

Sunday 5th October 2025

16th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

Jerusalem sits desolate, broken and grieving, its people scattered and wounded. Lamentations shows us how deep the need for healing can be when life feels emptied of hope. Yet Paul's words to Timothy remind us that God has placed within us a spirit not of fear, but of power, love, and self-discipline. Healing comes when faith is rekindled and courage is renewed. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that even the smallest seed of faith is enough for God to work through us. Wholeness is not perfection, but trusting that Christ restores and strengthens us, step by step.

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the Prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

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Lamentations 1.1-6
2 Timothy 1.1-14
Luke 17.5-10

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader	Anthony vander Willigen
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist with Healing, Commissioning & Sunday's Cool*	Readers	Christine Best Nick Jones
Setting	Shephard	Intercessor	James Sanders
Pr Hymn	679 In Christ there is no east		
Gr Hymn	507 We have a gospel		
Of Hymn	335 My God accept my heart		
Anthem	212 Now the green blade		
Cm Hymn	448i I come with joy		
	524 When memory fades		
Fn Hymn	634 Firmly I believe		
11.15 am	Pet Blessing Service		
6.00 pm	Harvest Praise	Readers	Nick Jones David Spear Rod Montague Dick Whidborne Jane Coan Pat Montague
Hymn	282: Come ye thankful people, come		
Psalm	65		
Anthem	Thou visitest the earth		
Hymn	289 To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise		
Anthem	Look at the world		

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Hymn 537i: For the beauty of the earth
Hymn 284: For the fruits of all creation
Anthem Fairest Lord Jesus
Hymn 290: We plough the fields and scatter

Ron Tillyer

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

First Reading

Lamentations 1.1-6

The Wounded City in Need of Healing

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations and finds no resting-place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1.1-14

Faith Rekindled: God's Spirit of Power and Renewal

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God — whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did — when I remember you constantly in my prayer's night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us

Gospel

Luke 17.5-10

Faith, Service, and the Wholeness Found in Obedience

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

This Week

06/10 Mon	11.30 am	Goldbridge Care Home - Holy communion	Goldbridge Care Home
	2.00 pm	Pilgrim Monday Afternoon Course	
	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
07/10 Tues	5.00 pm	CTF Meeting	
08/10 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Jonah 4
		followed by coffee and cake	Luke 11.1-4
09/10 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	Malachi 3.13-4.2a
			Luke 11.5-13
	2.00 pm	Pilgrim Thursday Afternoon Course	
10/10 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Joel 1.13-15, 2.1-2
			Luke 11.15-26
	6.00 pm	Choir Club	Church
	6.00 pm	Fuse Youth Club	Old School
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church
11/10 Sat	9.30 am	Cuckfield Local Market	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 12th October - 17th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7
2 Timothy 2.8-15
Luke 17.11-19
James Sanders
Charles Solomon

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Readers

9.45 am Parish Eucharist Sunday's Cool*

Setting Shephard
Pr Hymn 691i Jesus shall reign
Gr Hymn 761 Praise the Lord Ye heavens
Of Hymn 755 Oft in danger
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

Readers

Kate Berry
Ron Tillyer

Intercessor

Caroline Currer

12.00 Baptism

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Notices and Parish News...

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

Household items for refugees Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the Emergency Boxes prepared by the Engage Team. Your donations make a real difference to families in need, who are deeply grateful for all they receive. At present, the items most needed are: kitchen utensils (wooden spoons, spatulas, tin openers, ladles, whisks), high ball glasses, tea towels, measuring jugs. Larger items needed include: irons, kettles, toilet brushes, dustpans and brushes. Thank you The Engage Team.

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 training for Welcomers, Sidespeople, 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

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.

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**

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.

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.



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.

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 clivesimmonds@btinternet.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.

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, Mark Herring, Ralph Colbran, Eileen Knight, Eileen McDougall, Philip Chapman, Sue Ferguson.

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: Carlo Komar

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 6th Vera Philipson 1997, Douglas Owens 1987, Leslie King 2001, Brian Peake 2001, 7th Winifred Seldon, Evelyn Mary Stead 2005, Yvonne McMillar 2007, 8th Hilda Evans 2006, Derek Ball 2017, 9th Bill Spear, John Bellenger, Sandy Gallagher 2023, 10th Christina Vivienne Cawton 2005, Florence Mary Augusta McDonald 2006, Roy Francis Laver 2006, Derek Ball, 11th Audrey Florence Cowen 2001, Glydwr Goldfinch 2015, 12th Winifred Hounsell 1995, Frederic Arthur Pyle 2001, James Swain 2015.

Praying through the week...

Mon Oct 6th - On World Teachers' Day, We give thanks for teachers across the world, for their creativity, patience, care, and dedication. We pray that their work may continue to shape lives for the better. Locally we remember Holy Trinity School, that it may be a safe, supportive, and neighbourly community.

Tue Oct 7th - During this National Disability Employment Awareness Month, We pray for greater awareness and opportunities for people with disabilities in work. May industries recognise their gifts and skills and not lose such talent. Locally we remember the homeless, that they may know dignity, belonging, and pride in community

Wed Oct 8th - We pray for those facing death, living with illness, or receiving palliative care. We give thanks for hospice staff, volunteers, and fundraisers who support them. Locally we remember the community of Horsefield Green, that it may remain safe, caring, and neighbourly.

Thu Oct 9th - We give thanks for the gifts of Harvest and pray for all who rely on food banks. We pray for those who serve faithfully and those who receive in need. Locally we remember the housebound, that they may know kindness, generosity, and care.

Fri Oct 10th - We pray for families and individuals affected by mental ill health. We give thanks for carers, health services, and all who work to bring healing and hope. Locally we pray for the Independent State of Cuckfield, that Cuckfield will always be a community of respect, care, and inclusivity.

Sat Oct 11th - We give thanks for writers whose words teach, inspire, and delight us. May their stories, songs, and ideas continue to open hearts and minds. Locally we remember the people of Isaacs Lane, that they may know peace and joy in their lives.

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