

Sunday 16th March 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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to our worship!*



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Reflection

Jesus is driven by the Spirit to carry out his prophetic mission, and every prophet, sooner or later, ends up in Jerusalem. He longs to gather the children of Jerusalem in his arms, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. One day they will welcome him, crying out, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' But he already knows how hollow those words will sound. Jesus, the mother hen, must also deal with Herod, the murderous fox. Jesus has a complicated relationship with Jerusalem, a city of death and of life.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18
Philippians 3.17 - 4.1
Luke 13.31-35

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader	Anthony vander Willigen
9.45 am	Parish Communion with Sunday's Cool *	Readers	Alan Curren Jane Coan
Pr Hymn	42 Christ Be Our Light		
Setting	Thorne - Mass of St. Thomas		
Gr Hymn	592 As the dear pants for the water		
Of Hymn	631 Fight the good fight (DIKE STREET)		
Anthem	-		
Cm Hymn	806 There's a wideness in God's mercy (CORVEDALE)		
	575 When I needed a neighbour (NEIGHBOUR)		
Fm Hymn	707 Lift High the Cross (omit starred verses) (CRUCIFER)		
12.00 pm	Baptism		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong		Jeremiah 22.1-9, 13-17 Luke 14.27-33
Hymn	135 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said (BRESLAU)	Reader 1	Wendy Bloomer
Psalm	135.1-14	Reader 2	Roger Floyd
Anthem	God So Loved The World – Stainer		

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Hymn 383 Lord, thy word abideth (RAVENSHAW)
 Hymn 710 Light's abode, celestial Salem (omit verses 4 & 5)
 (REGENT SQUARE)

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First Reading

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

Abram makes a sacrifice, and God establishes a covenant with him for the promised land

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Second Reading

Philippians 3.17 - 4.1

Many live as enemies of Christ's cross, but our citizenship is in heaven

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Gospel

Luke 13.31-35

Jesus is warned of Herod's desire to kill him, and he laments over Jerusalem

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

This Week...

17/03 Mon	11.30 am	Goldbridge Care Home Holy Communion	
	7.00 pm	Diocesan Course "I believe" - Online Lent Course	Zoom
19/03 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion* followed by coffee and cake	2 Samuel 7.4-16 Romans 4.13-18 Matthew 1.18-end
	7.00 pm	Eucharist followed by PCC Meeting	Church and Old School
	& 7.30 pm		
20/03 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Jeremiah 17.5-10 Luke 16.19-end
	1.30 pm	Arts and Crafts Group	Church
	7.00 pm	Lent Course 'Christ and the Chocolaterie'	Zoom
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21/03 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Genesis 37.3-4,12-13,17.28 Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46
22/03 Sat	9.00 am	Big Spring Clean	Church
	7.00 pm	Friends Coro Nuovo Concert	Church

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Next Sunday...

Sunday 23rd March -3rd Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 55.1-9
1 Corinthians 10.1-13
Luke 13.31-35
Roger Edmonston

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Readers	
9.45 am	Parish Communion*	Reader 1	Mark Parker
Pr Hymn	712 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us (LIVING LORD)	Reader 2	Ted Parker
Setting	Thorne - Mass of St. Thomas		
Gr Hymn	132 O for a closer walk with God (CAITHNESS)		
Of Hymn	715 Lord, for the Years (LORD OF THE YEARS)		
Anthem	Cesar Franck - Panis Angelicus (Bass Duet)		
Cm Hymn	462 Soul of my Saviour (ANIMA CHRISTI)		
	127 Lord Jesus Think on me (SOUTHWELL)		
Fn Hymn	704 Let All the World (LUCKINGTON)		

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Notices and Parish News...

Welcome Team Meeting - After 09.45 on Sunday 23rd March in the Victorian Hall to share thoughts and ideas about the delivery of our WELCOME MINISTRY; if anyone else wishes to join in to listen or contribute please come along with your coffee."

On Maundy Thursday, Jesus faced His struggles in the Garden of Gethsemane. He went to a quiet place on the Mount of Olives to prepare for the events leading to His sacrifice on the cross. We are creating a miniature replica of the Garden of Gethsemane in the Lady Chapel to honour this significant moment. We invite you to contribute by donating portable potted plants for the Garden. We plan to set up the Garden on **Wednesday, April 16th, after the 10:30am** Eucharist and any help would be warmly welcomed. You can take your lovely potted plants home after Easter Sunday. If you can help with this project, please get in touch with Rev'd Stephen Caple or Eileen

There are three Lent groups running: On **Thursday evenings 'Christ and the Chocolaterie'** - a course based on the film *Chocolat*: In the Victorian Hall, 7.30-9.00pm (facilitated by [Caroline Curren](#)) starting 6th March. On Zoom, 7.00pm-8.00pm (facilitated by [Peter and Tina Hutchinson](#)) starting 13th March (*note change of starting date*)

Diocesan Lent Course - Starting on **Monday 10th March evenings 7.00pm (on Zoom)** following the Diocesan Course '**I Believe**' (facilitated by Clive Simmonds). 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. Use 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

Ladies Group - Afternoon Tea on **Tuesday 18th March** at 180 Degrees, Cuckfield Golf Centre. Please contact Mary on marypape01@gmail.com for more information

Big Spring Clean will be taking place on **22nd March between 9-1** if you have a spare 1-2 hours to lend a helping hand to make our church look it's best for Easter, please let Jane Coan know.

