

Sunday 23rd February 2025

2nd Sunday before Lent

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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to our worship!*



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Reflection

Luke 8.22-25 (CW): We call this story 'Jesus calms the storm', but that's only part of it. We could call it 'Jesus rebukes the storm but also rebukes his friends for not dealing with it themselves'. It's a tough story to hear. It reminds us that we do not know what we will face tomorrow, or how we will deal with it. But it also reminds us that, even if we exasperate God with the immaturity of our faith, he remains on our side

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and The earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end
Revelation 4
Luke 8.22-25

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader	Roger Edmonston
9.45 am	Holy Communion*		
Pr Hymn	227 Crown Him With Many Crowns (DAIDEMATA)	Readers 1	Evie Pinhey
Setting	Rizza	Reader 2	Ian Walden
Gr Hymn	781 Son of God Eternal Saviour (EVERTON)		
Of Hymn	623 Eternal Father, strong to save (MELITA) .		
Anthem	Sibelius: Be still my soul		
Cm Hymn	702 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us MANHEIM)		
	276 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! (NICAEA)		
Fn Hymn	704 Let All the World (LUCKINGTON)		

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

First Reading

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end

God creates Adam and Eve and places them in the Garden of Eden

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that he LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

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Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Second Reading

Revelation 4

The four living creatures sing 'Holy, holy, holy' around the throne of God

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

Gospel

Luke 8.22-25

Jesus calms the storm

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So, they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

This Week...

24/02 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
26/02 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Ecclesiasticus 4.11-19
		followed by coffee and cake	Mark 9.38-40
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting	
27/02 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Ecclesiasticus 5.1-8
			Mark 9.41-end
	12.30 pm	Lunch & Linger	Old School
	7.00 pm	Home Group (Online)	
28/02 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Ecclesiasticus 6.5-17
			Mark 10.1-12
	1.30 pm	Funeral T/L Antony Davis	Church
	7.00 pm	Reza/Rock School Fundraising Concert	Church
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Old School
1/03 Sat	7.00 pm	Reza/Rock School Fundraising Concert	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 2nd March - Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 34.29-35

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

Luke 9.28-36

8.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

Reader Anthony vander Willigen

9.45 am Parish Eucharist *

Reader 1 Robyn Brotherton

Reader 2 David Reed

Pr Hymn 595 Be thou my vision (SLANE)
Setting Addington
Gr Hymn 762 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
(BLAENWERN)
Of Hymn 358 Be still, for the presence of the Lord (BE STILL)
Anthem "Ave Verum Corpus" Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Cm Hymn 787 Take my life and let it be (NOTTINGHAM)
Fn Hymn 766 Praise my soul

11.15 am Family Praise

6.00 pm Said Evening Prayer (with hymns)

Exodus 3.1-6

John 12.27-36a

Hymn 10 Abide with me (EVENTIDE)
Responses Said
Psalm 89.1-18
Setting Said
Anthem -
Hymn 103 O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness (WAS
LEBET, WAS SCHWEBET)
Hymn 632 Fill thou my life (RICHMOND)

Readers Ben Halsey
Philippa Tillyer

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Notices and Parish News...

Confirmation or Admission to Communion - If you have a child in year 6, please let Fr Daniel know so that we can make arrangements for them to be admitted to communion. Similarly, if there are any members of the congregation who have not been confirmed, please speak to Fr Daniel also so that this can be explored.

Lunch "n" Linger will take place again at the Old School on **Thursday 27th February 2025**. We gather from 12.30, **lunch is served at 1.00 pm**. The feedback from the first club was excellent. The cost is £6.50 per head (payable on the day). The menu for this month is beef & onion pie (shortcrust pastry-base & top) or squash, lentil & almond wellington (contains nuts), carrots & peas, mashed potato followed by chocolate profiteroles or fruit Salad. 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 or email office@holyltrinitycuckfield.org confirming your menu choices. We need to confirm final numbers by the Monday before the lunch. The food is 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.

Ash Wednesday - 5th March 2025 - There will be a Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at Holy Trinity Cuckfield at 7.00 pm

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market returns on **Saturday 8th March 2025 from 9.30-12.30** providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. Dates for 2025 are 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.

