

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
Lent  
Passiontide begins**

**Holy Trinity  
Cuckfield**  
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to our worship!*



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**Reflections**

Mary's gesture, anointing the feet of Jesus with costly ointment and wiping his feet with her hair, can be seen as a sign of penance. But in John's account this is not about Mary's need for mercy, but about her tender reverence for Jesus. She is anointing him for the day of his burial. It is an exquisite gesture of affection and gratitude for his all-too-fragile flesh and blood—but it is also a gesture of acceptance. There is no hint that she wants to prevent events from unfolding as Jesus has foretold; she simply wants to honour his body and bless him on his way.

**Worship this Sunday...**

**Collect**

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

			Isaiah 43.16-21 Philippians 3.4b-14 John 12.1-8
<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (CW)</b>	Reader	Anthony van der Willigen
<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>Parish Communion with Sundays Cool*</b>	Readers	Christine Best Ron Tillyer
Pr Hymn	147 My Song is love unknown (LOVE UNKOWN)		
Setting	Thorne - Mass of St Thomas	Intercessors	
Gr Hymn	142 Glory be to Jesus (CASWALL)		
Of Hymn	144 How Deep the Father's Love for Us (TOWNEND)		
Anthem	"And it was night" from "The Shadow Of The Cross" by Joseph Martin.		
Cm Hymn	181 O Sacred head surrounded (PASSION CHORALE)		
	421 All for Jesus! All for Jesus! (ALL FOR JESUS)		
Fn Hymn	588 And can it be (SAGINA)		
<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Family Praise</b>		
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>		Isaiah 35 Romans 7:21-8.4
Hymn	153 There is a Green Hill Far Away (HORSLEY)	Readers	David Spear
Responses	Ferial		Carolyn Ponder
Psalm	112		

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Setting Chant  
 Anthem "Locus iste" Anton Bruckner  
 Hymn 352 Nearer, My God, to Thee (BETHANY)  
 Hymn 18 Now the evening shadows fall (BLACKHEATH)

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

**First Reading**

Isaiah 43.16-21

*Just as the Lord made a way through the sea, he will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert*  
 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

**Second Reading**

Philippians 3.4b-14

*Paul describes his Jewish heritage, yet whatever gains he had, he regards as loss because of Christ*  
 Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel**

John 12.1-8

*Mary anoints Jesus at Lazarus' home in Bethany, and Judas objects*  
 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

**This Week...**

07/04 Mon	12.00 pm	Family Easter Fun Day	Church
	7.00 pm	Diocesan Course "I believe" - Online Lent Course	Zoom
08/04 Tues	5.00 pm	Family Movie Night	Church
	7.45 pm	Old School Board Meeting	Old School
09/04 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Daniel 3.14-20,24-25,28
		followed by coffee and cake	John 8.31-42
	2.00 pm	U3A Church visit	Church
	6.00 pm	Standing Committee	Vicarage
10/04 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Genesis 17.3-9
			John 8.51-end
	2.00 pm	Funeral T/L Michael Brett	Church
	7.00 pm	Lent Course 'Christ and the Chocolaterie'	Zoom
04/04 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Jeremiah 20.10-13
			John 10.31-end
	2.00pm	Family Dog Walk	Church
	2.30 pm	Memorial Service for T/L Carol Blackburn	Church
12/04 Sat	6.00 pm	Treble Choir	Old School
	7.00 pm	Choir Practice	Church
	9.30 am	Cuckfield Local Market	Church
13/04 Sun	12.00 pm	Solo Lunch	Old School

## Next Sunday...

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Palm Sunday

Luke 19.28-40  
Luke 22.14-23,56

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader	James Sanders Charles Solomon
9.45 am	<b>Worship for All with Communion and Procession of Palms*</b>	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	<b>Palms and Passion - Choral Music and Readings for Palm Sunday*</b>		

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## Notices and Parish News...

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](mailto:reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org).