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

Lunch "n" Linger will take place again at the Old School on **Thursday 27th March 2025**. We gather from 12.30, **lunch is served at 1.00 pm**. The menu this month: Roast chicken with stuffing, Cauliflower Cheese, Sprouts, Roast Potatoes and Syrup Sponge & Custard or Fruit Salad. The cost is £6.50 per head (payable on the day). 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.

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.

Italian Evening with Quiz on **Wednesday, 26th March at 6.30pm**. Great food, fun quiz and raffle. **Tickets £15**. See Hilary Turner-King or Ros Longfield for more information.

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market returns on **Saturday 12th April 2025 from 9.30-12.30** providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. Dates for 2025 are, 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, Tina Heath, Sam Lawrence, Alison Openshaw

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:

Diana Walker, Vanessa Crocker, Pauline Hunt

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 17th Philip Thunder, Richard (Dick) Dean, John Peter Raby Black 2004, Norman King 2009, 18th William Beard 2000, Rosemary Baxter 2017, 19th Tay Booth Clarke 2005, 20th Ruth Simson 1998, Stanley 'Jack' Woods 2009, 21th Richard Laker 2017, Nancy Wilkes 2018, Jack Edward Leppard 2021, 22th Elsie Constance Hemstead 2003, Alexander Thomas Glasgow 2008, Elizabeth Cadman 2016, 23th Gordon Thomas Jones 2006

Praying through the week...

Mon Mar 17th - Patrick, Bishop and Apostle of Ireland (390-461). Patrick was kidnapped from his home in England and sold into slavery by Irish raiders. After study abroad and his consecration as bishop he returned to the land that had enslaved him. We pray for all who today are treated as slaves, for all whose basic human rights are denied them. We pray for all who seek to enslave or control others, that they are prevented and made accountable, that they turn their lives around. We pray locally for Citizens Advice Bureau, for a sense of well-being and peace in their lives.

Tue Mar 18th - Looking towards the World Day For Glaciers (21st) we recognise that Glaciers are essential to Earth's ecosystem, as freshwater reservoirs and indicators of the planet's health. They provide water for millions of people, regulate sea levels, and support biodiversity. We recognise that these frozen giants are under threat, through the rise of global temperatures, leading to water scarcity, rising sea levels, and increasing the chances of natural disasters like floods or landslides. We pray that world leaders may address this urgent challenge with ambitious action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Locally we pray for the people of Cleavers Lane, that they may feel the safety and generosity of a kind neighbourhood.

Wed Mar 19th - We pray for all struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination and pray that we may learn to more effectively, more visibly stand in solidarity with those abused by individuals, communities, political parties and our social systems. We pray that we may learn to stand up to injustice. We pray for the people of Colwood Lane for their health and well-being, that they may feel drawn to acts of friendship and kindness this week.

Thu Mar 20th - On International Day of Happiness we pray for a more inclusive, equitable and balanced approach to economic growth that promotes the happiness and well-being of all peoples. Locally we pray for the people of Copyhold Lane; we pray that they may feel the comfort and presence of God in all they do and give thanks for the ways in which they enrich the community and environment around them.

Fri Mar 21st - On World Poetry Day we give thanks for poets and song writers, for all who have inspired and taught us the power, challenge and beauty of language. We celebrate the skills and creativity of storytellers. Remembering World Book Day (5th) we celebrate and give thanks for writers of all kinds, who stimulate ideas and discussion, who enrich our lives and imaginations. We pray for access to books for all and for our libraries, which offer so much to our communities. Locally we pray for the people of Courtmead Road, that they may sense the beauty and bounty of God's creation.

Sat Mar 22nd - Remembering World Downs Syndrome Day (21st), We give thanks for those who work to improve the rights and well-being of people with Downs Syndrome. We pray for all those living with this and other conditions, where help and support is needed, where greater awareness, understanding and inclusion is required. We pray for the ability to build a society which can celebrate the enrichment of diversity. Locally we pray for Court Meadow School, that they may find the support, and strength they need in their lives, the joy, light and possibility of Spring.

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