Diocesan Lent Course - This year's Diocesan Lent Course is following the focus of the last two years on the Old and New Testaments, as we continue to reflect on the Mystery of Faith. We are invited this year to consider the Nicene Creed. This Creed unfolds for us the transforming Mysteries of Christ, because Christianity is not just about ideas but about lives transformed by God's revelation, each evening will consider the Creed's doctrines through the image of a particular person who lived that faith intensely. The course will be held **online** using the **Church Zoom Blue button** and will start at **7pm on Monday evenings following Ash Wednesday** for more information please contact Clive at clivesimmonds@btinternet.com

Deanery morning, to mark 1700 years since the Nicene Creed first emerged. Entitled: Uncovering the Nicene Creed, it's on **Saturday 15 March 2025 10am - 1pm, at Ascension Church, 110 Vale Road, Haywards Heath RH16 4JS**. The speaker will be Rev Canon Dr Earl Collins (Vicar of St John's Hove and Diocesan Continuing Ministerial Development Officer). All are welcome.

Coro Nuovo Concert- 22nd March 2025, 7pm '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. This concert has been organised by The Friends of Holy Trinity Church Cuckfield. To purchase tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/fohtcc
Sunday's Cool - March 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.

Prayers...

Those in immediate need:

Becky Parker, Mark Herring, Ralph Colbran, Evelyn Stenning, Tina Heath

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,

The recently departed and those who mourn:

Antony Davis, Serita Burrowes, Shonali Allemand, Tina Owens, Diana Walker

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 24th Heidi Simpson 2016, 25th Eric John McMillar 2003, Mogens Kier 2003, Auguste Roas Thompson 2006, Sheena Berkeley 2016, 26th Cyril Barton 1995, Michael Ditt 1993, 27th Trevor Norman Robbins 2012, 28th Alexander Gibson 1993, David Robert Collins 2009, 1st March Gordon Clack, Pamela Hamilton 1996, Gladys Temple 2001, Margaret Campion 2002, Patricia Gladys Mary Wills 2004, Harold Edward Stenning 2011, 2nd Helen Claire Knowles 2007, Gillian Fitt 2009

Praying through the week...

Mon Feb 24th - We remember Montanus, Lucius, Julius and companions, African martyrs (d. 259) As they endured suffering their unity as Christians was of primary importance. We pray for unity between Christians. We pray for a sense of love, accountability and responsibility within communities and between nations.

We pray for Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts and all local youth groups, that they may have a sense of the comfort and strength that comes from God.

Tue Feb 25th - We pray for all who are suffering, facing debilitating health conditions or mobility issues; for those frustrated by the difficulties of old age. We pray for all involved in caring for others: family, friends or professionals. We pray locally for the people of Broxmead Lane, for their health and well-being.

Wed Feb 26th - We look to International Polar Bear Day (27th) and the challenges polar bears face in a warming Arctic. 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. We pray for the courage, the knowledge and the will to play our part. We pray locally for the people of Bull's Lane, that they may feel the security and dignity of a warm, inclusive community.

Thu Feb 27th - We remember George Herbert, priest and poet (1633). We pray for those gifted with words; for poets, authors, dramatists, journalists, orators and comics. We pray for all who are hurt by the careless, destructive or cruel words used by another. We pray locally for the people of Bunton Lane and give thanks for the ways in which they help to enrich and support their families, friends and local community.

Fri Feb 28th - We pray for those in the midst of extreme weather conditions, disastrous effects of the climate crisis such as wildfires, flooding, drought or famine, and those whose lives and communities are still recovering from the effects of such. We pray for all agencies and individuals responding to such crises and working to effect necessary change. We pray locally for the people of Burrell Green, that they may see something of God's love in their lives and in their community.

Sat Mar 1st - On St. David's Day we pray for the people of Wales, the Welsh Assembly, the towns and villages that are thriving and those beset by social and economic difficulties. We pray locally for the people of Butlers Green Road, that they may feel the security and dignity of a warm, inclusive community.

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