

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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to our worship!*



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## Reflection

This is a dramatic turning point in the lives of the first apostles. Jesus constructs a metaphor from their current way of life to teach them how everything is about to change. They have worked their socks off for nothing; they're ready to pack up and go home. Jesus commands them to try again and then gifts them an unbelievable catch of fish. Now, he tells them, let's go and do the same with people - not to catch, sell and eat, but to liberate, fill with the Spirit and feed with the bread of life.

## Worship this Sunday...

### Collect

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Isaiah 6.1-8, 9-end  
1 Corinthians 15.1-11  
Luke 5.1-11

### 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Reader Charles Solomon

### 9.45 am Worship for all\*

Readers Children & Families Team

Pr Hymn 494 I, the Lord of sea and sky (HERE I AM LORD)  
Setting Gloria: Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty (FELLINGHAM)  
AM417 Sanctus etc BE STILL

Gr Hymn 669 I heard the voice of Jesus say (KINGSFOLD)

Of Hymn 510 Will you come and follow me (KELINGROVE)

Cm Hymn 621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind (REPTON)

144 How Deep the Fathers Love for Us (TOWNEND)

Fn Hymn 719 Lord, the light of your love is shining (SHINE JESUS SHINE)

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

## First Reading

Isaiah 6.1-8, 9-end

*Isaiah sees a vision of God in the Temple: 'Here I am, Lord, send me'*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said, 'Holy, holy, holy is

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the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go f And he said, 'Go and say to this people: "Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand." Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.' Then I said, 'How long, O Lord?' And he said: 'Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remains in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.' The holy seed is its stump. or us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

*Christ was raised from the dead and appeared to Paul, the least of the apostles*

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**Gospel**

Luke 5.1-11

*Jesus calls his first disciples to become fishers of men*

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

**This Week...**

10/02 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
12/02 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion* followed by coffee and cake	Genesis 2.4b-9,15-17 Mark 7.14-23
13/02 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Genesis 2.18-end Mark 7.24-30 Church
	11.30 am	Funeral T/L John Ross	
	7.00 pm	Home Group (Online)	
	7.30 pm	CCHT Trustees Meeting	Vicarage
14/02 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Genesis 3.1-8 Mark 7.31-end
	6.00 pm	Treble Choir Practice	
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	
15/02 Sat	10.30 am	Cursillo	Old School

## Next Sunday...

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February - St Valentine**

Song of Solomon 8:6-7  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
John 13:1-17, 34-35  
Graham Johnson

**8.00 am Holy Communion (CW)**

Reader

**9.45 am Holy Communion "Celebrating the gift of Love" for the commemoration of St Valentine (with Sunday's Cool).**

Pr Hymn 721 Love Divine, all loves excelling (BLAENWERN)

Setting Rizza

Gr Hymn 794 The King of Love My Shepherd is (St Columba)

Of Hymn 238 Come down, O love divine (DOWN AMPNEY)

Anthem "Thou visitest the earth" Greene (Solo - Jerry Evans)

"If ye love me" Thomas Tallis

Cm Hymn 602 Blest are the pure in heart (FRANCONIA)

Fn Hymn 348 O Perfect Love (O PERFECT LOVE)

Readers 1

Ron Tillyer

Reader 2

Christine Best

**12.00 pm Baptism**

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong**

Wisdom 11.21-12.11  
Gal 4.8-20

Hymn 135 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said (O WALY WALY)

Responses Smith

Psalm 83 vs 1-18

Setting Stanford in C

Anthem Sibelius Be still my soul

Hymn 629 Father, hear the prayer we offer (SUSSEX)

Hymn 676 Immortal, invisible, God only wise" (ST DENIO)

\* Also live streamed on zoom - click the blue button on the church home page.

## Notices and Parish News...

**Cursillo in the Diocese of Chichester** invites you to a gathering at **Holy Trinity Church**. Join us for coffee at **11 AM**, Eucharist at **12 PM**, in church. The afternoon session in the **Old School from 1 PM** (bring your own lunch). Enjoy **fellowship, singing, and a witness talk**, with the day concluding around **4 PM**. Come for any or all of the day! **For details, see Jane Coan.**

**Prayer Partners** - We will be drawing names this Sunday, so don't miss your opportunity to participate. This is a beautiful way for us to pray for one another throughout the year. If you haven't yet, please add your name to the Prayer Partner box at church. By taking a name, you commit to praying for that person anonymously, and in turn, someone will be praying for you. Let's make sure everyone has someone lifting them up in prayer!

