

Sunday 12th October 2025

17th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

In our Gospel today, Jesus heals ten people with leprosy, but only one comes back to say thank you. He is a Samaritan: someone others might expect to stay away. Yet he returns, falls at Jesus' feet, and gives thanks. Jesus says he is not just healed but made whole. This story shows us that healing is more than getting better. It's about coming back, saying thank you, and reconnecting. The other nine were healed, but they missed the chance to be close to Jesus. The one who returned found something deeper...relationship, dignity, and peace. In our churches and communities, we often see quiet acts of thankfulness. A kind word, a gentle smile, a note of thanks. These small moments matter. They show that healing is happening. This Gospel reminds us that wholeness begins with turning back, noticing grace, and simply saying, "thank you" too Jesus.

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Worship this Sunday...

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Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7
2 Timothy 2.8-15
Luke 17.11-19

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader	James Sanders Charles Solomon
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist Sunday's Cool*		
Setting	Shephard	Readers	Kate Berry Ron Tillyer
Pr Hymn	691i Jesus shall reign		
Gr Hymn	761 Praise the Lord Ye heavens		
Of Hymn	755 Oft in danger	Intercessor	Caroline Currer
Anthem	King of Glory, King of Peace		
Cm Hymn	463 Strengthen for service		
	456 Now let us from this table		
Fn Hymn	739 Now thank we all our God		
12.00 pm	Baptism		

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First Reading

Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7

Jeremiah tells the exiles to settle in Babylon, but always to seek the welfare of Jerusalem

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2.8-15

Always teach of Christ risen, avoid wrangling, and present yourself as approved by God

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David — that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth

Gospel

Luke 17.11-19

The cleansing of the ten lepers, one of whom gives thanks

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

This Week

13/10 Mon	7.30 pm	Pilgrim Monday evening course	
	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
15/10 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Romans 2.1-11
		followed by coffee and cake	Luke 11.42-46
16/10 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	Romans 3.21-30
			Luke 11.47-end
	1.30 pm	Arts & Craft Meet up	
	2.00 pm	Pilgrim Thursday Afternoon Course	
17/10 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Romans 4.1-8
			Luke 12.1-7
	6.00 pm	Choir Club	Church
	6.00 pm	Fuse Youth Club	Old School
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church
18/10 Sat	7.00 pm	Patcham Silver Band Concert	Church

Next Sunday...**Sunday 19th October - 18th Sunday after Trinity**

Jeremiah 31.27-34

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

Luke 18.1-8

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader	Graham Johnson
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist Sunday's Cool* and Civic Reception		
Setting	Shepherd	Readers	Richard Whidborne
Pr Hymn	357 All people that on earth		David Reed
Gr Hymn	382 Lord I have made thy word		
Of Hymn	715 Lord for the years	Intercessor	Nicholas Rowe
Anthem	Thou knowest Lord		

Cm Hymn 464 Sweet sacrament divine
 743 O God beyond all praising
 Fn Hymn 394 Tell out my soul

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Introit 764 Peace, perfect peace
 Hymn 422 Alleluia sing to Jesus
 Responses Reading in A
 Psalm 149
 Canticles Brewer
 Anthem Come down O love divine
 Hymn 767 Prayer is the soul's
 Hymn 24 The day thou gavest

Nehemiah 8.9-end
 John 16.1-11

Readers

Philippa Tillyer
 Roger Floyd

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Notices and Parish News...



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.

A Heartfelt Thank You - A warm thank you to everyone who kindly supported my sponsored walk. Through your generosity, just over **£9,000** has been raised so far for **M.A.P. (Medical Aid for Palestinians)** and **The Sameer Project**. The donations page is still open, so if you would like to contribute, your support would be greatly appreciated. chuffed.org/project/140302-25-miles-across-the-downs-for-palestine

Basic Safeguarding Course - Wednesday 22nd October, 7:00 pm - The Old School

This safeguarding awareness course is open to all members of the congregation. Normally only available online, we are pleased to offer it in person at the Tudor Hall, The Old School. The session will include a presentation, a short video, and the chance to discuss and review safeguarding scenarios together. The House of Bishops recommends this information session for Welcomers, Sides people, Refreshment Helpers, Bell Ringers, Choir and Music Group members, and Sound/AV operators. However, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Please come along to learn how it works at Holy Trinity and how you can play your part in supporting it. Certificates will be issued. For more information, contact Rod: safeguarding@holyltrinitycuckfield.org

All Souls' Service - 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. Please put the date in your diaries.

