

Sunday 27th July 2025

6th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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to our worship!*



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Reflection

Jesus encourages us to be persistent. To keep going. To keep asking. To keep using our voices to call out the injustices of the world, to bring them to the attention of God, and of course to our own attention. Because when we pray it isn't just that God hears and will act, but it is that we hear too and notice what is important. Persistence seems to bring about action. What do we need to keep praying and asking about, so that things will change?

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Reader

Hosea 1.2-10
Colossians 2.6-15
Luke 11.1-13
Eileen Caple

9.45 am Worship For All Holy Communion*

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

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

First Reading

Hosea 1.2-10

Hosea marries and has children by Gomer; Israel will be restored

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD.' So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the LORD said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.' She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by

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the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.' When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.' Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people', it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.'

Second Reading

Colossians 2.6-15

Fullness of life in Christ, the forgiveness of sins and growing with God

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

Gospel

Luke 11.1-13

Jesus teaches the disciples the Lord's Prayer and encourages them to persist in prayer

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

This Week...

28/07 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
29/07 Tues	1.00 pm	Family Dog Walk	
30/07 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Exodus 34.29-end
		followed by coffee and cake	Matthew 13.44-46
	2.00 pm	Funeral - T/L Iris Charalambous	Church
31/07 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Exodus 40.16-21, 34-end
			Matthew 13.47-53
	12.30pm	Lunch "n" Linger	Old School
02/08 Sat	1.00 pm	Wedding of Alec Pearce & Erin Savile Turner	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 3rd August - 7th Sunday after Trinity

Hosea 11.1-11

Colossians 3.1-11

Luke 12.13-21

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader	Anthony vander Willigen
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist with Sunday's Cool	Readers	Richard Whidborne
Setting	Shephard		Brian Cutler
Pr Hymn	357 All people that on earth		
Gr Hymn	679 In Christ there is no east		
Of Hymn	595 Be thou my vision		

Cm Hymn 787i Take my life & let it be
Fn Hymn 739 Now thank we all our God

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Notices and Parish News...

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.

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 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.

Poppy Appeal - We're creating a stunning poppy display for **Remembrance Sunday**—and we need your help! Please donate **knitted or crocheted poppies** of any size or pattern (leave extra wool for tying). A collection box will be in the church porch until **October 1st**. Let's honour and remember together—**everyone welcome to contribute!**

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.

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 end of the Second World War. In partnership with Cuckfield Royal British Legion, this free community event held in the Church (and Old School) offers something for all ages:

- **Free Family Activities afternoon** (1:00-4:00pm): Crafts, games, living history, storytelling, and more. Please use this QR Code to book your spot...
- **Free Community High Tea** (4:30-6:30pm): Traditional 1940s refreshments, live music from <https://www.georginataylorwyatt.co.uk/#Showreels> (check out her showreel here), from and shared memories. Please use this QR Code to book your spot...
- **Service of Thanksgiving** (6:30-7:15pm): Prayers, readings, and a commitment to peace for future generations. Including exquisite renditions of 'Lamento' and 'Canto Secondo' from the Britten Requiem played on the Cello by Nicholas Cooper; "When I Am Laid in Earth" (Dido's Lament) by Henry Purcell sung by Soprano Evie Pinhey and accompanied by Roger Walkinton on the piano and Cello Continuo by Nicholas Cooper; and Voices from the End: A dramatized reading for five voices adapted from real letters and oral histories of returning Far East prisoners of war, wartime speeches and reflections from the Home front. The service will end with "Nimrod" from Variations on an Original Theme, Op. 36 ("Enigma Variations") by Sir Edward Elgar (1857–1934), and will be followed by an Optional Peace Prayer Vigil continuing in the Lady Chapel until 8.30 pm



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 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 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. *Whoever you are, and whatever your story—you are welcome here.*

Don't forget that from today 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 28th September 2025 (Harvest Festival), 26th October 2025 and 23rd November 2025.

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, 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, Netta Poxon, Iris Charalambous, Silvia Hickman

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 28th Aileen Morrison 1995, Barbara May Galbraith 2013, 29th Robert Clarence Capp 2013, Revd. Eric Hayden, Shirley Beard 2017, 30th Lilian Anne Bourne 2011, Mina Rosemary Bushby 2011, 31st Kenneth Viles, Francis Grainger 1995, Graham Hardwick 1999, Betty Turner 2018, Peter Anderson 2019, August 2nd David Revill 1999, Kenneth David Keymer 2002, Dorothy Young 2009, 3rd Steve Dant 1997, Margaret Henley 2001, Helen Hargreaves Heap 2009, Cpt. Alan Prebble 2022.

Praying through the week...

Mon July 28th - Looking to the International Day of Friendship we recognise that our world faces many challenges, crises and forces of division — such as poverty, violence, and human rights abuses. We recognise that these undermine peace, security, development and social harmony among the world's peoples. We pray that we become more able to confront those crises and challenges. We pray that their root causes be addressed by the promotion and defence of a shared spirit of human solidarity. We pray for friendship, especially across divisions. We pray locally for the people of Blunts Wood Road, that they may see something of God's love in their lives and in their community.

Tue July 29th - As we remember Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord, we pray for all our friends, all our companions in work, in leisure, in Church and those who accompany us on our continuing faith journey. We pray that we may give and receive love in our friendships. We pray for those broken relationships, for those friends we no longer feel close to, those we've lost touch with. We pray for the people of Bolney Road, giving thanks for all that is good and hope in all those difficult areas of their lives.

Wed July 30th - William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, Anti-Slavery Campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846. We give thanks for all who have fought for justice and for all who continue to stand up to injustice. We pray for those trying to help us understand a more truthful, expansive reading of our history and the colonial past, reverberating still down the ages. We pray locally, for the people of Bolnore Farm Lane, 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.

Thu July 31st - We pray for all who maintain parks, gardens, leisure facilities, museums, cinemas, and galleries, giving thanks for their vision, skills and effort, giving thanks for the ways in which such places enrich our lives. We pray locally for the people of Bordehill Lane, that they may feel the security and dignity of a warm, inclusive community.

Fri Aug 1st - In World Breast Feeding Week we remember and pray for young babies and their parents and carers. We pray that they have what they need for a good start in life: for health, safety, adequate accommodation, nutrition and medical aid and advice. We pray that our children be free from living amidst conflict, war and violence, that they be free from living amidst the pain of poverty, debt or addiction. We pray locally for the people of Brainsmeade, that they may have a sense of the wonder and diversity of God's creation.

Sat Aug 2nd - We pray for all those people, whose work we rely upon to keep our buildings safe and secure: builders, utility workers, plumbers and heating engineers, glaziers and plasterers. We give thanks for their skills and expertise. We pray for those whose homes are unfit, for those living on the street or in hostels. We pray for those victims of the Grenfell disaster, still awaiting answers, and accountability. Locally we pray for the people of Brainsmeade Close, that they may sense God's presence with them, whatever they are facing.

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