

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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to our worship!*



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### Reflection

In the Gospel for today, Martha invites Jesus to the home she shares with her sister Mary. Martha busies herself with the work of hospitality while Mary listens to Jesus. Martha complains about her sister, but Jesus says that Mary has chosen the better path. When it comes to welcoming people into church hospitality is important but more important is that people should experience a sacred space. Welcoming people into church can be tricky. We don't know what they bring with them. It could be joy because they have come to hear their banns read. It could be sorrow because their loved one is in the prayers for the departed. A Benedictine monk once explained that the best welcome is when people feel loved. Scripture says that God is love and our sacred space is where we share that love. It works just as well enhancing our joys or comforting us in our sorrows. Today Father Daniel will be commissioning the welcomers and sides-people including these words. 'May your words be warm, your presence be peaceful and your hands be open in love'.

### Worship this Sunday...

#### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

			Amos 8.1-12
			Colossians 1.15-28
			Luke 10.38-end
8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader	Anthony Vander Willigen
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist with Sundays Cool and commissioning of the Welcome Team*	Reader	Peter Graydon Liz Graydon
Setting	Shephard		
Pr Hymn	741 O Christ, the same	Intercessor	Mark Parker
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		
12.00 pm	Baptism		
6.00 pm	Hymns & Pimm's		Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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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

Readers

Kate Berry  
Ron Tillyer  
Nick Jones  
Jane Coan

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### First Reading

Amos 8.1-12

*God shows Amos a basket of fruit; he preaches justice for the poor*

This is what the Lord GOD showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’ Then the LORD said to me, ‘The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,’ says the Lord GOD; ‘the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!’ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

### Second Reading

Colossians 1.15-28

*Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

### Gospel

Luke 10.38-end

*Jesus visits sisters Mary and Martha: Martha is distracted, and Jesus affirms Mary's attentiveness*

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.’

### This Week...

21/07 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
22/07 Tues	11.00 am	Filming	Church
23/07 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Exodus 16.1-5, 9-15
		followed by coffee and cake	Matthew 13.1-9
	7.00 pm	Eucharist	Church

24/07 Thurs	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting	Old School
	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Exodus 19.1-2,9-11,16-20
25/07 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Matthew 3.10-17
			Jeremiah 45.1-5
			Acts 11.27-12.2
			Matthew 20.20-28
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	

#### Next Sunday...

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

			Hosea 1.2-10
			Colossians 2.6-15
			Luke 11.1-13
<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>	Reader	Eileen Caple
<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>Worship for All*</b>	Readers	Young People
Setting	Be Still		
Pr Hymn	581 Lord of lords and King eternal		
Gr Hymn	775 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God		
Of Hymn	595 Be thou my vision		
Cm Hymn	629(i) Father hear the prayer we offer		
	557 Beauty for brokenness		
Fn Hymn	Jesus put this song into our hearts		

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#### Notices and Parish News...

🎵 **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!

**Thank You!** Your generosity has fully equipped 4 refugee families and supported 2 mothers with essential household items. They are deeply grateful. As more families arrive at short notice, the Engage Team is preparing emergency boxes. **We currently need:** Duvets (single/double), pillows (new/good condition), Saucepans, mugs, glasses, plates, bowls, Large pots, oven dishes, baking trays, cake tins. Other household items welcome. Please leave donations in the tower box. To offer a small 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](mailto: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.

**Sunday's Cool - We are delighted to confirm that 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!

**Holy Trinity Cuckfield Joins the Inclusive Church Network** - We're delighted to be part of the Inclusive Church Network, a national movement promoting a Church where all are truly welcome—regardless of disability, mental health, ethnicity, gender, identity, sexuality, or background. This affirms our belief that God's love and the life of the Church are open to all. Inclusion is central to our mission and to the Gospel we live by. 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 has moved 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.

**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@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).**

**Cuckfield Local Market** - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market returns on **Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 from 9.30-12.30** providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. Dates for 2025 are 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:** Alec Joshua Thompson Pearce & Erin Rose Savile Turner

**Those in immediate need:**

Becky Parker, Mark Herring, Ralph Colbran, Tatyana, Eileen Knight, Netta Poxon, Eileen McDougall

**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, Valerie Poxon

**The recently departed and those who mourn:** Peter Morgan

**Those whose year's mind falls at this time.** 21<sup>st</sup> Jack Barnard, Roger Petitpierre 1995, Richard Jeremy Hall 2012, Douglas John Hollis (Priest) 2013 Greville Patrick Goad 2020, 22<sup>nd</sup> William Sayers 1995, Margaret Coomber 1996, Gladys Mary Tidey 2002, Doris Prebble 2009, 23<sup>rd</sup> Percival Abbot 1996, Shirley Rosalind Deakin 2011, Brian Eustace Norman 2013, 24<sup>th</sup> Richard (Dick) James Beard 2005, William Edward Baxter 2010, 25<sup>th</sup> Stella Muir 1993, Oscar Laurence Leader Orpen 2003, Simon Montfort Bebb 2008, Dorothy Betty Upton 2008, 26<sup>th</sup> Brian Cooper 1994, Gillian Ann Coventry 2006, 27<sup>th</sup> Alan John Cruse 1997, Fred Capelin 1999, Alan Virgin 2012

### Praying through the week...

**Mon July 21<sup>st</sup>** - We pray for all who live and work in residential, care, and nursing homes. May they be blessed with compassion, skill, and dignity. Locally, we pray for the people of Barrowfield to know the beauty and joy of God's creation.

**Tue July 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Remembering Mary Magdalene, we pray for our sister church St Mary Magdalene, we pray that like Mary we might follow Christ with humility and faith. We pray for families on holiday and for those unable to take one, that all may find rest. We also pray for summer clubs, parents, and the people of Bennetts.

**Wed July 23<sup>rd</sup>** - We pray for those most vulnerable to climate change and for greater commitment to sustainability. We remember peaceful activists and pray for the protection of democracy. Locally, we give thanks for the people of Bevan Bank.

**Thu July 24<sup>th</sup>** - As the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons approaches, we pray for all children affected by trafficking and abuse. We ask for greater awareness, action, and care for victims. We pray for the people of Bishopstone Lane to feel God's strength.

**Fri July 25<sup>th</sup>** - On St James's Day and World Drowning Prevention Day, we pray for faith in our journeys, for water safety efforts, and for all affected by drowning. Locally, we pray for joy and light for the people of Blunden Drive.

**Sat July 26<sup>th</sup>** - We remember Mary's parents, Anne and Joachim, and pray for parents everywhere. We ask for safe, joyful childhoods and pray especially for children whose holidays are not restful. We bless the people of Blunts Wood Crescent.

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