

Sunday 14th September 2025

Holy Cross Day

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

Holy Cross Day reminds us of the deep love Jesus showed by dying on the cross. The cross, once a symbol of pain and shame, has become a sign of hope and salvation. Jesus gave His life so that we could be forgiven and live in peace with God. When we look at the cross, we remember that love is stronger than hate, and life is stronger than death. This day invites us to reflect on our own lives. Are we carrying our crosses with faith and courage? Are we helping others carry theirs? Jesus didn't run from suffering - He embraced it for our sake. We are called to do the same, trusting that God is with us. Let the cross be a reminder that we are never alone. In every struggle, Jesus walks beside us. His sacrifice gives us strength, and His love gives us purpose.

Collect

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Post Communion

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Worship this Sunday...

**Sunday 14th September - 13th Sunday after Trinity
Holy Cross Day**

Numbers 21.4-9
Philippians 2.6-11
John 3.13-17

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Readers	Charles Solomon James Sanders David Thunder Ros Thunder
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist * with Sunday's Cool	Readers	
Setting	Shephard		
Pr Hymn	682i In the cross of Christ		
Gr Hymn	489 From heav'n you came	Intercessor	Eileen Caple
Of Hymn	628 Father of heaven		
Anthem	God so loved the world		
Cm Hymn	181 O sacred head		
	432 Bread of the world		
Fn Hymn	805 There is a redeemer		

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

First Reading

Numbers 21.4-9

The people complain; snakes and the bronze serpent

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The

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people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Second Reading

Philippians 2.6-11

Christ emptied himself that every knee should bow

Though he was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

John 3.13-17

For God so loved the world ...

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This Week...

15/09 Mon	11.30 am	Goldbridge Care Home; Holy Communion	Goldbridge
	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
	7.30 pm	Pilgrim Monday Evening Course	Online
17/09 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	1 Timothy 3.14-end
		followed by coffee and cake	Luke 7.31-35
	5.00 pm	Clergy Surgery	Old School
18/09 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	1 Timothy 4.12-end
			Luke 7.36-end
	1.30 pm	Arts & Craft meet up	Church
	2.00 pm	Pilgrim Thursday afternoon Course	
19/09 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	1 Timothy 6.2b-12
			Luke 8.1-3
	6.00 pm	Choir Club	Church
	7.30 pm	Choir	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 21st September - 14th Sunday after Trinity
Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (Festival)

Proverbs 3.13-18

2 Corinthians 4.1-6

Matthew 9.9-13

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Readers	Graham Johnson
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist including admission of Choristers and Sunday's Cool *	Readers	Isobel Simmonds
Setting	Shephard		Liz Graydon
Pr Hymn	671 I will sing the wondrous		
Gr Hymn	794i The King of Love	Intercessor	Nick Jones
Of Hymn	766 Praise my soul		
Anthem	Fairest Lord Jesus		
	Silesian folk song; Lord for thy tender mercy's sake		
Cm Hymn	430 Bread of heaven on thee		
	799 The Lord's my shepherd		
Fn Hymn	587 Amazing Grace		
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong		Ecclesiastes 5.4-12
			Matthew 19.16-end
Introit	God be in my head		
Hymn	794i The King of Love	Readers	Philippa Tillyer
Responses	Ayleward		David Spear
Psalm	129		
Canticles	Dyson in C		

Anthem	Teach me O Lord
Hymn	16 God that madest earth
Hymn	766 Praise my soul

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Notices and Parish News...

Join Our Team - Part Time Verger / Caretaker - Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield

We are looking for a friendly and reliable person to join us as Verger / Caretaker. This rewarding role is at the heart of our historic parish church, helping ensure it is always welcoming, safe, and ready for worship, community events, and visitors. The role includes preparing the church for services, assisting with concerts and festivals, supporting volunteers, and overseeing cleaning, security, and the general care of the building. It requires someone practical, organised, approachable, physically fit, and sympathetic to the ethos of the Church of England. This is a part-time role of 10 hours a week, worked flexibly (including some evenings and weekends). Pay is £13.00 per hour, reviewed after six months, with 33 days' holiday per year pro rata. For a full job description and application form, please email pa@holyltrinitycuckfield.org. Come and play your part in the life of one of Sussex's most welcoming churches.

Supporting the All Souls' Requiem - This year's All Souls' service taking place on **Sunday 2nd November 6.00pm**, will feature Duruflé's beautiful Requiem sung by Cantores Memoriam, a choir especially assembled for the service this evening made up of highly trained singers, drawn from across Sussex, with experience in churches, cathedrals, and renowned ensembles. We also welcome a professional string orchestra with the music directed by Dr Joe Paxton and organ played by Fearghus Beauchamp. It will be a very special evening of prayer, remembrance, and music of the highest quality and will be followed by refreshments. Staging an event of this scale costs in the region of £3,500, and we are inviting members of the congregation to consider making a pledge of £200 towards the costs of engaging professional musicians and supporting the event. If you feel able to help in this way, please speak to Fr Daniel. Your generosity will allow us to continue offering worship that brings both beauty and comfort to our parish and wider community.

Fuse Youth Club - Volunteer Role - Our new youth club is about to get going on Friday evenings for secondary school aged children. We need volunteers support the safe and positive running of the club by supervising activities, engaging with young people, and helping create a welcoming environment. Tasks may include helping with sign-in, leading or assisting with games, serving food, and maintaining a safe space in line with safeguarding procedures. Commitment is flexible — weekly, monthly, or occasional help on a Friday evening is welcome. Please let Toby know of you can assist.

