

Sunday 24th August 2025

Bartholomew the Apostle

10th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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to our worship!*



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Reflection

St Bartholomew, often identified with Nathanael, who's feast we mark today is introduced in the Gospels as a man of honesty and plain-speaking, brought to Jesus by Philip. Though at first sceptical, he soon recognises Jesus as Son of God and King of Israel, and later is found among the risen Lord's companions by the Sea of Galilee. Tradition remembers him as a faithful apostle and courageous preacher of the gospel, whose life bore witness to the healing, humility, and service seen in today's readings. His story reminds us that Christ calls and transforms ordinary people, drawing them into the joy and costly service of his kingdom.

Worship this Sunday...

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Acts 5.12-16
1 Corinthians 4.9-15
Luke 22.24-30

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Readers	Roger Edmonston
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist * with Sunday's Cool	Readers	Robyn Brotherton David Reed
Setting	Said		
Pr Hymn	684 Jerusalem my happy		
Gr Hymn	768i Put thou thy trust in God		
Of Hymn	604 Brother, sister me me serve you		
Cm Hymn	456ii Now let us from this table rise		
Fn Hymn	712 Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us		

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First Reading

Acts 5.12-16

The power of God works mightily through the apostles, bringing healing and wholeness in the name of Jesus.

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow

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might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 4.9-15

Paul speaks of the costly calling of the apostles, whose weakness and hardship reveal the strength of Christ.

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

Gospel

Luke 22.24-30

Jesus teaches that true greatness is found in humble service, just as he himself came among us as one who serves.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

This Week...

25/08 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
26/08 Tues	1.00 pm	End of Summer Party	Church
27/08 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion* followed by coffee and cake	1 Thessalonians 2.9-13 Matthew 23.27-32

Next Sunday...

Sunday 31st August - 11th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 2.4-13
Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16
Luke 14.1,7-14
Charles Solomon

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader	
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist*	Readers	Mark Parker Ted Parker
Setting	Said		
Pr Hymn	116 Be thou my guardian		
Gr Hymn	675 omit 4&5 Immortal love		
Of Hymn	666 I cannot tell		
Cm Hymn	563 Jesus Christ is waiting		
Fn Hymn	630 Father Lord of all		

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Notices and Parish News...

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)

THANK YOU to all of those who worked so hard to make our day and service commemorating VJ day so successful. Have a look at the photos on the church Facebook page by clicking here <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinitychurchcuckfield/>

End of Summer Party at Holy Trinity! Join us this **Tuesday 1-4 PM** in the church as we celebrate the season with fun for all ages! Bring the whole family for a **bouncy castle, games, and a treasure hunt**, plus plenty of **snacks and cake** to enjoy together.

Filming at Holy Trinity on TV - Some of you may have noticed cameras in Holy Trinity recently. We're delighted to share that the Lady Chapel was used to represent St George's Chapel in a new Channel 5 program, *Harry and Meghan: The Wedding That Split Two Families*. The programme airs on **Saturday 23rd at 9.10 pm**. We're told the actors bear an uncanny resemblance to the Royals—so do tune in and see if you can spot our church on screen!

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).**

Clergy Surgery and Suggestions - Following feedback from our Pastoral Care Survey, we're introducing two new ways to share your thoughts on life at Holy Trinity:

Suggestion Box - now by the North Door. Ideas will be reviewed weekly by the Leadership Team. Named suggestions will receive a response where possible, but anonymous ones are equally welcome.

Clergy Surgery - from Wednesday 3rd September 2025, Fr Daniel will hold weekly 15-minute appointments (5.00-6.00pm) to talk about parish life, faith, or anything on your mind. Please book in advance via the Parish Office (01444 456461 / pa@holytrinitycuckfield.org).

We hope you'll use these opportunities—whether to celebrate what's going well or to suggest what needs attention.

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.

