

Sunday 1st December 2024

1st
**Sunday of
Advent**

**Holy Trinity
Cuckfield**
*You are very welcome
to our worship!*



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Reflection

We begin a new church year which focuses on Luke's Gospel. In Luke's apocalyptic vision, we are encouraged to stand up, raise our heads and look for the signs of God's kingdom breaking into the turmoil of our world. We are called to stand in hope, watching and waiting both for the birth of Jesus at Christmas and for the Lord to come again in glory. Christ's disciples are to be steadfast and faithful come what may, holding fast to the words of Jesus, the Word who remains when all else fails.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sunday 1st December - 1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33.14-16
1 Thessalonians 3.9-end
Luke 21.25-36

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Readers	Anthony Vander Willigen
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist *	Reader 1	Alan Curren
Pr Hymn	30 Come thou Long expected Jesus (CROSS OF JESUS)	Reader 2	Paul Goldfinch
Setting	Shephard: Addington Service	Intercessions	James Sanders
Gr Hymn	33 Creator of the Stars (CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM)		
Of Hymn	38 Hark a thrilling voice (MERTON)		
Anthem	Adam lay ybounden (Peter Warlock)		
Cm Hymn	47 People look East (BESANÇON)		
Fn Hymn	54 Wake O wake (WACHET AUF)		
11.15 am	Family Praise		
6.00 pm	Candlelit Advent Carol Service* <i>see below</i>		

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6.00 pm	Candlelit Advent Carol Service* Matin Responsory; O come, O come Emmanuel; This is the truth sent from above; Adam lay ybounden; Hills of the North, rejoice; Coventry Carol; There is no rose; Es ist ein Ros entsprungen; On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry; Drop Down Ye Heavens, From Above; Vesper Responsory; Ave Maria; Lo, he comes with clouds descending.	Readers	Mabel Parker Ben Halsey Wendy Bloomer Carolyn Ponder David Spear Clive Simmonds The Vicar
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* Also live streamed on zoom - click the blue button on the church homepage

First Reading Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming when the righteous branch will spring up for David

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

Paul prays for the Thessalonians, that they may be blameless at the coming of Christ

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel Luke 21.25-36

The coming of the Son of Man in a cloud with great glory

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This Week....

03/12 Tues	6.00 pm	Treble Choir Practice	Church
	7.30 pm	Parish Choir Practice	Church
04/12 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 25.6-10a
		followed by coffee and cake	Matthew 15.29-37
	9.00 pm	Candlelit Sung Compline for Advent	Old School
05/12 Thu	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Isaiah 26.1-6
			Matthew 7.21,24-27
	6.00 pm	Christmas Tree Festival - Friends Preview	Church
	7.00 pm	Home Group	Online
	7.30 pm	Home Group (in person)	
06/12 Fri	11.30 am	Christmas Tree Festival	Church
07/12 Sat	11.30 am	Christmas Tree Festival	Church
	7.45 pm	Rock Choir Concert	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 8th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3.1-4
Philippians 1.3-11
Luke 3.1-11
Charles Solomon

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Readers

9.45 am Worship for All: Toy Service *

Readers and
intercessors

Children & Families
Team

Pr Hymn Light of the World (Here I Am to Worship) AHO&N
441

Setting **Gloria:** My Jesus, my Saviour- Shout to the Lord
A&M 732

Sanctus, Acclamations, Agnus: Verses from
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! (NICAEA)
A&M 276

Gr Hymn Long ago prophets knew A&M 75

Of Hymn Blest Are You Lord God Of All Creation
LHO&N 175

Cm Hymn Of the Father's Love Begotten" LHO&N 508

Fn Hymn This little light of mine AHO&N 762

11.30 am Christmas Tree Festival

**6.00 pm Inspiring Angels & Evergreens - Community
Carol Service ***

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Notices and Parish News...

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!

Samara's Aid Appeal - Thank you for your generous contributions to support Samara's Aid Appeal. We are thrilled to share that the total gifts amounted to £438. This wonderful sum will go a long way in aiding the vital work of the charity. As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Samara's Aid Appeal, your support highlights the spirit of compassion and community that makes milestones like this so meaningful.

Christmas Tree Festival 2024 - The Rock Choir will once again return to play a concert at the Christmas Tree Festival on **Saturday 7th December at 7.45pm**. Tickets are limited and are on sale via [TicketSource](#). They are priced at £8.50 and there is no booking fee to pay.

