

Sunday 10th August 2025

8th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

How do we live by faith? How might we be ready for action, ready to do the work of the kingdom each day? Abraham had to trust God, even though he couldn't see what the end of the journey looked like. There is reassurance for us, to not be afraid, because God will take care of us. There is encouragement that we can risk being generous and radical in Jesus' name, because he promises us the kingdom. Love more generously, serve more abundantly, because we never know when the end will come.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

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Isaiah 1.1, 10-20
Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16
Luke 12.32-40

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Readers	Charles Solomon, James Sanders
9.45 am	Said Eucharist with hymns*	Readers	Philippa Tillyer Kate Berry
Setting	Said		
Pr Hymn	584 All my hope on God is founded	Intercessor	Tony Lawrence
Gr Hymn	587 Amazing grace		
Of Hymn	715 Lord for the years		

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

First Reading

Isaiah 1.1, 10-20

Isaiah addresses Sodom and Gomorrah: God has had enough of hardness of heart, but it is not too late to repent

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my

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courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation - I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel

Luke 12.32-40

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be.

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This Week...

11/08 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
13/08 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Deuteronomy 34
		followed by coffee and cake	Matthew 18.15-20
14/08 Thurs	2.00 pm	Engagement Ceremony of Nathaniel Hardingham and Harriet Smith	Church
15/08 Fri	1.00 pm	VJ Day - Family Activities & Living History	Church
	4.30 pm	VJ Day - Community High Tea	Old School
	6.30 pm	VJ Day - Service of Thanksgiving	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 17th August - 9th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 5.1-7

Hebrews 11.29-12.2

Luke 12.49-56



8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader	Graham Johnson
9.45 am	Said Eucharist with hymns*	Readers	Evie Pinhey Ian Walden
Setting	Said		
Pr Hymn	580 Judge eternal		
Gr Hymn	258 O thou who camest	Intercessor	Clive Simmonds
Of Hymn	304 Let saints on earth		
Cm Hymn	51 The Lord will come & not be slow		

Notices and Parish News...

Clergy Surgery and Suggestions - In response to feedback from the Pastoral Care Survey earlier this year, we are introducing two new ways for you to share your thoughts on life at Holy Trinity Cuckfield. First, a suggestion box has been placed by the North Door. Suggestions will be reviewed weekly by the Leadership Team at their operations meeting. If you feel able to include your name and contact details, we will do our best to respond directly. However, anonymous suggestions are also welcome and will be considered. Second, starting Wednesday 3rd September 2025, Fr Daniel will be holding a weekly Clergy Surgery every Wednesday from 5.00 to 6.00pm. This is a chance to book a short (15-minute) appointment to speak about parish matters, faith, or anything on your mind. Appointments must be booked in advance via the parish office by phone 01444 456461 or email: pa@holytrinitycuckfield.org. We hope you'll make use of these opportunities—whether to celebrate what's going well, or to suggest what might need a little attention. After all, none of us is perfect!

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): In the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of Sussex, 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.

5th Sunday Giving - This month we are supporting **Good Neighbours Care**. The charity offers practical help to residents of Ansty, Ardingly, Cuckfield and Haywards Heath providing transport, shopping, visiting and help in the home. Please give either in the offerings bowl, on the card machine or in an envelope marked Good Neighbours Care and pop through the office letter box. Thank you very much. The Outreach team (Part of the Engage Stream)

Emergency household items Thank you everyone for your generosity in donating household items for Emergency Boxes for refugees finding themselves in accommodation with nothing. Your donated items are always very gratefully received. What we are now running short of are sets of **cutlery, cooking utensils, dinner plates and side plates**. If you have any of these items and no longer need them, please put in the box in the tower. To offer a small table or sofa, speak to Hilary or Jane. Many thanks, The Engage Stream.

Lunch "n" Linger will take place again at the Old School on **Thursday 28th August 2025**. We gather from 12.30, **lunch is served at 1.00 pm**, on the menu this week we have **fish pie or cottage pie** with a choice of deserts. 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 Tuesday before the lunch (26th August).**

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!**

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market returns on **Saturday September 13th 2025 from 9.30-12.30** providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. Dates for 2025 are 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.

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.*

Prayers...

Those to be married:

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,

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 11th Sheila Emmens 1994, Winifred Martha Stevens 2002, Vivien Butterworth 2020, Yvonne Patricia Ford 2021, 12th Alexander Crichton Wallace 2004, Margaret Lorraine Sabin, 2023, 13th Richard John Taylor 2003, Olive Isabel Stenning 2004, Catherine Jane Thurgood 2010, Diane Helen Ede 2018, 14th Ronald Wadhams, Anne Rosemarie Norris 2021, 15th Mabs (Mabel) Ismay Clarke 2001, Anne Diana Lindsay 2005, 16th Colin Francis Ponsford 2001, Ian Godfrey Williams 2010, 17th John Baxter, Norman Whotworth, Michael Ernest Hoile 2004, Maud Isabella Punton 2008.

Praying through the week...

Mon Aug 11th - On World Steelpan Day we give thanks for Cultural diversity, for the mutual enrichment of world culture in music, art, dance and drama. We pray for all those enabling greater appreciation and joy in both participating and welcoming such cultural endeavours. We pray locally for the people of Broxmead Lane, that they may feel the richness of a community of respect, care and inclusivity.

Tue Aug 12th - On International Youth Day we pray for young people across the world. We pray for those who are struggling to make themselves heard, that we older people learn to empower them, work with them as equals and be open to learning from them. Locally, we pray for the people of Bulls Lane, that they may have peace and joy in their hearts.

Wed Aug 13th - We pray for charities like Freedom From Torture and Amnesty International, highlighting injustice and torture, holding to account people and states who misuse their power, support injustice and violence, and undermine human rights. Locally we pray for the people of Bunton Lane, giving thanks for the ways in which they enrich the lives of the local community, and their families and circles of friends.

Thu Aug 14th - We pray for all who are in need of a holiday, but through poverty, broken plans, sickness, family difficulties or excessive work demands, are unable to take one. We pray that they may nevertheless feel able to enjoy and feel revitalised by the environment around them, more rest time and contact with friends and family. We pray locally for the people of Burrell Green, that they may feel the comfort and presence of God, throughout hardship and difficulties.

Fri Aug 15th - We pray for elderly people coping with big changes in their life, anxious about losing independence, mobility, good health and energy; for those facing memory loss, confusion or dementia. We pray that they may always feel loved and appreciated, that they may allow themselves the rest and support they may need. We pray for those involved in their care, whether formally as caregivers in the community or care home, or informally as friends and family; we pray that they may show the patience, skills and compassion necessary. Locally we pray for the people of Butlers Green Road, that they may feel the safety and generosity of a kind neighbourhood.

Sat Aug 16th - We give thanks for music and musicians, remembering our own musicians and choir over recent years, who continue to lead us in congregational singing. We pray for those involved in organisation of musical, theatrical, literature festivals, all live events enjoyed over this Summer period. Locally we pray for the people of Buttinghill Drive; we pray that they may feel the comfort and presence of God in all they do and give thanks for the ways in which they enrich the community and environment around them.

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