

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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to our worship!*



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## Reflection

Luke pinpoints the exact moment in history when prophecy returns to a world shaped by tyrannical rulers. John, crying out in the wilderness, is the last of the great prophets preparing the way of the Lord. Echoing both Isaiah's words and Mary's themes in the Magnificat, John tells us that with the coming of the Lord the high will be brought down, the low raised up and injustices made right. John calls the people to repent because salvation is coming for all. They, and we, are to get ready to meet the Lord.

## Worship this Sunday...

### Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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Malachi 3.1- 4; Philippians 1.3 -11  
Luke 3.1 -11

8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>	Readers	Charles Solomon
9.45 am	<b>Worship for All: Toy Service *</b>	Readers & Intercessors	Children & Families Team
Pr Hymn	Light of the World (Here I Am to Worship) AHO&N 441		Readings: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 & Mark 10:13-16
Setting	<b>Gloria:</b> My Jesus, my Saviour- Shout to the Lord A&M 732 <b>Sanctus, Acclamations, Agnus:</b> Verses from Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! (NICAEA) A&M 276 Long ago prophets knew A&M 75 Blest Are You Lord God Of All Creation LHO&N 175		
Gr Hymn Of Hymn	Of the Father's Love Begotten" LHO&N 508		
Cm Hymn	This little light of mine AHO&N 762		
11.30 am	<b>Christmas Tree Festival</b>		
6.00 pm	<b>Inspiring Angels &amp; Evergreens - Community Carol Service *</b>		

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**First Reading**

Malachi 3.1- 4

*The messenger is coming with refining fire: who can stand when he appears?*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

**Second Reading**

Philippians 1.3 -11

*Paul prays for the Philippians, that they may produce the harvest of righteousness that comes through Christ*

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**Gospel**

Luke 3.1 -11

*John the Baptist is the one crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord'*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.'

**This Week....**

11/12 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 40.25 - end
		followed by coffee and cake	Matthew 11.28 - end
	12.00 pm	Table Decoration Demonstration	Church
	6.00 pm	Singing Allsorts concert	Church
12/12 Thu	9.00 pm	Candlelit Sung Compline for Advent	St Mary Magdalene, Bolney
	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Isaiah 41.13-20
			Matthew 11.11-15
13/12 Fri	7.30 pm	Home Group (in person)	Isaiah 48.17-19
	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Matthew 11.16-19
	2.00 pm	Funeral T/L Ruth Baker	Church
	6.00 pm	Treble Choir	Church
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church
14/12 Sat	9.30 am	Farmers Market	Church
	7.00 pm	Friends Christmas Event	Cuckfield Park

## Next Sunday...

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

			Zephaniah 3.14-end Philippians 4.4-7 Luke 3.7-18
<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (CW)</b>	Readers	Graham Johnson
<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>Parish Communion with Sundays Cool *</b>	Reader 1	Mark Parker
Pr Hymn	45 O come O come, Emmanuel (VENI EMANUEL)	Reader 2	Ted Parker
Setting	Addington Service by Richard Shephard	Intercessor	Anthony Lawrence
Gr Hymn	742 O for a thousand tongues (RICHMOND)		
Of Hymn	39 Hills of the North (LITTLE CONARD)		
Anthem	How Beautiful are the Feet (Handel)		
Cm Hymn	594 Be still my soul (FINLADIA)		
Fn Hymn	327 Awake, Awake fling off the night (DEUS TUORUM MILITUM)		
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Said Evensong*</b>		Isaiah 35 Luke 1.57-66

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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](mailto: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!

**A Heartfelt Thank You for Solo Lunches-** On behalf of everyone who has attended Solo Lunches over the years. A heartfelt thank you to Alison Millford, for tirelessly organising these lunches, and to everyone who has contributed over the years—from the dedicated car drivers and helpers to Sarah, who provided desserts for so many years. Your efforts have made a tremendous difference to the Cuckfield community. Watch this space for detail of our new lunch club “Lunch “n” Linger” which will be starting at the end of January.

**Christmas table decoration demonstration Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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

**Cuckfield Local Market** - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market takes place on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friendsofholyltrinitycuckfield)

**Sunday's Cool- 15<sup>th</sup> December.** If you can help at any of those sessions, or our child wants to come along, please let Hilary know by emailing [inspirefm@holyltrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:inspirefm@holyltrinitycuckfield.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.*** 8<sup>th</sup> Eleanor Muriel Joyce Flux-Dundas 2005, Victor Cecil Newnham 2010, Honor Griffin, Ursula Moon, 2023, 9<sup>th</sup> Michael Batterbee 2017, James Platt 2018, Wendy Eva Boys 2021, Paul William John Dupee, 10<sup>th</sup> Gladys Evelyn Defrates 2003, Robert Tidmarsh 2017, 12<sup>th</sup> Edith Mary Read 2001, Brian Charles Shrod 2002, 13<sup>th</sup> Dora Horn 1995, Joan Margaret Sowter 2012, Susan Walder 2023, 14<sup>th</sup> Nicholas Martin, Patrick Michael Anscombe 2005

## Praying through the week...

**Mon Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** – We look back to 2<sup>nd</sup> December and the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery. We pray for all living still under the shadow of colonial slavery. We pray for all endeavouring to understand and resolve discussions and actions over the need and the possible means of reparation. We pray for all suffering from the current evil that is modern day slavery. Locally, we pray for the people of Newbury Lane, that they may have peace and joy in their hearts.

**Tue Dec 10<sup>th</sup>** - On Human Rights Day we remember the words of UN Secretary-General António Guterres "The Universal Declaration shows the way to common values and approaches that can help resolve tensions and create the security and stability our world craves." We pray for those who are denied basic human rights and all fighting to enable universal access to such. Locally we pray for Pains Flat giving thanks for the ways in which they enrich the lives of the local community.

**Wed Dec 11<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for all involved in health and medicine, all working to ensure universal and affordable access to good quality health care and medical services across the world. Locally we pray for the people of Ockenden Lane, that they may have a sense of being cherished, and that they too may feel able to be loving towards others this day.

**Thu Dec 12<sup>th</sup>** – We remember Jane Frances de Chantal, founder of the visitation order (1572 – 1641). Her order welcomed women rejected by other orders because of poor health or age, in order to give everyone a chance to follow their calling. We pray for all who feel rejected or worthless; may we learn that the value of a person is not dependent on their looks, skills, gender, sexuality, experience or behaviour, but simply on the fact that they are a person, a child of God. We pray locally for the people of Old Park Close that they may feel the richness of a community of respect, care and inclusivity.

**Fri Dec 13<sup>th</sup>** – We pray for children in schools throughout Britain and elsewhere who will be involved in celebrations to mark Christmas; for all who are not able to attend school for whatever reason; for those who do not look forward to Christmas; for those who feel frightened, alone or unloved. May they experience some kindness and hope this Christmas. May we value the gift of giving. We give thanks for all who attend and work at Holy Trinity Primary School, Busy Bees Nursery and Cuckoos for a happy, inclusive, safe environment for all.

**Sat Dec 14<sup>th</sup>** – We look towards the Christmas parties we give thanks for the joy, security and welcome that is experienced by parents, carers and children and that we continue to support and offer assistance to these groups. We give thanks for those who enable the groups to take place, the Christmas story to be told, a visit from Santa, Christmas celebrations to be enjoyed and fun to be had. We pray locally for the people of Parkfield Way, that they may feel the comfort and presence of God.

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