

Sunday 9th November 2025

Remembrance Sunday

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

On Remembrance Sunday we pause, not to glorify war, but to remember the cost of peace. We hold before God those who gave their lives, those who returned changed forever, and those who still carry wounds that cannot be seen. We honour their courage and lament the tragedy of conflict. In the stillness of the two-minute silence, we offer our gratitude — and we make a promise: that we will choose the way of peace. As we remember the past, may we also look to the future with hope, committing ourselves to build a world where justice, compassion, and reconciliation flourish.

Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

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9.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Hymn 577 Eternal God before whose face we stand
Responses 702 Lead us heavenly Father
Psalm 579 I vow to thee
Canticles 746 O God our help

10.45 am Remembrance Sunday Civic Service & Parade*
Hymns 746 O God our help in ages
623 Eternal Father
715 Lord for the years
576 Jerusalem
578 National Anthem

Job 19.23-27a
2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-end
Luke 20.27-38
Reader Anthony vander Willigen

Anthems
Dona Nobis Pacem
When I am laid in earth
A Day May Come
In Flanders Fields
I'll remember

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

First Reading

Job 19.23-27a

O that my word were written on a rock, for I know that my redeemer lives

O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

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Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-end

Paul entreats the Thessalonians to be confident in the day of the Lord

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Gospel

Luke 20.27-38

The Sadducees ask a question about marriage and resurrection

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

This Week

10/11 Mon	2.00 pm	Pilgrim Monday Afternoon Course	
	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
	7.30 pm	Pilgrim Monday Evening Course	Home Based
	7.30 pm	Pilgrim Monday Evening Course	Online
11/11 Tues	2.00 pm	Bereavement Cafe	Old School
12/11 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion*	Titus 3.1-7
		followed by coffee and cake	Luke 17.11-19
	5.00 pm	Clergy Surgery	Old School
	6.00 pm	Standing Committee	Old School
13/11 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	Wisdom 7.22-8.1
			Luke 17.20-25
14/11 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Wisdom 13.1-9
			Luke 17.26-end
	6.00 pm	Choir Club	Church
	6.00 pm	Fuse Youth Club	Old School
15/11 Sat	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church
	6.30 pm	New Sussex Singer's Concert - Brahms Requiem	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 16th November - 2nd Sunday before Advent

Malachi 4.1-2a
2 Thessalonians 3.6-13
Luke 21.5-19

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader	Anthony vander Willigen
		Preacher	Fr Nicolas Stebbing CR
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist with Sunday's Cool*		
Setting	Shephard	Reader 1	Sue Mayou
Pr Hymn	2 Christ whose glory fills	Reader 2	Evie Pinhey
Gr Hymn	635 For the healing	Preacher	Fr Nicolas Stebbing CR
Of Hymn	580 Judge eternal	Intercessor	Clive Simmonds
Anthem	The strife is o'er		
Cm Hymn	468i Thee we adore		
	437ii Come to me says Jesus		
Fn Hymn	646 God is working his purpose		
12.00 pm	Baptism		

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Introit	Above all praise
Hymn	25 We praise you Father
Responses	Ebdon
Psalm	97
Canticles	Carolus Andreas
Anthem	Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Hymn	387 Rise and hear
Hymn	22 Saviour again to thy dear name

	Daniel 6
	Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23
Reader 1	Carolyn Ponder
Reader 2	David Spear

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

Notices and Parish News...

- 2025 marks **30 years since The Old School opened** as Cuckfield's community hub. Join us after the Remembrance Service on Sunday 9th November to view the refurbished Old School wall hanging, plus photos from its 1992 transformation and 1995 opening. We're also creating a new time capsule to be buried on Sunday 14th December at 11.30am - please share your photos or ideas with the Parish Office or email reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org.
- On Sunday **16th November 2025**, Father Nicolas Stebbing, a member of the Community of the Resurrection in Mirfield, and the founder of Tariro, will talk to us at the morning services about its FarmFest project. Tariro provides care and shelter for c70 young people in Zimbabwe. FarmFest is a project to develop new sustainable revenues after a successful pig farm pilot scheme. Father Nicholas will also show us a recent video of the lives of the young people". There will be a retiring collection.
- New Sussex Singers - Brahms: A German Requiem** - Brahms' Requiem is a deeply personal and humanist reflection on life and death, offering an overriding sense of hope despite its title. The New Sussex Singers present this sublime work with the rare accompaniment of piano duet, performed by Sussex musicians Julian Broughton and Howard Beach. Soloists Jennifer Witton (soprano) and Andrew Davies (baritone), both regular Glyndebourne performers, join the choir for what promises to be an intimate and moving concert experience. **Saturday 15th November 2025, 7.00pm** at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield, Tickets £18 / £8 (under 16s) - available at newsussexsingers.co.uk or on the door
- 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
- Help Needed** -The Flower Team is looking for new helpers! If you enjoy arranging flowers, we'd love for you to join us. The role involves occasional flower arranging in church. For more information, please contact Anne Bradshaw, Ros Longfield, or Joan Coan.
- Talk: The Story of Pittdown Man** - by Carole Andrews, Thursday **13th November at 2.30pm**, Queen's Hall. **Exhibition: An Extraordinary Man** - on Sgt Clifford Grigg, father of former steward Mary Watts, on display **until December 13th**. A despatch rider in the Royal Sussex Regiment and later in the Royal Army Medical Corps, Sgt Grigg was mentioned in despatches and awarded the Order of the Oakleaves for his courage.
- WWI Remembrance:** Marcus Grimes is honouring the 81 Cuckfield men who died in WWI by displaying their portraits from **Nov 3rd-12th**. These photographs were part of the 2018 Village Trail commemorating the war's centenary and are held at Cuckfield Museum. All information can be found on www.cuckfieldmuseum.org
- The **Bishop's Certificate** is being piloted from January 2026 in various locations. The Bishop's Certificate is an exciting opportunity for lay people across the diocese to deepen and grow in their understanding of Christian faith. Whether you're exploring lay ministry or seeking to enrich your discipleship, this course is designed to support and inspire you. **Course Overview** - Duration: 20 weeks + 3 study days, over three terms, **Start Date: January 2026**, Church of the Ascension, Vale Rd, Haywards Heath RH16 4JS. Start date Wednesday 28th January 7.15pm - 9pm. All details are also on the Chichester Diocese website - **Bishop's Certificate - Diocese of Chichester**
- Cuckfield Local Market** - Holy Trinity Cuckfield **last market of the year will take place on December 13th from 9.30-12.30** providing locally sourced, sustainable goods. 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 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.
- SAVE THE DATE! Flowers for Christmas. Wednesday 15 December 2025, 12.00 pm** in church. Come and enjoy an inspirational demonstration of festive flower arrangements with local florist Belinda from Chez Fleur. Tickets £8 with light lunch included. Limited places available, secure your



