

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2025

# Peter & Paul Apostles

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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to our worship!*



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## Reflection

Peter and Paul stand as pillars of the early Church - very different in background, temperament, and calling, yet united in Christ. Peter's confession in Matthew reveals the rock on which faith is founded, while Paul's witness transforms the Gentile world. Zechariah reminds us that God works not by might, but by the Spirit. Acts tells of divine deliverance, revealing that God's purpose prevails even in persecution. These apostles remind us that grace redeems weakness, and courage grows in faith. We too are called - however flawed - to proclaim Christ with conviction. Their lives urge us to trust, to witness, and to build on the rock.

## Worship this Sunday...

### Collect

Almighty God whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your church inspired by their teaching and example, and made on by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation. Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who is alive and regins with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever **Amen**.

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Zechariah 4.1-6a, 10b-end

Acts 12.1-11

Matthew 16.13-19

### 8.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

Reader Graham Johnson

### 9.45 am Parish Eucharist\*

Setting Shephard  
Pr Hymn 623 Eternal Father, strong to save  
Gr Hymn 261 Spirit of holiness  
Of Hymn 647 God moves in a mysterious way  
Anthem A Prayer of St Richard (sheet)  
Cm Hymn 437ii Come to me says Jesus  
Fn Hymn 811 Thou didst leave thy throne

Reader 1 Carolyn Ponder  
Reader 2 Eileen Caple

Intercessor Eileen Caple

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

## First Reading

Zechariah 4.1-6a, 10b-end

*Zechariah sees a vision of seven lamps and two olive trees*

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.' I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?' Then the angel who talked with me answered me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' He said to me, 'This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the LORD of hosts. For whoever has

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despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. 'These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range through the whole earth.' Then I said to him, 'What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?' And a second time I said to him, 'What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes?' He said to me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.'

## Second Reading

Acts 12.1-11

*Peter is arrested; God sends an angel to rescue him from prison*

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

## Gospel

Matthew 16.13-19

*Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ; he is the rock on which Jesus will build the church*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

## This Week...

30/06 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
02/07 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Genesis 21.5, 8-20
		followed by coffee and cake	Matthew 8.28-end
03/07 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Ephesians 2.19-end
			John 20.24-29
	1.30 pm	Arts and Crafts meet up	Church
04/07 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Genesis 23.1-4, 19, 24.1-8, 62-end
			Matthew 9.9-13
	6.00 pm	Treble Choir	
	7.30 pm	Choir	

## Next Sunday...

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

2 Kings 5.1-14

Galatians 6.7-16

Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (CW)</b>	Reader	Antony vander Willigen
<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Sunday's Cool*</b>	Readers	Nick Jones
	<b>Anointing and Prayer for Healing and Wholeness</b>		
Setting	Shephard		Christine Best
Pr Hymn	682 In the cross of Christ I glory		
Gr Hymn	498 Lord thy church on earth		
Of Hymn	477 Go forth & tell (T394)		
Anthem	Take up your cross (WOTC)		
Cm Hymn	421 All for Jesus		
	518 O Christ the healer		
Fn Hymn	510 Will you come and follow me		
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Sung Evensong</b>	Readers	David Spear
Hymn	621 Dear Lord & Father		Carolyn Ponder
Responses	Ferial		
Psalm	65		

Canticles	Mag: 171; Nunc: 286
Anthem	Round me falls the night (NCAB p399)
Hymn	475 Forth in the peace of Christ
Hymn	15 Glory to thee my God this night

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## Notices and Parish News...

**Next Sunday, 6th July 2025, the Parish Eucharist will focus on healing and wholeness.** The structure will remain familiar, but the readings, prayers, and reflection will invite us to consider our shared longing for healing—of body, mind, relationships, memory, or spirit. In the Anglican tradition, healing is not about instant cures, but about opening ourselves to the wholeness God desires for us: peace, reconciliation, the easing of burdens, or simply grace to endure. It is about restoration—to ourselves, to one another, and to God. After Communion, you may receive prayer ministry or anointing in the Lady Chapel. Two trained ministers will offer quiet, attentive prayer for any need. A priest will offer anointing with holy oil—a sign of God's strength and comfort. If you are interested in joining the prayer ministry team, please speak to Daniel. Training and support are available. Whether seeking healing or praying for others, you are warmly invited to this gentle and hopeful service. Christ the healer meets us where we are and walks with us towards wholeness.