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@holyltrinitycuckfield.org).

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

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.

Cuckfield & Bolney Men's Group Activities - On Tuesday 16th September 7.30-9.30 pm for a meal at the Whyte Harte, in Cuckfield. Please email clivesimmonds@btinternet.com to confirm your attendance. *Dates for the diary:* Tuesday 14th Oct for a meal at the 8 Bells in Bolney, Tuesday 18th Nov for our usual Pizza & Skittles evening at the Bull in Henfield. There is no meeting in December.



Patcham Silver Band - On Saturday 18th October, Holy Trinity Cuckfield will be presenting a concert by the highly acclaimed Patcham Silver Band, presenting a varied programme of styles ranging from classical through to pop, jazz, TV and film themes and "world" music. Established nearly 80 years ago, they comprise Brass, Wind & Percussion players who play ensemble and solo items from quiet contemplative beauty to full-on jubilant fanfare. They are members of Brass Bands England and take part in the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain. The concert, which is presented in association with the Friends of Holy Trinity, starts at 7.00pm. Tickets are £10 for adults and free for those aged 19 and under and can be booked in advance using the QR code or following this link <https://cuckfieldandbolneybenefice.churchsuite.com/events/pn4qssfl> or bought on the door.

Harvest Supper - Do join us for our lovely Bring and Share Harvest Supper, Sat 27th September 5.30-8pm in church. Bring a plate of food (savoury or sweet) to put on the sharing table and your own drink. Soft drinks will be available. There will also be much-enjoyed "home-spun" entertainment so if you have a star turn and would like to offer a musical contribution whether singing or instrumental, a reading, a dance, then see Hilary or Toby

Macmillan Coffee Morning. Friday 26th September. 10.30 am to 12 noon. The Tudor Hall in the Old School. Delicious coffee and cakes. If you can't make it, please visit our fundraising page at <https://cm25.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/CM25003465>.

Harvest Worship - HOLY TOAST! On Sunday 28th September at 9.45am we gather at Holy Trinity, Cuckfield, for a joyful all-age celebration of Harvest. This special service of Holy Communion comes with a twist - lively hymns, uplifting music, and an interactive talk that promises both bread-making a special guest and a little mayhem along the

way! We'll bless the harvest produce, give thanks for God's abundant gifts, and be reminded that Jesus is the Bread of Life - food for our hearts as well as our tables. Everyone is invited to bring non-perishable food as a harvest offering, which will be passed on to support those in need through a local charity. Whether you're five or ninety-five, a regular or just curious, come as you are, bring a basket, and share in this feast of thanksgiving and joy.

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!**

Worth Abbey invites you for a unique event on **Saturday 4th October at 10.30 am** to explore the vision and challenges behind one of Britain's most striking modern churches. Architect Fred Manson of Heatherwick Studio will offer insights into the creative process behind Francis Pollen's bold original design and of Thomas Heatherwick's acclaimed interior transformation, followed by a dialogue with Abbot Christopher Jamison, former Head Master of Worth School. A reflection on the legacy of Francis Pollen's work and the way architecture continues to shape the Abbey's life of prayer and community. This conversation will illuminate the dialogue between past and present, faith and design, creativity and continuity, in the making of a sacred space. email kohara@worth.org.uk to reserve a place.

Lunch "n" Linger will take place at the Old School on **Thursday 25th September 2025**. We gather from 12.30, **lunch is served at 1.00 pm**, the menu is to be determined. 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 (23rd September).

Prayers...

Those to be married:

Those in immediate need: Becky Parker, Mark Herring, Ralph Colbran, Eileen Knight, Eileen McDougall, Philip Chapman, Phil Simmonds.

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, Valerie Poxon, Sally Williams

The recently departed and those who mourn: Keith Card

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 15th Constance May Blackburn 2006, 16th Brian Lockyer 1999, 17th Edith Joan Pelham 2013, 19th Brian Frank Hillman 2013, 20th Elsie Farley 1997, 21st William Smith 1998, Robert Arendt 2005.

Praying through the week...

Mon Sep 15th - On this International Day of Democracy We pray for regions denied basic rights and for strong, fair democracies, especially where people feel democracy is under threat. Locally, we pray for Cuckfield Cottage Homes, giving thanks for their contribution to the community.

Tue Sep 16th - We give thanks for music and musicians, remembering our own musicians and choir over recent years. We pray for those involved in organisation of musical, theatrical and literature festivals, all live events enjoyed over this summer period. We pray locally for the people of Cuckfield Dramatic Society.

Wed Sep 17th - On World Patient Safety Day We pray for hospital staff ensuring safety, hygiene, and good staffing levels, especially those working under extreme conditions. We remember UK medical staff facing rising assaults and give thanks for their dedication. Locally, we pray for Cuckfield playgroups, parents, and baby groups.

Thu Sep 18th - On International Equal Pay Day we pray for all those working to bring this about and all those whose lives are made harder because of such inequality. We pray for the people of Cuckfield Road, for their health and well-being, that they may feel drawn to acts of friendship and kindness this week.

Fri Sep 19th - We pray for families of all kinds, especially those struggling with housing, poverty, or abuse. We pray for a supportive society committing to support individuals and families in difficulty. We pray locally for the people of Deak's Lane for a sense of well-being and peace in their lives.

Sat Sep 20th - Looking to this International Day of Peace (21st) We pray for justice and peace in conflict zones, within the UK, and in local disputes. May differences be handled with respect and good faith. Locally, we pray for the people of Deaks Paddock to sense God's peace and joy.

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