**Cuckfield & Bolney Men's Group Activities for Q1 2025** - On **Tuesday 18th Feb 7.30-9.30 pm** for our usual Pizza & Skittles evening at the Bull in Henfield. Please email [clivesimmonds@btinternet.com](mailto:clivesimmonds@btinternet.com) to confirm your attendance. *There will be no meetings in March during Lent or April in Holy Week.*

**Lunch "n" Linger** will take place again at the Old School on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 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 or email [office@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:office@holytrinitycuckfield.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.

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

**Save the Date! - Coro Nuovo Concert in the church - 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/fohtcc)

**Sunday's Cool - February 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:**

John Ross, Antony Davis, Serita Burrowes

**Those whose year's mind falls at this time.** 9<sup>th</sup> Margaret (Peggy) Fellowes Humphries 2005, James Black Revell 2013, 10<sup>th</sup> Maurice Edgerton 2001, Ethel Mary Foreman 2003, 11<sup>th</sup> Mary Marchant 1997, Ethel May Harris 1972, 12<sup>th</sup> Donald Philpott 1993, Eric Grainger, Jack Brooker MBE 2004, James John Donovan 2007, John (Jack) Rennison 2015, 13<sup>th</sup> Jessie Piolet 2010, 14<sup>th</sup> Bill Dixon, Tom Williams, Stella Burgess 2013, Peter Harrison 2015, 15<sup>th</sup> Mary Lisle 1997, Ruby Emma Murrell 1999, Frances Vera Barrett 2005, Jean Douglas 2006, Gladys May Smith 2007.

## Praying through the week...

**Mon Feb 10<sup>th</sup>** - In National Apprenticeship Week we pray for apprentices everywhere. We celebrate and give thanks for the work, training and skills made available for young people; we pray for respectful relationships, good work conditions and adequate pay throughout our work force. We pray for those unable to find satisfactory work and pray that our society may learn to better support those in vulnerable situations and those treated with ignorance or inhospitality. Locally we pray for the people of Blunts Wood Road, giving thanks for the ways in which they enrich the lives of the local community, and their families and circles of friends.

**Tue Feb 11<sup>th</sup>** - We remember Caedmon, monk and father of English sacred poetry (d. 680?). Cowherd, poet, translator of the Bible into Anglo-Saxon. We pray for all who use their gifts to the glory of God. Locally we pray for the people of Bolney Road, that they may have a sense of being cherished, and that they too may feel able to be loving towards others this day.

**Wed Feb 12<sup>th</sup>** - Safer Internet Day (11<sup>th</sup>). We pray for those who promote safe and responsible use of online technology, social media and mobile phones. We pray for protection and education for children in such usage. We pray for all working in the media; for a commitment to truth and fairness in investigative journalism, for a commitment to diversity, equality and accessibility as well as fact checking, quality and range of programming. We pray for those journalists' facing danger, covering stories and investigations of hideous crimes and injustice, in efforts to uncover truth and give greater access to information. Locally, we pray for the people of Bolnore Farm Lane, that they may have peace and joy in their hearts.

**Thu Feb 13<sup>th</sup>** - We celebrate the work of scientist Charles Darwin (12<sup>th</sup>), giving thanks for his contribution to science. We pray for scientists across the world, remembering specifically the International Day of Women and Girls in Science (11<sup>th</sup>) as women strive for recognition of their contributions and equality of opportunity in the sciences. We give thanks for all who live on Bordehill Lane, that they may feel the benefit of a safe, caring, neighbourly community.

**Fri Feb 14<sup>th</sup>** - We remember Valentine, Roman priest and martyr (d. 269?). We pray for all who feel the lack of love. We give thanks for those who extend their love to those who find love difficult to accept. We pray for families of all shapes and sizes and give thanks for love. We pray locally for Brainsmead that they may feel the comfort and presence of God, throughout hardship and breakthrough.

**Sat Feb 15<sup>th</sup>** - We look to 16<sup>th</sup> Feb and remember Onesimus, (d. 95?) slave who ran away from Philemon to Rome where St. Paul was imprisoned. He became an important companion to Paul. We pray for second chances, for opportunities to learn from mistakes, for the gift of mistakes. We pray that we learn the power of mercy. We pray for all who feel still the long, ugly shadow of enslavement and those unable to recognise it. We pray for all trapped by modern day slavery, by controlling and coercive behaviours. Locally we pray for the people of Brainsmead Close and for the ways in which they help to create a community that feels safe, confident and supportive.

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