**Easter Activies: Monday Easter Funday (April 7, 12:00-17:00)** - Join us for Easter Egg Hunts at 13:00 & 16:00, fun activities, and a chance to meet baby lambs, chicks, and other furry friends!**Family Movie Night (April 8, 17:00-20:00)** - Enjoy a free pizza dinner and drinks while we screen *Moana 2* in the church. **Family Dog Walk (April 11, 14:00-16:00)** - Meet at Holy Trinity for a community walk through New England Wood, ending at the White Hart. Dogs welcome but not required! **Children's Craft Day (April 14, 15:00-17:00)** - Easter-themed crafts, cake, and fun at the Tudor Hall in the Old School.

An **Easter 'Solo Lunch'** will take place at the Old School on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025. We gather from 12.30pm, lunch is served at 1.00 pm. The menu will be: Shepherd's Pie with assorted vegetables, apple tart with custard or cream, lemon cheesecake or fruit salad. The cost is £7.00 per head (payable on the day). There will be 36 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). We need to confirm final numbers by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

**Cuckfield Local Market** - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market returns on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025 from 9.30-12.30** providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. Dates for 2025 are, 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.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> April, when enrolments will close and not re-open until after the APCM on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>. To attend, vote or stand at the APCM you must be on the new church electoral roll by **29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ero@holytrinitycuckfield.org).

**Lunch "n" Linger** will take place again at the Old School on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@holytrinitycuckfield.org) confirming your menu choices. We need to confirm final numbers by the Monday before the lunch (21<sup>st</sup> 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

**Confirmation** - The Deanery Confirmation with Bishop Will, will take place on the evening of Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:Toby@holytrinitycuckfield.org).

### Prayers...

#### **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:**

Carol Blackburn, Michael Brett, Alison Openshaw

**Those whose year's mind falls at this time.** 7<sup>th</sup> Fraya Turner 1994, Col. John Buckeridge 2017, 9<sup>th</sup> Frank Ridley, 10<sup>th</sup> Georgina Bugden 1993, Beryl Edna Williams 2004, 11<sup>th</sup> John Oliver Springall 2004, Nancy Ochoa 2006, Valerie Joan Thompson (Fabb) 2023, 12<sup>th</sup> Marian, Elsie (Tess) Haggart 2020, 13<sup>th</sup> Williamina Mckenzie 1996

### Praying through the week...

**Mon Apr 7<sup>th</sup>** - On this World Health Day we mark the founding of the WHO (World Health Organisation) and give thanks for its work in alerting the world to global health problems. We pray for a greater worldwide willingness, cooperation and intention, to tackle those most common, preventable and treatable diseases, caused primarily through poverty and poor water supply and sanitation. Locally we remember the people of Deaks Paddock, that they may feel part of a safe, supportive, neighbourly community.

**Tue Apr 8<sup>th</sup>** - We give thanks for the benefits of gardening: socially and in terms of physical and mental health. We pray for those enabling gardening projects and those who participate. We give thanks for our public parks and gardens, for the ways in which they enhance our lives; we pray for all who look after them and ensure safe access to all. We pray locally for the people of Earwig Lane, that they may feel the richness of a community of respect, care and inclusivity.

**Wed Apr 9<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for those who work in health and social care, giving thanks for their skills, wisdom, compassion and patience. We pray for them as they work in difficult circumstances, without the support and financial backing they need: both personally and for the service they aim to deliver. We give thanks for all who live on Farr Close, that they may feel the benefit of a safe, caring, neighbourly community.

**Thu Apr 10<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for those living with financial instability. We pray for all organisations helping people to manage their finances as efficiently as possible, all supporting those trapped in debt. Locally we pray for the people of Foxhole Lane, giving thanks for the ways in which they enrich the lives of the local community, and their families and circles of friends.

**Fri Apr 11<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for fair tax systems; we pray for all campaigning to ensure those global companies, those most wealthy, pay up. We pray for justice in the world of banking, financial transaction, tax and commerce. Locally we pray for the people of Glebe Road, that they may have a sense of being cherished, and that they too may feel able to be loving towards others this day.

**Sat Apr 12<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for those coping with the worst effects of the climate crisis. We pray that we in the wealthier Western world become more accountable and responsible and play our part in trying to hold back further destruction. Locally, we pray for the people of Glebe Road, that they may have peace and joy in their hearts.

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