

Sunday 19th October 2025

18th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

Jesus' parable of the persistent widow reminds us that prayer is not about persuading a reluctant God, but about remaining faithful and hopeful even when answers seem slow. The widow's persistence is born of trust, she believes justice is possible. Likewise, prayer keeps us rooted in relationship with a God who listens, loves, and acts in mercy. Faith is not measured by instant results, but by the courage to keep praying when circumstances are hard. As we hold before God the needs of our world, may we do so with the widow's determination and with hearts that never lose hope.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

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			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	Readers	Richard Whidborne
Setting	Shephard		David Reed
Pr Hymn	357 All people that on earth	Intercessor	Nicholas Rowe
Gr Hymn	382 Lord I have made thy word		
Of Hymn	715 Lord for the years		
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		Nehemiah 8.9-end John 16.1-11
Introit	764 Peace, perfect peace		
Hymn	422 Alleluia sing to Jesus		
Responses	Reading in A	Readers	Philippa Tillyer
Psalms	149		Roger Floyd
Canticles	Brewer		
Anthem	Come down O love divine		
Hymn	767 Prayer is the soul's		

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First Reading

Jeremiah 31.27-34

The Lord will save Israel and give a new covenant, but give retribution for individual sins

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

All scripture is inspired by God; proclaim the message; do the work of an evangelist

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Gospel

Luke 18.1-8

The parable of the widow and the unjust judge

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you; he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

This Week

20/10 Mon	2.00 pm	Pilgrim Monday afternoon course	
	7.30 pm	Pilgrim Monday evening course	
	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
22/10 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Romans 6.12-18
		followed by coffee and cake	Luke 12.39-48
	5.00 pm	Clergy Surgery	
23/10 Thurs	7.00 pm	Basic Safeguarding Course	Old School
	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	Romans 6.19-end
			Luke 12.49-53
24/10 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Romans 7.18-end
			Luke 12.54-end
	6.00 pm	Choir Club	Church
25/10 Sat	6.00 pm	Fuse Youth Club	Old School
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church
	10.00 am	Church Organ "taster" workshop	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 26th October - Bible Sunday

Isaiah 45.22-end

Romans 15.1-6

Luke 4.16-24

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader	Roger Edmonston
9.45 am	Worship for all*	Readers	Young People
Opening	Across the Lands		
Gloria	Peruvian		
Gr Hymn	We have a gospel		
Of Hymn	Lord for the years		
	Sanctus/Benedictus: Slane; Agnus: Repton		
Cm Hymn	Majesty		
	As the deer pants for the water		
Fn Hymn	10,000 reasons		

* Also live streamed on zoom - click the blue button on the church home page.

Notices and Parish News...

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@holytrinitycuckfield.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@holytrinitycuckfield.org or the Parish Office: 01444 456461

Cuckfield & Bolney Men's Group Activities - On Tuesday 18th November 7.30-9.30 pm for our usual Pizza & Skittles evening at the Bull in Henfield Please email Clive clivesimmonds@btinternet.com to confirm your attendance. There is no meeting in December.

Cuckfield Local Market - Holy Trinity Cuckfield monthly makers and food market returns on **Saturday 8th November 2025 from 9.30-12.30** providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. The last market will take place on 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.

Christmas tree festival - Café co-ordinator - Join Our Team! We're Looking for a Passionate Café Coordinator! Do you enjoy working with people and creating a welcoming space? We are looking for a friendly and organised Café Co-ordinator to help run our Christmas Tree Festival café (5th - 7th December 2025). You will be leading a team of enthusiastic volunteers, ensuring everything runs smoothly, and making visitors feel at home. No experience needed - just a positive attitude and a smile! Please note, this is not a paid role. Interested? We would love to hear from you! Please speak to Jane Coan, Isobel Simmonds or Eunice Bates (07961 877980 or email eunice1569@gmail.com)

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. 20th Christine Shah, John Cox, Alice Pearce 2001, Carin Margareta Kent 2006, Margaret (Peggy) Ellen Norris 2019, 21st Ethel Shepherd, 22th Dorothy Voller 1998, Hilda Hall, Robert Ellett 2000, Kenneth Raw 2002, Patricia Margaret Anne Garman 2019, Aileen Brice 2022 23rd Bill Pinnell 1993, Pamela Joy Edgerton 2010, 24th Grace Thunder, Lucy Travers 1998, Vivian Griffin 2001, Cathie Lang 2004, Anthony Gordon Flight 2005, Violet Jones 2015, 25th Jim Burtenshaw, Margaret Anne Simmonds 2013, 26th Alfred Amer 2000, Kenneth James Mowbray Walder 2013, Amalia Guest 2017

Praying through the week...

Mon Oct 20th - We pray for all with sight or hearing problems. We pray for those working to improve the health and well-being of those with such. We pray for medical, hospital, research and pharmaceutical workers. Locally we pray for the people of London Lane, that they may sense the beauty and joy of God's creation.

Tue Oct 21st - 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 all producing and supporting live music events, for all enabling greater access to music of all kinds. We give thanks for the ways in which music enables connection, inspiration, beauty, admiration and appreciation of diversity. We pray locally for the people of London Road, for a sense of well-being and peace in their lives.

Wed Oct 22nd - We pray for clean water for everyone; for all those made ill through lack of clean water; for all those whose livelihoods are in danger through water pollution. We pray for an attitude of greater responsibility and care towards our oceans, rivers, air and land. We pray locally for the people of Long House Lane and give thanks for the ways in which they help to enrich and support their families, friends and local community.

Thu Oct 23rd - We pray for all children in our community, for those who attend local churches and faith groups. We pray for all who take part in children's and family ministries, and for those leading creative and inclusive worship. We remember the children in our local schools, their teachers, and all who support them in their learning and growth. We pray for the people of Longacre Crescent, giving thanks for all that is good and hope in all those difficult areas of their lives.

Fri Oct 24th - On this United Nations Day we give thanks for this global organisation, its legitimacy, convening power and normative impact. We give thanks that it can give hope to so many people for a better world and can deliver the future we want. Today, the urgency for all countries to come together, to fulfil the promise of the nations united, has rarely been greater. We pray that those who seem bent on undermining the work of the UN and causing the spread of untruths may be guided to be more discerning and help the UN in working to build a better, more caring, inclusive, equitable and sustainable world. Locally we pray for the people of Magdalene Rise, that they may find joy, light in their lives.

Sat Oct 25th - Throughout history, countries have pursued disarmament to build a safer, more secure world and to protect people from harm. Since the foundation of the United Nations, disarmament and arms control have played a critical role in preventing and ending crises and armed conflict. Heightened tensions and dangers are better resolved through serious political dialogue and negotiation—not by more arms. During this Disarmament week we lament the profiteering from the arms trade to occupying forces and pray for a far greater commitment to working towards peace and justice. We pray for all organisations and charities such as the Peace Pledge Union working towards peace, encouraging, developing and educating about peacebuilding. Locally we pray for the people of Manor Drive may they be blessed.

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