

Sunday 12th January 2025

The Baptism of Christ

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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to our worship!*



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What happens when Jesus prays? At his baptism, we perceive the blessed Trinity: the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove, and the Father's voice responding to Jesus' prayer. Dialogue, attentiveness, communion. A fundamental truth of the Christian faith is that what is true of Jesus by nature is promised to his disciples through baptism: the Spirit rests on us, and the Father's voice can be heard: you are my children, you are my beloved, in you I am well pleased. That's what happens when we pray.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Isaiah 43.1-7
Acts 8.14-17
Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader	Charles Solomon
9.45 am	Worship for all *	Readers /	Children & Families
Pr Hymn	Come as you are (CROWDER)	Intercessor	Team
Setting	Gloria - 58 A Great and Mighty Wonder (ES IST EIN ROS) Sanctus/Benedictus/Agnus 358 Be still for the presence of the Lord (BE STILL)		
Gr Hymn	108 When Jesus came to Jordan (OFFERTORIUM)		
Of Hymn	455 My God, and is thy table spread (ROCKINGHAM)		
Anthem	HTC Ensemble		
Cm Hymn	800 The Lord's my shepherd (TOWNEND)		
	587 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound) (Omit v6)		
Fn Hymn	AHON 393 Jesus Love is Very Wonderful		

* Also live streamed on zoom - click the blue button on the church homepage

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First Reading

Isaiah 43.1-7

'I have redeemed you ... when you pass through the waters, I will be with you'

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Second Reading

Acts 8.14-17

The people of Samaria accept the word of God; Peter and John pray for the Holy Spirit to come upon them

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

John explains that he only baptizes with water - Jesus, who follows him, will baptize with the Spirit

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This Week...

Fr Daniel is away until 27th January 2025, please direct all queries to the Parish Administrator, Gina Parker.
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15/01 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion* followed by coffee and cake	Hebrews 2.14-end Mark 1.29-39
16/01 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Hebrews 3.7-14 Mark 1.40-end Church
	2.00 pm	Arts & Crafts Group	
	7.00 pm	Home Group (Online)	
	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
	7.30 pm	Deanery Celebration Service	All Saints' Church, Lindfield
17/01 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Hebrews 4.1-5 Mark 2.1-12
	6.00 pm	Treble Choir Practice	
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	

Next Sunday...

Sunday 19th January - 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 62.1-5
1 Corinthians 12.1-11
John 2.1-11
Reader Graham Johnson

8.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

9.45 am Parish Communion with Sundays Cool *

Pr Hymn	814 Thy hand, O God, has guided (THORNBURY)	Readers 1	Roger Edmonston
Setting	Shephard - Addington Service	Reader 2	James Sanders
Gr Hymn	602 Blest are the pure in heart (FRANCONIA)	Intercessors	Nicholas Rowe
Of Hymn	102 Jesus, come! (NEANDER)		
Anthem	Bethlehem Down Peter Warlock		
Cm Hymn	462 Soul of my saviour (ANIMA CHRISTI)		
	585 All I once held dear (KNOWING YOU)		
Fn Hymn	690 Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice (JESUS IS LORD)		

6.00 pm Sung Evensong

1 Samuel 3.1-20
Ephesians 4.1-16

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Notices and Parish News...

Cuckfield Deanery Service of Celebration with Bishop Ruth at All Saints', Lindfield on **Thursday 16th January at 7.30pm**. All are warmly invited to this celebration of the story of faith in our area to launch the Year of Faith 2025. Why not travel together with others from Cuckfield? Parking information: <https://www.allsaintslindfield.org/get-in-touch/find-us/>. The service will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=laJKaUOSdfg> or search for All Saints' Lindfield on YouTube

Sunday's Cool - Returns **19th January 2025**, 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. We really want to demonstrate how committed we are to children and young families in this parish.

The "online" home group continues **Thursday at 7.00pm**. 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.

The **"in-person" home group** re-starts on **Thursday, 16th January 2025**, meeting weekly in Cuckfield from 7.30pm to 9pm. Until the start of Lent in March, we will be looking at some of the words of the Communion service and discussing their origin and what they mean for us. Do contact Caroline (c.currer@btinternet.com) for further details if you would like to join us.'

