

Sunday 6th July 2025

3rd Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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to our worship!*



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Reflection

In today's readings, we glimpse the heart of Christ's mission: to bring peace, restore dignity, and draw us into communion with God and one another. Paul urges us to sow seeds of the Spirit—gentleness, perseverance, mercy—while Luke paints a picture of the disciples sent out in vulnerability, bearing peace and receiving it. Healing, in this light, is not only physical but relational and spiritual. Christ's healing meets us in our weakness, offering wholeness that embraces the body, heart, and soul. In this Eucharist, may we open ourselves to that grace: the peace that heals, the love that restores, and the hope that endures.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

God of compassion and mercy, who sent your Son to heal the broken-hearted and to bind up the wounds of your people: look with kindness on all who cry to you in their need. Restore the weary, comfort the fearful, and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may know your peace in our pain, your presence in our loneliness, and your healing in body, mind, and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

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			2 Kings 5.1-14 Galatians 6.7-16 Luke 10.1-11,16-20
8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader	Antony vander Willigen
9.45 am	Eucharist with Sunday's Cool* Anointing and Prayer for Healing and Wholeness	Reader 1	Nick Jones
Setting	Shephard	Reader 2	Christine Best
Pr Hymn	682 In the cross of Christ I glory	Intercessor	Harriet Lawrence
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		
11.15 am	Family Praise		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong		Genesis 29.1-20 Mark 6.7-29
Hymn	621 Dear Lord & Father	Readers	David Spear
Responses	Ferial		Carolyn Ponder
Psalm	65		
Canticles	Mag: 171; Nunc: 286		

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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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First Reading

2 Kings 5.1-14

Naaman swallows his pride and is healed at the River Jordan by Elisha

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.' He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.' But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Second Reading

Galatians 6.7-16

Bear one another's burdens; Paul boasts in nothing except Christ crucified

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Gospel

Luke 10.1-11,16-20

The sending out of the 70 disciples to bring peace and to heal

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." 'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.' The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

This Week...

07/07 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
8/07 Tues	2.00 pm	Internment – T/L Ruth Baker	
	7.45 pm	Old School Board Meeting	Old School
09/07 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Genesis 41.55-end, 42.5-7, 17-end
		followed by coffee and cake	Matthew 10.1-7
	3.00 pm	Baptism Rehearsal	Church
	6.00 pm	Standing Committee	Old School
10/07 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona /Celtic Communion	Genesis 44.18-21, 23-29, 45.1-5
			Matthew 10.7-15
	2.00 pm	Thanksgiving Service – T/L Jim Knight	Church
	7.30 pm	CCHT Meeting	Old School
11/07 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Genesis 46.1-7, 28-30
			Matthew 10.16-23
	6.00 pm	Treble Choir	
	7.30 pm	Choir	
12/07 Sat	9.30 am	Cuckfield Local Market	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 13th July – 4th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader	Amos 7.7-end Colossians 1.1-14 Luke 10.25-37 James Sanders Christine Best
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist*	Readers	Kate Berry
Setting	Shephard		Isobel Simmonds
Pr Hymn	284 For the fruits of all creation	Intercessor	Nicholas Rowe
Gr Hymn	272 Father Lord of earth & heaven		
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		

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Notices and Parish News...

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!

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@holyltrinitycuckfield.org.

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market returns on **Saturday July 12th 2025 from 9.30-12.30** providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. Dates for 2025 are August 9th, 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.

🎵 **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!

🎵 **LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER** 🎵 Ever wanted to try the church organ? 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@holyltrinitycuckfield.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. **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).**

June's 5th Sunday collection – was for Family Support Work and will contribute to holiday activities for local families in need

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. 7th Elisabeth Bridgit Dunnett 2019, 8th Kenneth Kleinwort 1994, 9th Brian Colin Page 2002, 10th Dorothy Trevitwick, 11th Selina (Lena) Gray 2009, 12th Margaret (Peggy) Willcocks 2002, Robert Charles Hickman 2019, 13th Samuel Dods 1999, Billy 2002, Edward John Wardle 2006.

Praying through the week...

Mon 7 July We pray for all young people finishing exams, for rest, fun and a clear path ahead. We remember those marking exams, giving thanks for their diligence. Locally, we pray for Warden Park School, that it may be a place of safety, encouragement, and belonging.

Tue 8 July We pray for all who work in legal services, and for a fairer, just society. We remember those denied justice, and charities working to end torture and injustice. Locally, we pray for the people of Wheatsheaf Lane.

Wed 9 July We lift up those who are sick, isolated or struggling in body, mind or spirit. We pray for refugees seeking safety and belonging. Locally, we give thanks for all who live on Whiteman's Close.

Thu 10 July We pray for all living with financial strain, and for those who rely on or support foodbanks. Locally, we remember the community of Whiteman's Green, giving thanks for their contribution to local life.

Fri 11 July On World Population Day, we pray that no one is left unseen or unheard. We give thanks for human diversity and pray for equal rights and opportunities for all. We also pray for holidaymakers and resort staff, for mutual respect and balance. Locally, we remember the people of Wineham Lane.

Sat 12 July As we mark the Srebrenica Genocide anniversary, we pray for all still living with the scars of conflict and division. May peace and reconciliation grow. Locally, we hold in prayer the residents of Woodbine Close.

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