

Sunday 20th April 2025

Easter Sunday

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflections

Easter begins in darkness – with grief, confusion, and loss. Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb expecting death, but instead, she hears her name spoken by the risen Christ. In that moment, everything changes. The resurrection is not a return to the past, but the dawn of something entirely new. Jesus' victory over death opens the way for all of us to live in hope, not fear. Peter's bold witness in Acts, and Paul's words in Corinthians, remind us: in Christ, all shall be made alive. This is the heart of Easter—new life that begins here and now. Even today, Jesus meets us in our sorrow, speaks our name, and invites us to live as people of the resurrection – people of light, joy, and courage. Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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
	205 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia (EASTER HYMN)		
Setting	Gloria (Ode to Joy)	Intercessor	Rev'd Daniel Valentine
	Sanctus/Benedictus (SLANE)		
	Agnus (REPTON)		
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)		

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

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First Reading

Acts 10.34-43

Peter testifies to Christ crucified and rise

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15.19-26

As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Gospel

John 20.1-18

The empty tomb: Mary Magdalene meets the risen Lord

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This Week...

21/04 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
23/04 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion* followed by coffee and cake	Acts 3.1-10 Luke 24.13-35
24/04 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Acts 3.11-end Luke 24.35-48
	12.30 pm	Lunch and Linger	Ols School
25/04 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Acts 4.1-12 John 21.1-14
26/04 Sat	4.00 pm	Kaleidoscope Singers Concert	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 27th April - 2nd Sunday of Easter

			Acts 5.27-32 Revelation 1.4-8 John 20.19-31
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader	Roger Edmonston
9.45 am	Communion with hymns*	Reader 1	Peter Graydon
Pr Hymn	194 Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven (LUX EOI)	Reader 2	Liz Graydon
Setting	Thorne - Mass of St. Thomas	Intercessor	Mark Parker
Gr Hymn	204 If Christ had not been raised from death (KINGSFOLD)		
Of Hymn	422 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL)		
Cm Hymn	212 Now the Green Blade Rises NOEL NOUVELET)		
	217 The Strife is O'er (VICTORY)		
Fn Hymn	769 Rejoice, the Lord is King		

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Notices and Parish News...

THANKYOU - to everyone who has worked so hard to make Easter in Cuckfield so special.

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!

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.

Are you comfortable with technology? We're looking for someone to take over the role of **Newsletter Editor** to collate and edit content, then prepare and send out the weekly parish email newsletter. ALSO a **Video Editor** to download recorded services, edit (usually for the sermon) and post to the HT channel on YouTube. Interested to find out more? Contact Peter Hutchinson on emails@holytrinitycuckfield.org

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 updated 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.

VE Day 80th Anniversary – Thursday 8th May 2025. Holy Trinity will be leading the commemoration in partnership with the Cuckfield Royal British Legion. In line with the national celebrations we will gather in the churchyard at 6.30 pm as the church bells are rung. At 7.00 pm there will be a special church parade service with the theme thanksgiving and peace at 7.00 pm. There will then be a fish and chip super in the church (the cost of this will be £10.50, and **must** be booked in advance with the church office). The evening will conclude with the singing of popular songs with the finale being a community sing of "I Vow To Thee My Country" at 9.30 pm. If you would like supper booked, please email office@holytrinitycuckfield.org and we will arrange for this to be booked for you.

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, 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. 21st David Parry 2001, 22nd Cyril Lancelot Seymour-Robinson, Ena Gill 1996, Peter Cripps 1999, Ida Marjorie Foster 2003, Michael Anthony Hilton 2021, 23rd Bob Salter 1994, Alfred White 2010, Nicholas John Bugden 2012, 24th Marjorie Salter 2002, Ian Nicolson 2020, 25th Mark Edward Walklin 2005, Leslie Holt 2009, John Ernest Humphrey 2020, 26th Charles & Oliver Woodcock, Dr. Timothy James Carter 2004, Christine Ethel Hawkes 2008, Maxine Margaret Lower 2008, 27th Violet Wachett, Edith Packham 1996, Michael Bertie Gerrish 2013

Praying through the week...

Mon Apr 21st - We pray for all involved in the production, marketing and sale of chocolate. We pray for fairness in conditions and pay. Locally we pray for the people of the High Street, that they may sense the beauty and joy of Easter.

Tue Apr 22nd - Remembering the suffering of Nature: growing acidity and volume of plastic in the Oceans: millions of people affected by extreme heat, wildfires and floods, we pray for our planet. Careless or criminal human activity, such as deforestation, land-use change, intensified agriculture and livestock production and the illegal wildlife trade, disrupts biodiversity and can accelerate the speed of destruction of the planet. As we give thanks for all God's creation, we pray that we learn how better to honour, love and heal our planet and all Earth's inhabitants. We pray for all leading the way with courage and conviction. Locally we pray for the people of Hillside Walk, that they may find the joy, light and possibility of Easter.

Wed Apr 23rd - World immunisation Week aims to highlight the collective action needed and to promote the use of vaccines to protect people of all ages against disease. We give thanks for the skills and dedication that goes into this work. We pray for all trying to combat the disinformation that prevents people taking advantage of the protection afforded through immunisation. We pray locally for the people of Horsegate Lane, and give thanks for the ways in which they help to enrich and support their families, friends and local community.

Thu Apr 24th - We pray for all struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination; we 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 and call out all that leads to hate crime. We pray locally for the homeless, that they may have a sense of the comfort and strength that comes from God.

Fri Apr 25th - We pray for all those living in our own street and in neighbouring roads; for those neighbours we know, for those we don't know; for those whom we find difficult; for those who seem driven by anger and fear. We pray that we become good neighbours and look for God in all whom we meet. We pray locally for the people of Horsefield Green, for their health and well-being.

Sat Apr 26th - We pray for all working in education, giving thanks for the vision, care, skills and experience of teachers, classroom assistants, lecturers, admin staff and governors. We pray for all involved in the maintenance of the buildings. We pray for pupils and students across the world, especially those barred or unable to attend school. We pray locally for the people of Holy Trinity School, that they may feel the security and dignity of a warm, inclusive community.

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