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 13th September 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: James Norris and Georgia Morison

Those in immediate need: Becky Parker, Mark Herring, Ralph Colbran, Tatyana, Eileen Knight, Eileen McDougall, Sarah

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. 25th Vera Elizabeth Bousell 2022, 26th Richard Thomas Lindsey 2001, Elisabeth Kyrle Matthews 2020, Peter Lewington 2023, 27th Peggy Higginson, Barry Heath 2001, Marjorie Church 2001, John (Jack) Knight 2002, Nicholas Bennett 2017, Wendy Grover 2018, 28th Hilda Saunders 1995, 29th Diana, Princess of Wales 1997, Jessie Punnett 1999, 30th Stuart Ingram 2016, 31th Brian Wright 2019

Praying through the week...

Mon Aug 25th - We pray for all residential, care and nursing homes. We pray for all who work there: managers, carers, nurses, cooks, cleaners and those who maintain the buildings and grounds, and those who support the staff. We pray for skills, patience and compassion. We pray for all the residents and their families, that they feel affirmed, cared for, treated with dignity and respect. We pray for those who have been let down by inadequate or cruel words, behaviour or environment. Locally we pray for the people of Cherry Lane, that they may find joy, light in their lives.

Tue Aug 26th - We pray for all areas of the world, most vulnerable to the effects of climate change. We pray for greater UK and Western commitment to sustainability and disrupting the climate crisis. We remember those activists who have paid a high price in trying to disrupt us from our complacency, ending up with prison sentences for peaceful protest on our streets. We pray for all the threats currently experienced to Democracy in our own country. Locally we pray for the people of Chownes Mead Lane; may they be blessed.

Wed Aug 27th - On World Lake Day we give thanks for our lakes, rivers, reservoirs and waterways, for the ways in which they sustain and enhance lives and enrich our landscape. We pray for those areas which are polluted and those tasked with the clean-up. We pray for greater accountability and proper management from those with responsibility to provide us with clean and safe water. We pray locally for the people of Church Platt, that they may have a sense of the comfort and strength that comes from God.

Thu Aug 28th - We pray for all who are sick in body, mind or spirit; for those on the parish prayer list; for those known to us; for those who feel forgotten or alone. We pray for refugees and asylum seekers around the world, that they find welcome, safety and a home. We pray for those being displaced in their own homeland time after time. We pray for those, whose lives are put in danger as they are attacked, seeking aid in Gaza. We pray locally for the people of Church Street, that they may see something of God's love in their lives and in their community.

Fri Aug 29th - International Day Against Nuclear Tests. Since nuclear weapons testing began on 16 July 1945, over 2,000 have taken place. In the early days of nuclear testing little consideration was given to its devastating effects on human life, nor the dangers of nuclear fallout from atmospheric tests. Hindsight and history have shown us the terrifying and tragic effects of nuclear weapons testing, especially when controlled conditions go awry, and in light of the far more powerful and destructive nuclear weapons that exist today. We pray for those British military veterans and their families, still suffering from the effects of early testing and still awaiting acknowledgement and compensation. We pray for an end to nuclear testing. We pray for the people of Cleavers Lane, giving thanks for all that is good and hope in all those difficult areas of their lives.

Sat Aug 30th - On this International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, we recognise that this is frequently used as a strategy to spread terror within the society, affecting not only close relatives of the disappeared, but also their communities and society as a whole. Once largely the product of military dictatorships, enforced disappearances can nowadays be perpetrated in complex situations of internal conflict, especially as a means of political repression of opponents. We pray particularly for human rights defenders, relatives of victims, witnesses and legal counsel dealing with cases of enforced disappearance, who cope with ongoing harassment. We pray for an end to States using counter-terrorist activities as an excuse for breaching their obligations. We pray also for an end to the widespread impunity for enforced disappearance. We pray for the hundreds of thousands of people who have vanished during conflicts or periods of repression in at least 85 countries around the world. We pray locally, for those who volunteer at the Citizens Advice Bureau, that they may have a sense of God's love and creation around them, that they may feel God's loving presence.

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