

Sunday 29th December 2024

1st

Sunday of Christmas

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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to our worship!*



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Reflection by The Rev'd Canon David Tickner

Luke 2:41–52 invites readers to marvel at the early signs of Jesus' identity while reflecting on their own journey of faith and discipleship. It tells the story of the boy Jesus at the temple. This passage is the only biblical account of Jesus' childhood between His infancy narratives and the beginning of His public ministry. Luke continues his theme of Jesus' identity and mission, showing that even at twelve years old, Jesus is conscious of His divine Sonship and focused on His Father's will. Jesus is presented in His progression toward religious maturity, as boys of that age were preparing for their Bar Mitzvah responsibilities. Jesus is portrayed as both a student and a teacher. His wisdom astonishes the temple leaders. Jesus' submission to His parents demonstrates His humility and respect for earthly authority. Jesus exemplifies perfect obedience to God while respecting human authority, reminding us to prioritise God's will while honouring earthly obligations. Christians are called to trust in Christ, even when His ways are difficult to understand.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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1 Samuel 2.18-20,26
Colossians 3.12-17
Luke 2.41-end

8.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

Reader Graham Johnson

9.45 am Parish Communion (said with hymns) *

Pr Hymn 32 Come, thou Redeemer (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)
Setting Addington
Gr Hymn 58 A Great and Mighty Wonder (ES IST EIN ROS)
Of Hymn 64 God rests ye merry gentlemen (GOD REST YOU)
Cm Hymn 83 See amid the winters snow (HUMILITY (OXFORD))
Fn Hymn 72 Joy to the world (ANTIOCH COMFORT)

Reader 1 Jane Coan
Reader 2 Eileen Caple
Intercessor Isobel Simmonds

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First Reading

1 Samuel 2.18-20,26

Samuel grows up in the presence of the Lord

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

Second Reading

Colossians 3.12-17

Clothe yourselves with compassion and love; sing

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel

Luke 2.41-end

Jesus, aged twelve, lingers in the temple with the rabbis

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

This Week....

03/01 Fri	1.00 pm	Lunchtime Concert	Church
	3.00 pm	Thanksgiving Service – Pam Sagar	Church

Next Sunday...**Sunday 5th January – 2nd Sunday of Christmas**Jeremiah 31.7-14 (*tbc*)

Ephesians .3-14

John 13:10-18

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader	Graham Johnson
9.45 am	Choral Eucharist *	Reader 1	Joyce Sewell-Rutter
Pr Hymn	78 O Come all ye faithful (ADESTE FIDELES) (omit v 3 & 7)	Reader 2	Colin Sewell-Rutter
Setting	Shephard - Addington Service	Intercessor	David Jamieson
Gr Hymn	87 Thou who wast rich (FRAGRANCE)		
Of Hymn	678 In Christ alone (TOWNSEND)		
Anthem	Instrumental Piano/Organ		
Cm Hymn	421 All for Jesus (ALL FOR JESUS)		
	430 Bread of Heaven (BREAD OF HEAVEN)		
Fn Hymn	72 Joy to the World, the Lord is Come (ANTIOCH)		
11.15 am	Family Praise (<i>tbc</i>)		
6.00 pm	Evensong (<i>tbc</i>)	Reader 1	Carolyn Ponder
		Reader 2	David Spear

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Notices and Parish News...

We will celebrate the **Epiphany** at a special Choral Holy Communion following the liturgy in the Book of Common Prayer on **Monday, 6th January 2025 at 7:00 pm**. The Holy Trinity Consort will lead us in a beautiful Mass Setting composed by the Tudor composer William Byrd. The service will mark the visit of the Magi and the manifestation of the Christ Child to the Gentiles. The service will be followed with fellowship, at the Talbot where we plan to have supper together. The pub needs numbers, so if you are planning on attending this beautiful service please will you let Jane Coan know janecoan10@gmail.com.

Contemporary Worship starting 12th January at 6.00 pm will be taking place on the first Sunday of every month.

The Ladies Group - is planning a post-Christmas meal at the Oak Barn, Burgess Hill on **Thursday 9th January** at 7pm. If you would like to attend please email marypape01@gmail.com and watch this space for more events happening soon.

Home Group – The online “home” group will start again on **Thursday 9th January**. If you would like to join us or just try it out you will be very welcome. We meet on Zoom on Thursdays at 7pm for one hour. Join using the blue button on the church website. We all have interesting and different thoughts about our faith, life, the world, the future. Homegroups provide an opportunity to ask questions, float ideas and to listen to one another. It’s a place for co-reflection where all views are welcomed and valued. At our first session we will focus on Epiphany. Thereafter the group chooses the focus for subsequent sessions. Contact person Jonathan Berry - hirsuteshepherd1@yahoo.com

New Arts & Crafts Group - Starting **Thursday, January 16th, 2-4 pm** in the church. We'll meet every **1st and 3rd Thursday** of the month (except during religious seasons like Lent). Bring your own supplies whether you love painting, knitting, or any creative hobby! Or just pop in for a chat, tea, and biscuits anytime between **2–4 pm. Everyone’s welcome!**

Prayer Partners - If you drew a name to pray for this year, don't forget to reveal your identity to the person, perhaps with a Christmas card. There will be an opportunity to draw a new name to pray for in the New Year.

The Holy Trinity Choir Needs You! - Love singing? Used to sing? Always wanted to try? No experience or auditions - just a sense of rhythm and a love for music. Join our friendly choir family, explore all kinds of music, and even learn a little about the science of singing. **Rehearsals: Fridays: 7:30–9:15 pm Availability on Sundays: 8:50–9:20 am** (before the 9:45 service) & opportunities to sing at weddings, funerals, and special services! **Contact Charles** at DOM@holytrinitycuckfield.org or chat with a choir member - you'll love it!

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market returns on **Saturday 8th February 2025 from 9.30-12.30** providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. Dates for 2025 are March 8th, April 12th, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th and December 13th 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.

Sunday’s Cool - Returns in 2025, 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.

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](https://twitter.com/CuckfieldCleric)!

Prayers...

Those in immediate need.

Becky Parker, 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.

Rosemary Mulcare, Barbara Ingram, John Ross, Debs Roff, Alfie Atkins, Joyce Fowle

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 29th Ann Carr 2016, Eileen Gerrish 2019, 30th Peter Burrowes, Kathleen Knight 1995, Margaret Eleanor Hall 2006, Matthew James Gallagher 2019, Gladys Constantine 2023, 31st John Fisher, Harry Grieve 1995, Rosemarie Cruse 1998, John Tomkins 1999, Alan Dennis Searle 2006, Anthony Harris 2015, Dennis Bennett 1999, Earnest Palmer 1999, Margaret Page 2000, Phyllis Ruth Bowring 2007, Florence Elsie Martin 2008, Darryl McIlvride 2016, John King Skeldon 2013, 1st January Amy Tutton, Jack Small, Ronald Joseph Lower 2014, Vivian Stevens 2017, 2nd Charles Armistead, Ronald Hayes (Joe) Nye 2012, 3rd Gladys Nash 1994, John Mullens 2002, Arthur Frederick Lee 2003, Clare Marie Roberts 2005, Colin Bugden 2014, Cecile Sadd ,2019, 4th Peter Grimwade (Priest) 2005

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