

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

2<sup>nd</sup>

# Sunday of Christmas

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

*You are very welcome to our worship!*



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The mystery of the incarnation is simple and profound: he became what we are that we might become what he is. He shared in our humanity, that we might share in his divinity. The gift of faith unfolds in adoption: those who believe become children of God, in name and in fact. This is the 'Word' we need to hear and to which we are called to bear witness. It is the wisdom wrapped in swaddling clothes and sleeping in the food trough of gentle beasts. However deeply we drink of this wisdom, we never reach the bottom.

### Worship this Sunday...

#### Collect

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

#### Post Communion Prayer

All praise to you, almighty God and heavenly king, who sent your Son into the world to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin: grant that, as we are born again in him, so he may continually dwell in us and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven, now and for ever. **Amen**

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Jeremiah 31.7-14  
Ephesians 1.3-14  
John 1.10-18

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (CW)</b>	Reader	Graham Johnson
<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist *</b>	Reader 1	Ron Tillyer
Pr Hymn	78 O Come all ye faithful (ADESTE FIDELES) (omit v 3 & 7)	Reader 2	Christine Best
Setting	Shephard - Addington Service	Intercessor	David Jamieson
Gr Hymn	87 Thou who wast rich (FRAGRANCE)		
Of Hymn	678 In Christ alone (TOWNEND)		
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)		
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Family Praise</b>		

Please note that there is no Evensong

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**First Reading**

Jeremiah 31.7-14

*The remnant of Israel shall be saved*

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 1.3-14

*The spiritual blessing of adoption and redemption in Christ*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**Gospel**

John 1.10-18

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God ... and we have seen his glory*

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**This Week....**

06/01 Mon	7.00 pm	Choral Eucharist for Epiphany	Church
08/01 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion* followed by coffee and cake	1 John 4.7-10 Mark 6.34-44
09/01 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	1 John 4.11-18 Mark 6.45-52
	1.30 pm	Funeral T/L Barbara Ingram	Church
10/01 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	1 John 4.19-5.4 Luke 4.14-22
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	

## Next Sunday...

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January - The Baptism of Christ

			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 *		
Pr Hymn	Come as you are (CROWDER)	Readers/ Intercessors	Children & Families Team
Setting	<b>Gloria</b> - 58 A Great and Mighty Wonder (ES IST EIN ROS) <b>Sanctus/Benedictus/Agnus</b> 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		

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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, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7:00 pm**. The Holy Trinity Consort will lead us in a choral Eucharist. The service will mark the visit of the Magi and the manifestation of the Christ Child to the Gentiles. The service will be followed by supper. If you are planning on attending this beautiful service please will you let Jane Coan know [janecoan10@gmail.com](mailto:janecoan10@gmail.com).

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

**Home Group** - The online "home" group will start again on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January** and In Person will start again on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**New Arts & Crafts Group** - Starting **Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 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!**

**Save The Date** - Lunch "n" Linger.... Our new monthly lunch club will start at 1.00 pm in the Old School on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. More details will follow shortly.

**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 **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](mailto:DOM@holytrinitycuckfield.org)..you'll love it!

**Cuckfield Local Market** - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market returns on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025 from 9.30-12.30** providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. Dates for 2025 are March 8<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, September 13<sup>th</sup>, October 11<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup> 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 **19<sup>th</sup> 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@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto: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, 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, Barbara Ingram, John Ross, Debs Roff, Alfie Atkins, Joyce Fowle

***Those whose year's mind falls at this time.*** 6<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Hill, Noel Robert Scarborough 2004, Tessa Cathcart Lord 2006, David Saunders MBE 2015, 7<sup>th</sup> Ada Wright, William Hough 1999, Philip Titheradge, Cyril Pike 2002, Alan Hopper 2002, John Hurst Dronfield 2003, Gillian Loveday Norman 2014, 8<sup>th</sup> Minnie Constable, Leslie Dodge 1999 Valerie Norrish 2002, Harold Farrant 2014, Brian James Brown 2022, 9<sup>th</sup> Francis Gill 2005, Margaret Alice Elizabeth Blake 2008, Diana Iltyd Gage Cahill 2009, Norman David Roberts 2013, Audrey Blackburn 2019, 10<sup>th</sup> Neil Caplan, Ivar Stanley Hodges 2004, Kathleen Louise Taylor 2004, Mary Jenner 2010, 11<sup>th</sup> Walter Armstrong, Duane Alvord Rev.d 1999, Paul Richard Halsey 2019, Ann Scott 2023

## Praying through the week...

**Mon Jan 6<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for all who work in education. We pray for those children whose schooling has been disrupted by unjust and discriminatory laws, by conflict and by natural disaster. We pray for those for whom school is neither happy nor safe and those for whom school offers such important refuge. We pray for those teachers who inspire and encourage, those who offer hope and ways to overcome difficulties. Locally we pray for the people of The Dell, that they may sense God's presence with them, whatever they are facing.

**Tue Jan 7<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for the natural world. We give thanks for our green spaces, for the wild places of the world. We give thanks for our local parks, meadows and for all that they provide, in terms of habitat, beauty, education, health and wellbeing. We pray for all who work to maintain our green spaces, that we may value them fully and treat them with respect and care. Locally we remember the people of The Highlands and pray for their safety, health and well-being.

**Wed Jan 8<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for the people of Cuckfield and surrounding areas, for the council and local leaders. We pray for those involved in our transport systems and maintaining the roads. We pray locally for the people of The Knowle that they may feel the richness of a community of respect, care and inclusivity.

**Thu Jan 9<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for the businesses and shops in our parish, in Cuckfield and neighbouring areas generally. We give thanks for the ways in which they serve the community and ask that God guide those who manage and work in them. We pray that customers and our local community treat those who staff such businesses with respect and civility. We pray for those who have been treated with rudeness, unkindness or hostility. Locally, we pray for the people of The Street, that they may have peace and joy in their hearts.

**Fri Jan 10<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for all striving to mitigate the effects of climate change, for all those countries across the world suffering the worst effects of the climate crisis. We pray for the will and desire across the world to tackle the climate crisis globally and responsibly. Locally we pray for Tollgate Lane, giving thanks for the ways in which they enrich the lives of the local community.

**Sat Jan 11<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for those who travel by land, air or water. We pray for those affected by disruption to services, collapse of travel and tourist businesses, accidents. We pray for those who unable to travel to see loved ones or attend family gatherings because of travel, traffic or weather difficulties. We pray for those who rely on public transport for work and social connection. Locally we pray for the people of Top Street, that they may have a sense of being cherished, and that they too may feel able to be loving towards others this day.

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