

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

# Pentecost

Whit Sunday

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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to our worship!*



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## Reflection

The Holy Spirit broods over Old and New Testaments alike, a presence from before the beginning of time and creation. On the eve of his Passion, Jesus promises his disciples an Advocate ('Paraclete') to plead their case. After it, he bestows the Holy Spirit on the disciples who became the first Christians, for the guiding of their human judgements. The Holy Spirit is also the living flame bestowed on us in baptism and confirmation, unseen but all-powerful. We need not fear to stand before the judgement seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5.10), because our Advocate stands alongside us.

## Worship this Sunday...

### Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**

Acts 2.1-21  
Romans 8.14-17  
John 14.8-17  
Reader 1 James Sanders  
Reader 2 Charles Solomon  
Readers Children and Families Team

**9.45 am Worship for all\***

Pr Hymn 238 Come down O love divine  
Gloria For I'm building a people of power  
Setting Be Still  
Gr Hymn Let the flame burn brighter/we'll walk the land Kendrick  
Of Hymn Spirit of God unseen as the wind (Skye Boat Song)  
Cm Hymn Spirit of the living God (Iverson)  
236 Breathe on me breath of God  
Fn Hymn Shine Jesus shine

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## First Reading

Acts 2.1-21

*The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout

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Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## Second Reading

Romans 8.14-17

*We have not received the spirit of bondage; but the spirit of adoption*

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

## Gospel

John 14.8-17

*Jesus tells Philip that he is in the Father and the Father in him;*

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

## This Week...

09/06 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
11/06 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Acts 11.19-end
		followed by coffee and cake	John 15.12-17
12/06 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	2 Corinthians 3.15-4.1,3-6
			Matthew 5.20-26
13/06 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	2 Corinthians 4.7-15
			Matthew 5.27-32
	6.00 pm	Choir Club	Old School
	7.30 pm	Choir	Church
14/06 Sat	9.30 am	Cuckfield Local Market	Church

## Next Sunday...

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Trinity Sunday (Patronal Festival)**

Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31

Romans 5.1-5

John 16.12-15

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (CW)</b>	Reader	Graham Johnson
<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Sunday's Cool*</b>	Readers	Ted Parker
Setting	Shephard		Mark Parker
Pr Hymn	805 There is a redeemer		
Gr Hymn	276 Holy Holy Holy		
Of Hymn	663 How shall I sing		
Anthem	Holy, holy, holy (Sheet)		
Cm Hymn	726 May the grace of Christ		

628 Father of heaven  
Fn Hymn 589 Angel voices ever singing

**6.00 pm Festal Choral Evensong  
(followed by Drinks and Nibbles)**

Introit Praise to the Trinity (FABp198)  
Hymn 238i Come down O love  
Responses Ebdon  
Psalm 150  
Canticles Andreas  
Anthem Holy Holy Holy (NCABp155)  
Hymn 276 Holy Holy Holy  
Hymn 630 Father Lord of all

Readers

Exodus 3.1-15  
John 3.1-17  
Philippa Tillyer  
Ben Halsey

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**Notices and Parish News...**

**Amended Service Pattern - Worship for All – New Monthly Date Confirmed** - We're pleased to announce that starting July our "Worship for All" service will move to the 4th Sunday of each month. This change enables our Director of Music, David Curtis-Brignell, to support two choral services each month, enriching our musical worship. We are very grateful to David for stepping into the role and offering this solution to strengthen our choral life. 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. This adjustment also supports long-term planning for clergy, musicians, and families. Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to grow in worship together.

**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!

**Cuckfield Music Festival - 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June.** This years Cuckfield Music Festival offers a vibrant and diverse programme, with something for every musical taste and age group more information of what's on offer please visit Festival website [cuckfieldmusicfest.co.uk](http://cuckfieldmusicfest.co.uk).

**Lunch "n" Linger** will take place again at the Old School on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025**. We gather from 12.30, **lunch is served at 1.00 pm**. The menu this month is Gammon & Cheese pasta bake or breaded vegetable burger, mixed salad, garlic bread, new potatoes with fruit crumble with cream or fruit salad. 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](mailto:office@holyltrinitycuckfield.org) confirming your menu choices. **We need to confirm final numbers by the Monday before the lunch (23<sup>rd</sup> June).** The food is freshly prepared by Warden Park School. If you can assist with setting up and or with clearing/washing up, please let Jane know as well.

**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@holyltrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:Toby@holyltrinitycuckfield.org).

**Prayers...**

**Those to be married:**

**Those in immediate need:**

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

**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,

**The recently departed and those who mourn:** Jim Knight, Frederick dos Santos, Kevin Woolley

**Those whose year's mind falls at this time.** 9<sup>th</sup> Doris Humphrey 2010, Elizabeth Mary Wadstein 2014, 10<sup>th</sup> John Stead 1998, Basil Beard 2012, 11<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Howard, 13<sup>th</sup> Claire Taverner, Clarice Malins 2001, Kay Salisbury 2004, Eva Hope Sayers 2008, Stephanie Margaret Vander 2012, Dorothy Barton 2016, 14<sup>th</sup> Joan Eileen Humphries 2011, 15<sup>th</sup> Gwen Gurr 1994, Dorothy Yetton, Marjorie Bolton 1998, Phyllis Scadden 1998, Winifred Rollitt 2009, Marjorie Chilton 2021

**Praying through the week...**

**Mon June 9<sup>th</sup> - World Oceans Day (8<sup>th</sup>)** The ocean produces at least 50% of the planet's oxygen, is home to most of earth's biodiversity, and is the main source of protein for more than a billion people around the world. With 90% of big fish populations depleted, and 50% of coral reefs destroyed, we are taking more from the ocean than can be replenished. We pray for the will to work together to create a new balance with the ocean that no longer depletes its bounty but instead restores its vibrancy and brings it new life. We pray that globally we may sustain what sustains us, that decisions may be guided by curiosity, wisdom and a commitment to all of God's Creation. We give thanks for all who live on Rosemary Close, that they may feel the benefit of a safe, caring, neighbourly unity.

**Tue June 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 Royal British Leagon, giving thanks for the ways in which they enrich the lives of the local community.

**Wed June 11<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for all involved in the worship and events of Holy Trinity Church, that they may reflect the love and hospitality of God. We pray for all living in that area of the parish. We pray locally for the people of Ruthven Close, that they may feel the richness of a community of respect, care and inclusivity.

**Thu June 12<sup>th</sup>** - On World Day Against Child Labour we recognise that over the past few years, conflicts, crises and the COVID-19 pandemic, have plunged more families into poverty - and forced millions more children into child labour. Today, 160 million children are still engaged in child labour. That is almost one in ten children worldwide. We pray for all those children and their families and for all working to improve economic growth so that it becomes sufficient and inclusive enough to relieve the pressure on families and communities. Locally, we pray for the people of Rycroft Road, that they may have peace and joy in their hearts.

**Fri June 13<sup>th</sup>** - We look to Fathers' Day (15<sup>th</sup>) and pray for fathers around the world, giving thanks for the ways in which they celebrate, teach, love and enrich the lives of children. We pray for those struggling to provide the care, safety and childhood needed. Locally we pray for the people of the Rugby Club, that they may have a sense of being cherished, and that they too may feel able to be loving towards others this day.

**Sat June 14<sup>th</sup>** - On World Blood Donor Day we pray for all those in need of safe blood and blood products. We pray for the blood donor service and all those voluntary blood donors for their life-saving gifts of blood. We pray locally for the people of South Street, that they may feel the comfort and presence of God.

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