place and book a ticket at following this link:<https://cuckfieldandbolneybenefice.churchsuite.com/events/xbzljn6n> or scan the QR code.

- **Coat and Jumper collection** It's getting cold so we will be holding a coat and jumper collection on **Saturday 29th Nov 9-12am**. Please bring clean items, in good condition to church and we will distribute to the homeless and refugees in Crawley. Hats, scarves, socks and children's coats and jumpers also needed.
- We will also be collecting items for **Christmas food hampers** at the same time, to be given to local disadvantaged families via **FSW** in the hope of making Christmas a little special. If you could also provide a little luxury item for this that would be most welcome. Thank you for your generosity The Engage Team.
- **Looking forward to Advent and Christmas 2026 at Holy Trinity Cuckfield** - a season of hope, light, and joy for all ages. Our celebrations begin on **Sunday 30 November at 6.00 pm** with a beautiful candlelit Advent Carol Service of readings and music. On **Sunday 7 December at 9.45 am** we hold our Toy Service during the Eucharist, part of the Christmas Tree Festival weekend - please bring new, unwrapped toys for children in need. On **Sunday 14 December at 9.45 am** Bishop Ruth will preside and preach at the Parish Eucharist, and at 6.00 pm the Choir of Holy Trinity sings a traditional service of Lessons and Carols at St Mary Magdalene, Bolney. On **Monday 15 December at 7.30 pm** we host a special Carol Service for the Royal British Legion and Sussex Army Cadet Force. Our traditional candlelit Nine Lessons and Carols follows on **Sunday 21 December at 6.00 pm**. On Christmas Eve, **Wednesday 24 December**, we have Crib Services at 2.30 pm and 4.00 pm for families and children, followed by Midnight Mass at 11.15 pm. On **Christmas Day, Thursday 25 December**, join us at 9.45 am for our Festal Eucharist celebrating the birth of Christ, and on **Sunday 4 January at 6.00 pm** we conclude the season with a Choral Service for Epiphany marking the visit of the Magi and the revelation of Christ to the nations.

Prayers...

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

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:

Those whose year's mind falls at this time. 10th Betty Clover-Brown 1996, George Tidd 1996, Catherine Mary Hackett 2003, 11th Patricia Cree 2001, Rosemary Stevens 2014, 12th Betty Earnshaw, Moira Parham 2001, Harry Joseph Fry 2002, 13th Ivor Williams, John Arthur Taylor 2006, Albert Avery 2016, 14th Jeremy Gambrill 2002, 15th John Henry Levett 2002, 16th Gordon Stuart 2004, Derek Geoffrey Charles Titheradge 2005

Praying through the week...

Mon Nov 10th - We pray for families affected by mental health challenges and for all who feel anxious, confused or alone. We give thanks for those working in and supporting mental health services, and pray for the people of Paynesfield, that they may feel a strong, caring community around them.

Tue Nov 11th - We give thanks for our church council - for their faithfulness and hard work - and pray that they are guided by the Holy Spirit in wisdom and discernment. Locally, we pray for those in sheltered accommodation, that they may know peace and joy.

Wed Nov 12th - We pray for all who are without homes, work or security, and for refugees seeking safety. May we all grow in understanding and compassion. Locally we pray for the people of Pickwell Lane, that they may know kindness and generosity.

Thu Nov 13th - We give thanks for the gift of creativity in art, music, poetry and dance, and for those who inspire us through their talents. Locally we pray for the people of Polestub Lane, that they may feel God's presence and comfort.

Fri Nov 14th - On World Diabetes Day, we give thanks for advances in care and for those living with chronic illness, especially where medical support is limited. Locally we pray for Princess Royal Hospital and all who bring healing to our community.

Sat Nov 15th - We give thanks for trees and green spaces, for those who care for our parks and gardens, and for the beauty of nature around us. Locally we pray for the people of Rosemary Close, giving thanks for their contribution to our community and environment.

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