhabitants. We give thanks for all who work and campaign for all God's creation. We pray for those peoples too, driven from their land and ways of life by large companies, motivated more by greed and profit, than a respect for indigenous peoples.

Locally we remember the people of Copyhold Lane and pray for their safety, health and well-being.

Tue Oct 8th - Looking back to World Cotton Day (7th) we pray for all involved in the production, creation, distribution and trade of cotton fabrics and indeed of all fabrics. We pray for those involved in advertising and the fashion industry. We pray for good ethical, sustainable, fair trade, with factories and companies upholding principles of safety, good working conditions and fair remuneration for all workers. Locally we pray for the people of Courtmead Road, giving thanks for the ways in which they enrich the lives of the local community.

Wed Oct 9th - On World Post Day, we remember and give thanks for all who work in this industry. As we remember our own terrible post office scandal, we pray for all who have been affected by deceit, mistakes, cover-ups, failings of management, government and technology. We pray that we learn to hold people and companies to account far better than we have done. We pray that those who have been treated badly in the work force may come to see justice and some recompense for the ways in which they have been treated. Locally, we pray for staff and pupils at Courtmeadow School, that they may have peace and joy in their hearts.

Thu Oct 10th - On World Mental Health Day we pray for greater awareness of mental health issues around the world and more concerted effort to make mental health care a reality for people across the world. We pray for those within our families, friendships, colleagues and communities, struggling with mental health difficulties; we pray for all involved in the care and treatment of those living with mental ill health. We give thanks for all who live in Cowfold Road, and pray that they may be conscious of the love and beauty around them.

Fri Oct 11th - On this International Day of the Girl Child we remember that Today's generation of girls is disproportionately affected by global crises of climate, conflict, poverty and pushback on hard won gains for human rights and gender equality. Too many girls are still denied their rights, restricting their choices and limiting their futures. We pray for girls around the world, unable to speak out, access education, look toward a future of choice of independence, fulfilling career, of adequate health and safe maternity care. Locally we pray for all those involved with Cuckfield Cricket Club, that they may have a sense of being cherished, and that they too may feel able to be loving towards others this day.

Sat Oct 12th - On World Migratory Bird Day we give thanks for the world's bird population, recognising the many difficulties they face, the joy, beauty, music and delight they bring to the world. We pray for greater protection of birds, insects, their habitats amidst the ongoing climate crisis and farming methods that compromise their habitats. We pray for all individuals and organisations seeking to protect birds and their habitats. We pray locally for the people of Cross Colwood Lane, that they may feel the richness of a community of respect, care and inclusivity.

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