

Sunday 13th April 2025

Palm Sunday

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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to our worship!*



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Reflections

It is never more important to choose aright the music for devotion than during Passiontide. Luke's Gospel of the Palms is full of the music of praise, rather than lament. Then his Passion Gospel introduces a contrast between the ultimate musical extremes, sound and silence. Badgered by accusers, Jesus stands silent - wisely so, since the one reply he does make is deliberately misinterpreted. Answering those who accept him, though, he speaks three times: twice to them, once to God. Each saying could be a sermon, or an anthem, in itself.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader	Luke 19.28-40 Luke 22.14-23,56 James Sanders Charles Solomon
9.45 am	Worship for All with Communion and Procession of Palms*	Readers and Intercessors:	Children and Families Team
Pr Hymn	159 All glory, laud, and honour (ST. THEODULPH) 163 There's a man riding in on a donkey		
Setting	No Gloria "Be Still" for Sanctus, Benedictus, Doxology and Agnus		
Gr Hymn	161 Ride on, ride on in majesty!(WINCHESTER NEW)		
Of Hymn	716 Lord, I lift your name on high		
Anthem			
Cm Hymn	489 The Servant King (Kendrick) 728 Meekness and Majesty (KENDRICK)		
Fn Hymn	164 You are the King of glory (FORD)		
6:00 pm	Palms and Passion - Choral Music and Readings for Palm Sunday*		

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

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This Week...

14/04 Mon	11.30 am	Goldbridge Care Home Holy Communion	Goldbridge Care Home
	3.00 pm	Children's Craft Day	Old School
	9.00 pm	Sung Compline	Church
15/04 Tue	9.00 pm	Sung Compline	Church
16/04 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion* followed by coffee and cake	Isaiah 40.4-9a8 Hebrews 12.1-3 John 13.2-32
	9.00 pm	Sung Compline	Church
17/04 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Exodus 12.1-4, 11-14 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 John 13.1-17,31b-35
	8.00 pm	Choral Eucharist With Watch*	Church
18/04 Fri	12.00 pm	Messy Church	Old School
	12.00 pm	Stabat Mater in words and music	Church
	2.00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy	Church
19/04 Sat	6.00 pm	Easter Vigil	St Mary Magdalene, Bolney

Next Sunday...

Sunday 20th April - Easter Day

Acts 10.34-43
1 Corinthians 15.19-26
John 20.1-18

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader	Graham Johnson
9.45 am	Easter Day*	Reader 1	Sue Mayou
Pr Hymn	The Exsultet (WOODLANDS)	Reader 2	Kate Berry
Setting	205 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia (EASTER HYMN) Gloria (Ode to Joy) Sanctus/Benedictus (SLANE) Agnus (REPTON)	Intercessor	Rev'd Daniel Valentine
Gr Hymn	216 The day of resurrection! (ELLACOMBE)		
Of Hymn	203 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! (GELOBT SEI GOTT)		
Anthem	This Joyful Eastertide (VRUECHREN)		
Cm Hymn	209 Love's redeeming work is done (SAVANNAH) "Hallelujah chorus" from "Messiah"		
Fn Hymn	218 Thine be the glory (MACCABAEUS)		

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Notices and Parish News...

Sunday's Cool - Sunday's Cool runs on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month during our 9:45 AM service. Children enjoy Bible stories, crafts, play, and space for reflection in a welcoming setting. They leave after the first hymn and return before communion. All are welcome to join the fun and grow in faith!

Messy Church Good Friday Special - Join us on Good Friday from 12.00pm until 3.00pm in the Victorian Hall for a special Messy Church. Explore the Easter story through crafts, activities and worship for all ages. A relaxed, family-friendly way to reflect on the meaning of the cross. Come and go as you're able - everyone is welcome!

Children's Easter themed Craft Day his Monday 14th April 15:00 - 17:00 Please join us with your little ones to enjoy an afternoon of fun crafts, cake, drinks, and snacks. The Craft day will be hosted in the Tudor Hall at the old School

We are seeking a part-time **Operations Manager** to oversee the Church Building and The Old School, ensuring they serve the parish and remain a leading community venue. Interested? Contact Clive Simmonds at reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org.

Streaming during Holy Week - Please note we will be streaming Palm Sunday 6:00 pm evening service, Maundy Thursday 8:00 pm evening service and Easter morning 9.45am service. But will not stream Good Friday 12pm or 2pm services.

Every six years the **Church Electoral Roll** is completely renewed, with everyone needing to reapply to be on the Roll. 2025 is one such year. The operative date for the renewal of the Roll is before midnight on 29th April, when enrolments will close and not re-open until after the APCM on Sunday May 18th. To attend, vote or stand at the APCM you must be on the new church electoral roll by **29th April 2025**. If you are currently on the roll and you have given us a valid email address, you will receive an email on Tuesday with a link to the form to fill in and using this will automatically add you to and update the new electoral roll. Otherwise, if you prefer, or are new to the parish and joining the roll, there is a letter by the north door giving a QR code, scanning which will take to the online form from

Tuesday. Additionally, the form will be available from the home page of the website from Tuesday, or finally traditional forms will also be available on the way out and filled in and left with the Church Office to be update manually. One or two of you have already put forms in: rest assured these have been held for you and you will be updated on the new Roll when it opens on Tuesday. Any questions to David Thunder Electoral Roll Officer ero@holytrinitycuckfield.org.