**Sunday's Cool – We are delighted to confirm that from next week Sunday's Cool will run every week** during our 9:45 AM service (except for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday which is Worship for All). School aged 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!

An Invitation **Sunday July 6th from 3pm to 4.30pm** – Pilgrim Course Taster - Life is a pilgrimage - a journey to explore who we are and what life is for. This is true for everyone – people who have a faith and those who have none. From September, there will be a series of sessions for anyone to join us on a journey of exploration of the Christian faith. Dates and times will be chosen to suit people who are interested. To find out more and decide if this may be for you - come along to a taster session and enjoy some conversation with tea and cake on **Sunday July 6th from 3pm to 4.30pm, in the Tudor Hall of the Old School**. It's free and commits you to nothing. If you can't make the taster or would like more information email [reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org).

🎵 **Hymns and Pimm's - Music for a Summer's Evening** 🎵 **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 6.00pm.** Come and enjoy an early summer's evening of beautiful choral music, well-loved hymns, and refreshing Pimm's, all in the stunning setting of Holy Trinity. Our celebrated choir will offer music to uplift the soul, including Jubilate (Mozart/Bullard); The Magnificat (Song of Mary) & The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) (Richard Shephard); Favourite hymns including All Creatures of Our God and King, How Great Thou Art, and For the Beauty of the Earth with readings, gentle reflection, and prayers celebrating the joy of the season, the warmth of community, and the gift of rest. Followed by Pimm's and strawberries in the churchyard (weather permitting). All are welcome – come as you are, bring a friend, and sing your summer praises!

🎵 **Get Organised in 2025!** 🎵 Ever wanted to try the church organ? Now's your chance! 2025 is "Play the Organ Year"—a national initiative by the Royal College of Organists to inspire new players. Holy Trinity Cuckfield is taking part with an Introduction to the Organ workshop this autumn. Whether you're a pianist or just curious, this relaxed 3-hour session is a chance to explore the "king of instruments" on our beautiful, beginner-friendly organ. Spaces are limited — register your interest now and we'll arrange a suitable date. Materials and support will be provided if you wish to take organ playing further. Email [office@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:office@holytrinitycuckfield.org) to sign up — and discover the joy of leading worship through music!

**Holy Trinity Cuckfield Joins the Inclusive Church Network** - We're pleased to announce that Holy Trinity is now a member of the Inclusive Church Network—a national movement committed to ensuring everyone feels truly welcome in the life of the Church, regardless of disability, mental health, ethnicity, gender, identity, sexuality, or economic background. By joining, we affirm what we have always believed: that God's love and the community of Christ's Church are open to all. As part of our mission to be A Blessing to Cuckfield, inclusion isn't optional—it's central to the Gospel we proclaim. Jesus welcomed those on the margins; we aim to do the same, with integrity and joy. This commitment reflects our vision: rooted in tradition, open to the Spirit's call to justice, hospitality, and renewal. Learn more at [www.inclusive-church.org](http://www.inclusive-church.org). **Whoever you are, and whatever your story—you are welcome here.**

**Don't forget** that starting July our **"Worship for All" service will move to the 4th Sunday of each month.** The Worship for All Dates (4th Sundays) for the remainder of this year are 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (Harvest Festival), 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025.

**Services During August** - The team is taking a well-earned rest over August. Worship through August will be limited to 8.00 am and 9.45 am (no Evensong); and Weekday 10.30 am Wednesday Holy Communion (with cake!). No services on Thursday or Friday.

**Voluntary Old School Treasurer** - Do you have a few spare hours each week? Want a worthwhile position that makes a huge difference to our Community? The Old School is seeking a voluntary part-time Treasurer to support the Operations manager so it can remain a leading venue for the Cuckfield Area. For more information please contact [clivesimmonds@btinternet.com](mailto:clivesimmonds@btinternet.com)

**Lunch "n" Linger** will take place again at the Old School on **Thursday 31st July 2025**. We gather from 12.30, **lunch is served at 1.00 pm**. The menu this month is to be confirmed, due to school holidays. 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 (28<sup>th</sup> July).** 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 July 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 from 9.30-12.30** providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. Dates for 2025 are 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.