Remembrance Sunday - 9th November 2025 Holy Trinity Cuckfield in partnership with The Royal British Legion -Cuckfield Branch. 10.45am - Gathering at the War Memorial, 11.00am - Two Minutes' Silence & Wreath Laying followed by Civic Service & Church Parade in Holy Trinity Church with readings, prayers, traditional hymns, poetry and the Roll Call of Honour, with representatives from, civic and community groups, local schools the Armed Forces, and veterans. After the service Refreshments in the Old School. "At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them." **There will be no 8.00 am Holy Communion. Holy Communion (with hymns) will be celebrated at 9.00 am**

Bereavement Café - A Space to Talk, Listen, and Simply Be - If you've experienced the loss of someone close, you are warmly invited to our Bereavement Café—a gentle, welcoming space to sit, share, or simply be. Whether you feel like talking or prefer quiet companionship, this is a place of understanding and care. Grief can feel isolating, but gathering with others who are walking a similar path can bring comfort and connection. Over tea and coffee, we offer space for gentle conversation and quiet presence. Our first Bereavement Café will be held on Tuesday 11th November, 2pm-4pm at The Old School, Committee Room (opposite Holy Trinity Church). It will continue the Second Tuesday of each month, at the same time and place. For more information, please email the Revd Stephen Caple pastoral-care@holyltrinitycuckfield.org or the Parish Office: 01444 456461

The Ladies group - Is meeting at the **Notcutts Garden centre**, Ditchling, BN6 8TN - On **October 10th @ 11am**. All welcome, just come along or contact marypape01@gmail.com for more information.

Cuckfield & Bolney Men's Group Activities - On Tuesday 14th October 7.30-9.30 pm for a meal at the 8 Bells in Bolney. Please email Andrew Foster fosterandrew192@gmail.com to confirm your attendance. *Dates for*

the diary: Tuesday 18th Nov for our usual Pizza & Skittles evening at the Bull in Henfield. There is no meeting in December.

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market returns on **Saturday October 11th 2025 from 9.30-12.30** providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. Dates for 2025 are, 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: Thank you to everyone who has already made poppies for our Remembrance Sunday display. There is still time to contribute—knitted or crocheted poppies of any size or pattern are warmly welcomed (please leave a little extra wool for tying). A collection box will be available in the church porch until then. Let us honour and remember together—everyone is welcome to take part.

Lunch “n” Linger will take place at the Old School on **Thursday 30th October 2025**. We gather from 12.30, **lunch is served at 1.00 pm**, the menu is Lasagne and a choice of desserts, if you would like a vegetarian option, please let us know. 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 (Monday, 27th October).

Prayers...

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

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: Sue Ferguson

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 13th Marjorie Smith, Oliver Binns 1995, Daisy Kathleen Rhodes 2001, Monica Harvey 2001, Janet Margaret Windmill 2003, Richard Thomas Sharp 2011, Eileen Mary Weir 2011, Cheryl Clarke 2023, 14th Margaret Prebble, Mabel Shakespeare, John Edward Penny 2007, 15th Len Beard, Margo Dixon 2004, Gilbert Stewart Ritchie Went, 2011, 17th Francis Woods 1995, 18th Dorothy Wright 1998, Aldo Marsili 2004, Douglas Alec Claude Symes 2007, Gilbert Richard William Garrett 2010, Daphne Stella Harris 2020 Sheila Mary Chasser 2022, 19th David Wellum 2004, Anne Hazel Stevenage 2023.

Praying through the week...

Mon Oct 13th - As Breast Cancer Awareness Month continues, we remember all affected by the disease and those who have lost loved ones. We give thanks for advances in detection and care and pray for patients, carers, and the people of Jeremys Lane, that they may feel God's comfort and strength.

Tue Oct 14th - We pray for those with debilitating or uncertain illnesses and for all involved in their care at home, in hospitals, or hospices. Locally, we remember the people of Ledgers Meadow, giving thanks for their contribution to our community.

Wed Oct 15th - We pray for democracy here and worldwide, that fairness, strength, and protection of the vulnerable may prevail. Locally we give thanks for the people of Leyton Lea and their positive impact on our environment and community.

Thu Oct 16th - On World Food Day, we pray for fair conditions and safety for all who produce and distribute food. May there be less waste and better access to nutrition for those in need. Locally, we remember shopkeepers and give thanks for their work and wellbeing.

Fri Oct 17th - We pray for all who face prejudice or exclusion. We remember the Black Lives Matter movement and the LGBTQ+ community, asking that all may know justice, hope, and God's love. Locally, we pray for the people of Lodge Lane.

Sat Oct 18th - As we honour St. Luke, patron of physicians, we give thanks for those in medicine and care, for their skill and compassion. We pray for young people entering these professions and for all healthcare workers, that they may find strength in kindness and friendship.

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