

Sunday 24th November
2024

Christ the King

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome
to our worship!*



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Reflection

The Feast of Christ the King invites reflection on the nature of kingship and the kind of leadership we choose to follow. In a world often marked by power struggles, corruption, and division, the figure of Christ presents a contrasting model of kingship. Jesus reigns not through force or coercion but through love, humility, and service to others. His kingdom is not of this world but embodies values of compassion, justice, and peace. Following Christ as King challenges us to look beyond worldly leaders and their often-self-serving agendas. It encourages us to embody Jesus's principles, such as love for our neighbours, care for the marginalised, and forgiveness. As we celebrate this feast, we are called to examine our lives and ask ourselves, 'What kind of king do I follow?'

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Daniel 7.9-10,13-14
Revelation 1.4b-8
Gospel John 18.33-37

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Readers	Roger Edmonston Eileen Caple
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist *	Reader 1	Colin Sewell- Rutter
Pr Hymn	769 Rejoice, the Lord is King (GOPSALL)	Reader 2	Joyce Sewell-Rutter
Setting	Rizza	Intercessions	Isobel Simmonds
Gr Hymn	669 I heard the voice of Jesus say (KINGSFOLD)		
Of Hymn	486 Christ Is the King, O Friends Rejoice (VULPIUS/GELOBT SEI GOTT)		
Anthem	O God the King of Glory Henry Purcell Soloist Charles Humphries		
Cm Hymn	794 The King of Love my shepherd is (DOMINUS REGIT ME)		
	AHON 146 Faithful Shepherd, Feed Me (PASTOR PASTORUM)		
Fn Hymn	223 All Hail the Power of Jesu's Name (MILES LANE)		

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First Reading

Daniel 7.9-10,13-14

Daniel's vision of the Son of Man

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Second Reading

Revelation 1.4b-8

John's greeting to the seven churches in Asia Minor; the Lord is coming with the clouds

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So, it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel

John 18.33-37

Pilate questions Jesus about his kingship and Jesus replies

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This Week....

25/11 Mon	6.00 pm	1 st Cuckfield Beavers visit	Church
	7.45pm	Old School Board Meeting	Old School
27/11 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Revelation 15.1-4
		followed by coffee and cake	Luke 21.12-19
	1.00pm	Funeral T/L Garry Diprose	Church
	7.00 pm	Holy Communion followed by 7.30 pm PCC	Church/Old School
28/11 Thu	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Revelation 18.1-2, 21-23; 19.1-3,9
	7.00 pm	Home Group	Luke 21.20-28
	7.30 pm	Home Group (in person)	Online
29/11 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Revelation 20.1-4,11-21.2
			Luke 21.29-33
	1.00pm	Lunchtime Concert	Church
	6.00 pm	Treble Choir Practice	Church
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	Church
30/11 Sat	8.30am	Advent Service of Light	Church
	10.00am	Parish Choir Rehearsal	Church
	2.00pm	Choir Ensemble Rehearsal	Church

Next Sunday...

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 - 1st Sunday of Advent *	Reader 1	Alan Currer
Pr Hymn	30 Come thou Long expected Jesus (CROSS OF JESUS)	Reader 2	Paul Goldfinch
Setting	Shepherd: 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 ye Bounden (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*	Readers	Mabel Parker Ben Halsey Wendy Bloomer Carolyn Ponder David Spear Clive Simmonds The Vicar
	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		

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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!

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 7:45**. Tickets are limited and are on sale via Ticket Source. They are priced at £8.50 and there is no booking fee to pay.

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

The recently departed and those who mourn.

Garry Diprose, Ruth Baker

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 24th John Ashley Talbot Guest 2020, John Douglas Smith 2021, Jill Doreen Froud Rockey 2022., 25th Ambrose Upton 1993, Christopher Collins 2001, Queenie Violet Searle 2006, Janet Bradbury 2018, 27th Marjorie Harrison, Lillian Carter 1994, David John Hansom 2013, 28th Roger Coleman 1996, Seonaid Mary Collins 2006, 29th Joseph Millband, Tom Dawson 2005, 30th Madge King 1995, Douglas Albert Roy Candfield 2002, Julie Sears 2003,

Praying through the week...

Mon Nov 25th - On this International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women we remember all who are fearful of walking through the streets at evening time, all who are trapped in abusive relationships, all who are undermined in the workplace because they are women. We pray for greater gender equality. We pray too for transwomen often subjected to abuse, often living in great fear. Locally we pray for the people of London Road, that they may experience the warmth and security of a welcoming and inclusive neighbourhood

Tue Nov 26th - In National Tree Week we give thanks for the part they play in keeping our air clean, combatting soil erosion, providing habitat for wildlife. We give thanks for our gardens, parks and the green spaces of our towns. We pray for all involved in the maintenance and upkeep of our national trees, gardens and parks. We pray that all can access and enjoy the benefits of such spaces. Locally we pray for the people of Long House Lane, that they may find the support, joy and strength they need in their lives.

Wed Nov 27th - We pray for all who are in prisons: for those serving sentences and all working to maintain some order and enable rehabilitation and restoration of dignity and sense of purpose. We pray locally for the people of Longacre Crescent, that they may feel heard, hopeful and valued.

Thu Nov 28th - We pray for all those who, through the Arts inspire, teach, challenge and enthrall us. We pray locally for the people of Magdalene Rise, that they may see something of God's love in their lives and in their community.

Fri Nov 29th - We pray for all living in areas of war and conflict around the world. We lament the ongoing, seemingly intransigent war in the Middle East, resulting from a long-complicated history, with so many atrocities and so much suffering on both sides. We pray for peace and justice there, in Ukraine and in Sudan too, now threatened with disease and famine after such a long time of civil war. We pray for refugees and asylum seekers often fleeing such conflicts, violence and threats to life. We pray for the people of Manor Drive, that they may be conscious of beauty and hope amidst those feelings of hopelessness and sadness.

Sat Nov 30th - On St Andrew's Day we remember the people of Scotland and rejoice in our United Kingdom. We give thanks for the many areas of great beauty in Scotland and her rich history and heritage. We pray for all parts of our island nation and for good, respectful relations between them. Locally we pray for the people of Mayfields, that they may experience love and beauty in their lives.

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