Holy Trinity Bell Tower - If you have never visited our ringing chamber and would like to take a look during the Christmas Tree Festival, there are a limited number of spaces available for Friday afternoon/evening, 6th December at the following times: 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, and 7:15. There will be a maximum of 15 people per tour meaning that there are only 60 places available and they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. The tour will last 20 minutes and there are 38 spiral and narrow steps to ascend to reach the tower. Accompanied children must be 5 years old or over. Advance ticketing ONLY is available for this event. Please indicate your party size and preferred time when Emailing your request to cuckfieldctf@gmail.com

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market takes place on **Saturday 14th December 2024** 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.

Friends Christmas Evening at Cuckfield Park - Saturday 14th December 2024

Eloise Irving, the Soprano and Harpist will be entertaining us during the evening. As many of you will know Eloise was brought up in Cuckfield and attended Holy Trinity Church so it is wonderful and a privilege to welcome her back home. The evening will start at 7pm with champagne, wine and canapés, prior to the concert. Tickets for this event are limited and, at £50 each, are the same price as last year. Tickets on sale now via TicketSource www.ticketsource.co.uk/friendsofholyltrinitycuckfield

Christmas table decoration demonstration Wednesday 11th Dec 12 -1pm in church_Come and learn how to make 3 beautiful decorations for your Christmas table with Belinda Campopiano of Chez Fleur. Once inspired, you will have the opportunity to order the necessary materials for your own Christmas table decoration. Please book through ChurchSuite calendar

Sunday's Cool- 15th December. 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.

Prayers...

Those in immediate need.

Becky Parker, James Watson, Mark Herring, Ralph Colbran

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, Rosemary Pardey, Janet Card, Keith Card, Tina Owens

The recently departed and those who mourn.

Ruth Baker

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. December 1st, Angela Fox 1999, Margaret Walker 2023, 2nd Jack Upton, Nigel Lloyd 2003, Ronald (Joe) Hayes Nye 2011, Paul Robert Somers 2021, 3rd Peter Bravo, Dr. Christine Ashley Bratt 2013, 4th Susan Jones, Jack Vass 1995, 5th Athalie Nye 1995, Joan Pyle, Leonora Mcguire 1997, 6th Lady Marie Violet Pamela Loder 2005, Winifred Wiseman 2009, 7th George Smith 1995, Frank John James 2003, Jean Notrums 2019, David Clarke 2020.

Praying through the week...

Mon Dec 2nd - Loving God, as we begin Advent, we pray for all who will visit Holy Trinity, Cuckfield. May they find blessing, peace, and joy in this sacred space. Prepare our hearts for Christmas, filling us with hope and love, so we may share your light with others in this holy season. Locally we pray for members of the Parish Council, for understanding, hospitality and care.

Tue Dec 3rd - Compassionate God, we pray for all in need during this season. Comfort the lonely, provide for the struggling, and bring peace to the weary. Inspire us to be your hands and heart, offering kindness and care to those around us, reflecting your love and generosity in this time of giving. We pray particularly for the members of the Cuckfield Society, that they may feel the joy of belonging and being valued.

Wed Dec 4th - We look towards 7th Dec and the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime. We pray for all peoples who have been victims of such past and current crimes. We pray for all involved in rebuilding communities and nations, riven apart through the actions and language of genocide. We pray locally for Mothers Union, that they may have a sense of the wonder and diversity of God's creation.

Thu Dec 5th - On Dec 7th we remember Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church and patron of learning. We pray for all who work in mediation between factions, who work to bring about reconciliation between people, communities and countries. We pray that we may see that which is of God in everyone. Locally we pray for the people of Mount Noddy, that they find the welcome and support of a caring neighbourhood.

Fri Dec 6th - We remember Nicholas of Myra, early Christian bishop of Greek descent (4th Century). He is the source of our tradition of Santa Claus, due to his legendary habit of secret gift-giving. Another legend has it that he saved the lives of three condemned criminals by stopping the hand of the executioner. We pray for all living under a death sentence; for those who fight for justice and mercy; for those living in countries, where persecution, imprisonment without trial, unfair laws and practice are enforced. We pray for organisations like Amnesty International and Freedom from Torture campaigning for justice and compassion. Locally we pray for the people of Mytten Bank, that they may sense God's presence with them, whatever they are facing.

Sat Dec 7th - For all who have helped to organise and prepare the Christmas Tree Festival; for all working throughout the week, moving furniture, ensuring safety, helping with entertainment and refreshment, cleaning up afterwards; for all who will attend the festival; we pray for a smooth, successful and enjoyable event. Locally we remember the people of Mytten Close and pray for their safety, health and well-being.

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