### Prayers...

#### **Those to be married:**

Charles Andrew Horton & Ceri Anne Clarke

Alec Joshua Thompson Pearce & Erin Rose Savile Turner

#### **Those in immediate need:**

Becky Parker, Mark Herring, Ralph Colbran, Tina Heath, Tatyana, Wendy Bloomer, Eileen Knight, Netta Poxon

#### **Those in long term need:**

Georgia, Ann Went, Julie Sadler, Wendy Hibling, 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, Val Poxon

#### **The recently departed and those who mourn:** Paul Hughes

**Those whose year's mind falls at this time.** 30<sup>th</sup> Joyce Forest, Frances Carter 1995, Leslie Bousell 2001, Evelyn Rose Rhodes 2006, July 1<sup>st</sup> Anna Titlow 2000, Florence Mary Parker 2003, Raymond John Smith 2006

2<sup>nd</sup> Sherrie Ann Willard 2010, Anthony John Bray 2014, Martin Galbraith 2022, 3<sup>rd</sup> Luke Morris 1993, Peter Austin Marshall 2004, 4<sup>th</sup> Walter Horn 1994, Kathleen Bessie James 2007, Jose Kathleen Brown 2013, Lavinia Wylie 2023, 5<sup>th</sup> Edna Liddell 2001, Patricia Anne Bullen 2003, Betty Christine Cripps 2008, Diana Jennings 2011, 6<sup>th</sup> Martha Dutton 1995, Evelyn Graydon 2000.

### Praying through the week...

**Mon June 30<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for all involved in maintaining law and order. We pray for those involved in our legal system. We pray for those who seek to maintain justice, despite difficulties. We pray for all who stand up for justice and uproot injustice. We pray for all parts of the world, where people are suffering at the hand of unjust and discriminatory laws, where there is a legitimising of oppressive, cruel words and behaviour towards certain groups. We pray that we may restore a community that upholds the common good. We pray locally, for the people of Top street, that they may have a sense of God's love and creation around them, that they may feel God's loving presence when they feel alone, sad or lost.

**Tue July 1<sup>st</sup>** - We pray for all with new babies, all women who are pregnant and all involved in the care of women and their babies through pregnancy, birth and afterwards. We pray for those in parts of the world where access to such care is difficult or expensive. We pray locally for the people of Tower House Close, that they may have a sense of the wonder and diversity of God's creation.

**Wed July 2<sup>nd</sup>** - We pray for all who are employees of local businesses here and in the locality. We pray for those struggling to make their pay stretch adequately and those who are jobless. We pray for those fearing redundancy or retirement. We pray that we build a society that cares for the most vulnerable and enables people to fulfil their potential. Locally we pray for the people of Tylers Green, that they may sense God's presence with them, whatever they are facing.

**Thu July 3<sup>rd</sup>** - As we remember Thomas the Apostle, we remember too his doubt and his faith. We pray for all those who are fearful of doubt, fearful of the struggles of faith. *Lord we believe, help us in our unbelief.* Locally we pray particularly for the people of Tythe Barn, that they may feel the joy and pride of belonging to a community and being valued.

**Fri July 4<sup>th</sup>** - On this day, we give thanks for the beauty of summer-for long days, warm light, and the opportunities they bring for rest, friendship, and renewal. We pray for all who are travelling at this time, for safety and refreshment. As we approach the weekend, we give thanks for all who offer hospitality in our community, and for the gifts of welcome and generosity. Locally, we pray for the people of Upton Drive, that they may know the blessing of a caring and supportive neighbourhood.

**Sat July 5<sup>th</sup>** - Today the Church remembers St Anthony Zaccaria, a reformer of the Church and a man of prayer. Inspired by his example, we pray for those who work to renew the life of the Church today-clergy, teachers, and all who seek a deeper life of faith and service. We give thanks for those who create places of prayer and peace, especially within our own community, and for all who offer quiet listening and spiritual care. Locally, we pray for the people of Warden Court, for a neighbourhood of understanding, kindness, and connection.

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