Lunch “n” Linger will take place again at the Old School on **Thursday 24th April 2025**. We gather from 12.30, **lunch is served at 1.00 pm**. The menu this month: Bacon & Tomato quiche or Vegetable & BBQ bean pasta, mixed salad, homemade coleslaw, new potatoes, salad dressings, Apple crumble and 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@holytrinitycuckfield.org confirming your menu choices. We need to confirm final numbers by the Monday before the lunch (21st April). 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.

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

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market returns on **Saturday May 10th 2025 from 9.30-12.30** providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. Dates for 2025 are, 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.

Confirmation - The Deanery Confirmation with Bishop Will, will take place on the evening of Thursday 5th June 2025, at St Wilfrid's, Haywards Heath. If you have a child of secondary school age, or you an adult and you have not been confirmed please send an email to Gina office@holytrinitycuckfield.org, and Fr Daniel will be in touch about confirmation preparation, there will be separate preparation for adults and young people.

Admission to communion - If you have a child in year 6, please let Toby know so that we can plan for them to be admitted to communion. There will be a fun course for preparation and a special service in the summer with the opportunity for a party. Please let Toby know so that this can be arranged for your child. Toby@holytrinitycuckfield.org.

Prayers...

Those to be married: At Holy Trinity, Cuckfield: 22/05/2025, Michael Anselmo Lord and Tricia Tanya Gina Luczak

Those in immediate need:

Becky Parker, Mark Herring, Ralph Colbran, Evelyn Stenning, Tina Heath, Sam Lawrence, Tatyana

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:

Alison Openshaw

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 14th Betty Joan Elphinstone 2004, Dan Batchelor 2011, Frederick John Bayfield 2013, Catherine Molly Osmond Dunnage 2021, Angela Hopkins 2021, 15th Albert Jones 1997, Keith Shakespeare 1999, 16th Ann Lacey 2002, 17th Ian Todd 1998, 18th Clive Protheroe Rees 2013, 19th Sam Leigh 1993, Robert Llewelyn Norris 2020, Doreen Webster 2020, 20th Janet Cuddeford 2003, Graham Harold Fleet 2020.

Praying through the week...

Mon Apr 14th - We pray for all organisations supporting refugees. We give thanks for the generosity in terms of time, effort and goods. We pray for all living in refugee camps, all fleeing their homes, all undertaking dangerous journeys in order to escape violence, conflict and extreme privation. We pray for refugees around the world and all, offering refuge. We pray locally for the people of Goreside Lane, that they may feel the comfort and presence of God, throughout hardship and breakthrough.

Tue Apr 15th - We pray for all those suffering from stress, through work situations, family expectations, difficulties in relationships, or health problems. We pray for all involved in caring and supporting people suffering from stress. Locally we pray for the people of Hanlye Lane; may they be blessed.

Wed Apr 16th - We pray for all who have no proper home, for all living on the streets, in hostels or in inadequate accommodation, coping with insanitary conditions or mould, often leading to ill health. We pray for more robust policies and action on the provision of decent, affordable homes for all. Locally we pray for the people of Harvest Hill; 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.

Thu Apr 17th - Maundy Thursday "Love's radical hospitality offered bread, wine and new life to all - deniers, doubters, betrayers, saints and sinners, prodigal children. In the face of hate Jesus loved. We pray for the world's displaced people and ask that many will find a place of safety in the UK." -Christian Aid 'Count Your Blessings' We pray locally for the people of Hatchgate Close, for a sense of well-being and peace in their lives.

Fri Apr 18th - Let us hold in our hearts Good Friday and hold fast onto love and hope amidst the sorrows of today. *Blessed Saviour, who in your hours of desolation hung upon the cross, Stretching forth your loving arms: Embrace us in those arms, that your cross may be our cross: So that we may embrace all who are desolate, and for whom you died and rose again, that all people may live like you in the image and likeness of your Father, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be glory for evermore. AMEN.* Locally we pray for the people of Hatchgate Lane, that they may feel the safety and generosity of a kind neighbourhood.

Sat Apr 19th - Easter Eve. *Christ, you have gone before me to prepare a place for me, That where you are there may I be also. Teach me to wait with patience, to watch with alertness, To trust that you are with me in the unknown future And to know your presence.* We pray for the people of Hatchlands for their health and well-being, that they may feel drawn to acts of friendship and kindness this week.

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First Reading

Isaiah 50.4-9a

The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Second Reading

Philippians 2.5-11

A poetic declaration of Christ's humility, obedience, and ultimate exaltation as Lord over all.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

Luke 23.1-49

Jesus is condemned, mocked, and crucified—yet offers forgiveness and hope even in death.

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.' When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies. Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

Then they all shouted out together, 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!' (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him!' A third time he said to them, 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.' But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.' It was

now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.