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!**

The first **'Lunch "n" Linger'** our new monthly lunch club will start at **1.00 pm** in the Old School on **Thursday 28th January 2025**. The cost will be £6.50 per head (payable on the day). The menu for this month will be roast gammon or quorn fillet (vegan), cauliflower cheese, carrots, roast potatoes and gravy (which is vegan). Followed by homemade sticky toffee pudding with custard or fruit salad for dessert. There are only 40 places, and these will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. If you would like to attend please let Jane know preferably by email, confirming whether you would like the meat or vegetarian option. The food will be freshly prepared by the Kitchens at Warden Park Academy, pupils from the school will assist with serving and clearing. If you can assist with setting up and or with clearing/washing up, please let Jane know as well. Again, preferably by email janecoan10@gmail.com.

Save the Date! - **Coro Nuovo Concert in the church - 22nd March 2025, 6pm 'Handel by Candle'** - a Baroque programme of Handel, Bach and Vivaldi. The Coro Nuovo singers and orchestra will be joined by the Sussex Young Musician of 2024, Riya Hamre, an excellent young cellist. Tickets are available at <https://coronuovo.org.uk/handel-by-candle/>

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 **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@holyltrinitycuckfield.org.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.

Prayers...

Those in immediate need.

Becky Parker, Mark Herring, Ralph Colbran, Evelyn Stenning.

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, John Ross, Debs Roff, Alfie Atkins, Joyce Fowle

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 12th Judith Carol Seabrook 2007, 13th Robert Jameson, John Rhodes, Tom Pritchard, Samuel Alexander McCullough 1986, Elspeth Marshall 2004, Mary (Molly) Parry 2010, Katherine Elizabeth Allen Leask (Katie Stewart) 2013, Phyllis Chatfield 2017, Anthony Edward Leader Burbidge 2022, 14th Richard Janvrin, Leonard Starbuck, Dorothy Tuffin 2016, 15th Joan Woodhams, Roger Edwin Clyffe Broome 2012, 16th Frank Stirner 2015, Rita Camp 2017, 17th Jane Annells 2000, 18th Alan Graydon

Praying through the week...

Mon Jan 13th - We pray for our NHS, for health workers in hospitals, GP surgeries and in the community. We pray for a renewed commitment to sustaining our healthcare system and not allow it to deteriorate further. We pray for those who have had routine operations postponed because of backlog. We give thanks for the dedication and hard work of our health workers. We give thanks for all who live on Tower House Close that they may feel the benefit of a safe, caring, neighbourly community.

Tue Jan 14th - We pray for care and support workers, working in the community, care homes and hostels. We pray for the people they serve: the elderly, vulnerable, those living with addictions or mental health problems, or those unable to live independently. We pray locally for the people of Tyler's Green, that they may feel the comfort and presence of God.

Wed Jan 15th - We pray for prisoners and captives: for those held against their will, in coercive relationships, in modern day slavery, in forced marriages. We pray for those held in prisons, that they are enabled to find ways to break patterns of destructive behaviour and learn to look forward with hope. We pray for those imprisoned by addiction, poverty or debt, that they may find the support and help they need. Locally we pray for the people of Tyler's Green and for the ways in which they help to create a community that feels safe, confident and supportive.

Thu Jan 16th - We pray for our neighbours, for those we find friendly and easy to like and for those we struggle with. We pray for our colleagues, for those we spend our leisure time with and our teammates. We pray for our church family, that we support each other in our worship and work. We pray for all migrants, particularly refugees and asylum seekers seeking safety, welcome and an opportunity to work and be part of a community. We pray for the people of Tythe Barn, for their health and well-being, that they may feel drawn to acts of friendship and kindness this week.

Fri Jan 17th - We pray for those involved in the immigration service, that they may find ways to work with compassion and integrity, that they treat newly arrived immigrants with dignity and humanity, that they find the best way to work within a flawed system. We pray locally for Upton Drive may they sense the joy and richness of God's creation.

Sat Jan 18th - We pray for peace and justice across the world. We pray for those seeking hope and practising compassion, despite living amidst pain and destruction. Locally we pray for the people of Warden Court, that they may feel the safety and generosity of a kind neighbourhood.

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