

Sunday 13th July 2025

4th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection by Rev'd Stephen Caple

In our Gospel today Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan, it teaches us what real love and kindness looks like. A man was attacked and left on the road. Two people passed by without helping. But a Samaritan - a person from a group usually disliked - stopped to care for him. He cleaned the man's wounds, took him to a safe place, and paid for his care. Jesus told this story to show that being a good neighbour isn't about who someone is, but how we treat others. The Samaritan didn't let differences stop him from helping. He saw someone in pain and chose to act with compassion. Jesus ends the story by saying, "Go and do likewise." That means we're called to show mercy, too. Whether it's helping a stranger, listening to a friend, or being kind when it's hard, we can all make a difference. Every act of love brings light into the world. Let's be people who choose to show God's compassion.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader	Amos 7.7-end Colossians 1.1-14 Luke 10.25-37 Graham Johnson
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist with Sunday's Cool*	Reader 1	Kate Berry
Setting	Shephard	Reader 2	Isobel Simmonds
Pr Hymn	284 For the fruits of all creation		
Gr Hymn	272 Father Lord of earth & heaven	Intercessor	Nicholas Rowe
Of Hymn	575 When I needed a neighbour		
Anthem	Lead me Lord (NCAB p206)		
Cm Hymn	462 Soul of my Saviour		
Fn Hymn	580 Judge eternal		

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

First Reading

Amos 7.7-end

God shows Amos a plumb line; Amos reiterates the impending exile

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See,

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I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel." 'Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac." therefore, thus says the LORD: "Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land."

Second Reading

Colossians 1.1-14

Paul joyfully gives thanks for the Colossians, who share in the inheritance of the saints

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Gospel

Luke 10.25-37

The parable of the Good Samaritan

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

This Week...

14/07 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
15/07 Tues	7.00 pm	Cuckfield & Bolney Men's Group	The Bull, Henfield
16/07 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Exodus 3.1-6, 9-12
		followed by coffee and cake	Matthew 11.25-27
17/07 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Exodus 3.13-20
			Matthew 11.28-end
	1.30 pm	Arts and Craft Meet up	Tudor Hall, Old School
	2.00 pm	Funeral T/L Paul Hughes	Church
18/07 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Exodus 11.10-12.14
			Matthew 12.1-8
	2.00 pm	HT Primary Yr 6 Leavers Service	Church
	6.00 pm	Treble Choir	
	7.30 pm	Choir	

Next Sunday...**Sunday 20th July - 5th Sunday after Trinity**

Amos 8.1-12
Colossians 1.15-28
Luke 10.38-end
Peter Graydon
Liz Graydon

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Reader

9.45 am Parish Eucharist with Sundays Cool and commissioning of the Welcome Team*

Readers

Setting Shephard
Pr Hymn 741 O Christ, the same
Gr Hymn 4 New every morning
Of Hymn 258 O thou who camest
Anthem A Gaelic blessing (NCAB p1)
Cm Hymn 764 Peace, perfect peace
Fn Hymn 287 Praise & thanksgiving

Intercessor

Roger Floyd
Philippa Tillyer
Mark Parker

12.00 pm Baptism**6.00 pm Hymns & Pimm's**

Introit Jubilate (Flexible p140)
Hymn 532 All creatures of our God v1,2,5,7
Canticles Song of Mary/Simeon Shephard (sheets)
Anthem 546 How great thou art
Hymn 238 Come down O love divine
Hymn 537i For the beauty of the earth

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Notices and Parish News...

THANK YOU! Your incredible generosity has helped fully equip 4 refugee families with young children and supported 2 mothers with essential household items. They are deeply grateful and have asked us to pass on their thanks. Families continue to be moved at short notice, so the Engage Team is preparing e\$mergency boxes. We currently need: Duvets (single and double), pillows (new or in good condition), Saucepans, mugs, glasses, plates, bowls, Large cooking pots, oven dishes, baking trays, cake tins. Other household items are also welcome. Please leave donations in the tower box. If you can offer a small kitchen table or sofa, speak to Hilary or Jane.

Friday 15 August 2025. Peace and Remembrance: VJ Day 80 - Honouring the Past, Building the Future. Join us for a special afternoon and evening marking the 80th anniversary of VJ Day - the final end of the Second World War. In partnership with Cuckfield Royal British Legion, this free community event held in the Church offers something for all ages:

- Family activities afternoon (1-4pm): Crafts, games, living history, storytelling, and more (details of how to book will follow)
- Community High Tea (4:30-6:30pm): Traditional 1940s refreshments, live music, and shared memories. Please book your place in advance at office@holyltrinitycuckfield.org.
- Service of Thanksgiving (6:30-7:15pm): Prayers, readings, and a commitment to peace for future generations

All are welcome as we remember, reflect, and look forward with hope, we will be joined by the Lord Lieutenant of Sussex.

Cuckfield and Bolney Men's Group Skittles Evening - Skittles evening at the Bull on Tuesday 15th July at 7.30pm. Please let Clive Simmonds know if anyone needs a lift from Broad St Car Park at 7pm.

🎵 **Hymns and Pimm's - Music for a Summer's Evening** 🎵 **Sunday 20th 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!

Sunday's Cool - We are delighted to confirm that **Sunday's Cool** will run every week during our 9:45 AM service (except for 4th 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!

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. **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 27th July 2025, 28th September 2025 (Harvest Festival), 26th October 2025 and 23rd 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

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**. On the menu this month is Lasagne and dessert to be chosen on the day, please let us know if you want a vegetarian option and we will accommodate on request. There are only 40 places, and these will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Please let Jane know or email office@holyltrinitycuckfield.org confirming your menu choices. **We need to confirm final numbers by the Monday before the lunch (28th July).**

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market returns on **Saturday August 9th 2025 from 9.30-12.30** providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. Dates for 2025 are 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.

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, Tatyana, 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, Peter Morgan

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 14th Dulcie Tidey 2001, Jean Ena Hammond 2016, 15th Gladys Elisabeth Cranefield 2005, 16th Frank Knight 1923, 17th Sally Jane Mitchell 2011, 18th Peter Kapff 2016, 19th Dorothy Duthie 1996, 20th Tony Fabb, David Kerr 2001, Barrie Galbraith 2018.

Praying through the week...

Mon July 14th - Emmeline Pankhurst Day, we remember all who fought for women's suffrage and pray for women still denied equal rights. We pray for marginalised groups and those living in fear due to discrimination. We give thanks for those who speak out for justice. Locally, we pray for the people of Woodhall Close, that they feel God's comfort in hardship and breakthrough.

Tue July 15th - Swithun, Bishop of Winchester. On Youth Skills Day, we give thanks for young people's talents. We pray they are supported to reach their potential and that older people listen and learn from them. Locally, we pray for young people living away from home, that they find kindness and safety.

Wed July 16th - We give thanks for laughter and those who bring joy through comedy. We pray for Age Concern, giving thanks for their community work and asking that they know God's presence in all they do.

Thu July 17th We pray for those suffering from violence and war in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, and beyond. We long for a world that values life, justice, and creation over greed and destruction. Locally, we pray for Ardingly Road residents to know peace and well-being.

Fri July 18th - Nelson Mandela International Day, we remember Mandela's call to build peace. We pray for all willing to challenge injustice and bring change. We also pray for agricultural workers, that they know God's love and comfort.

Sat July 19th - We give thanks for all who teach and inspire us with wisdom, love, and hospitality. Locally, we pray for Ashburnham Drive residents, for their well-being and for acts of kindness among them.

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