

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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## Reflection

John's credibility as the forerunner of the Messiah depends heavily on his accurately recognizing Jesus when they first meet, for despite their kinship the two seem barely acquainted. The baptismal affirmation of the Holy Spirit is sufficient for John, fulfilling the sign he was led to anticipate, and serves as firm testimony of the Lamb of God. Jesus, meanwhile, impresses the first disciples with his insight, recognizing Simon Peter before they are introduced. But his authority rests ultimately in his actions rather than assertions, heralded in the immortal words of invitation, 'Come and see.'

## Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Worship this Sunday...

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Isaiah 49.1-7

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

John 1.29-42

Graham Johnson

8.00 am **Holy Communion (CW)** Readers:

9.45 am **Parish Eucharist\*** Readers:

Pr Hymn 223 All hail the power Ron Tillyer

Gr Hymn 678 In Christ alone Wendy Allen

Of Hymn 810 Thou whose almighty word

Anthem The Lamb Intercessor:

Cm Hymn 451ii Just as I am Jane Coan

Fn Hymn 448i I come with joy

422 Alleluia sing to Jesus

6.00 pm **Choral Evensong** Readers:

Introit 12 Before the ending of the day Carolyn Ponder

Hymn 25 We praise you Father David Spear

Responses Ebdon

Psalm 96

Canticles Walmsley

Anthem From the rising of the sun

Hymn 103 O worship the Lord

Hymn 739 Now thank we all our God

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## First Reading

Isaiah 49.1-7

*The mission of the servant, to restore the survivors of Israel*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength - he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1.1-9

*Paul greets and thanks God for the Corinthians, celebrating their spiritual gifts*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes. To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Gospel

John 1.29-42

*John acclaims the Lamb of God who takes away sins; Jesus calls the first disciples*

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

## This Week

19/01 Mon	11.30 am	Goldbridge Care Home; Holy Communion	Goldbridge Care Home
	7.30 pm	Home Group (In Person)	
20/01 Tue	7.30 pm	Mens Group	Whyte Harte
21/01 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake	1 Samuel 17.32-33, 37, 40-51 Mark 3.1-6
22/01 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	1 Samuel 18.6-9, 19.1-7 Mark 3.7-12
23/01 Fri	11.00 am	BCP Communion	1 Samuel 24.3-22a Mark 3.13-19
	6.00 pm	Fuse Group	Old School
	6.00 pm	Choir Club	Church
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church

## Next Sunday...

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Conversion of Paul**

Jeremiah 1.4-10

Acts 9.1-22

Matthew 19.27 - end

8.00 am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>	Reader:	Roger Edmonston
9.45 am	<b>Worship for all*</b>		
Pr Hymn	Here I am to worship/Light of the world you stepped down	Readers:	Young People
Gloria	"Majesty, Worship his Majesty"		
Gr Hymn	We have a gospel		
Of Hymn	Amazing grace		
Sanctus/Benedictus	"Be Still".		
Cm Hymn	Come light of the world		
	The summons/Will you come and follow me		
	Open our eyes Lord		
Fn Hymn	Immortal invisible		

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

## Notices and Parish News...

- **New Worship Opportunities**
  - **Abide Monthly Contemporary Worship Gathering:** You are warmly invited to the first monthly gathering of Abide, a new contemplative, contemporary worship space at 4.00 pm and the 2nd Sunday of each month. The first Gathering is on Sunday 8 February 2025. The theme will be Before Anything Else - The God Who Speaks Light. Set in candlelight and stillness, Abide offers a different way of worshipping - shaped by music, silence, scripture, and shared prayer rather than a formal service or long sermon. We will be led by our House Band, Guest, using a rich mix of contemporary and reflective music - from God of Wonders to modern classics such as Yellow, Fields of Gold, Saturn, and Bridge Over Troubled Water. Together we will listen for the God who speaks light before anything else - the Word present at creation and still speaking hope and wisdom today. This is a gentle, participatory space to pause, reflect, and be renewed, with prayer stations and the chance to stay afterwards for a simple shared supper. Whether you come regularly or are simply curious, you are warmly invited to experience this first gathering of Abide. If you are planning on attending please drop Gina a line on [office@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:office@holytrinitycuckfield.org) for catering purposes.
  - **Friday Morning Prayer:** From Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026, the staff team and clergy are all invited to say morning prayer together in the Lady Chapel at 9.00 am. We would like to make this an open invitation for anyone to attend to pray the daily office with us once a week and to pray for the needs and concerns of the parish. No need to tell us you are coming, just come along.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Michael Maine will be giving the lunchtime concert on **Friday, 6th February** in aid of our partner charity Tariro. Put the date in your diary so as not to miss this wonderful concert!
- **Mens Group** - We're pleased to be restarting the Men's Group in 2026 and would love you to join us. **Tuesday 20 January, 7.30-9.30pm** - Meal at the Whyte Harte, **Tuesday 17 February, 7.30-9.30pm** - Pizza & skittles at the Bull, Henfield, **Tuesday 17 March** - No meeting during Lent. Please confirm your attendance to help with planning.
- **Sustainability Event - Tuesday 20th January 2026** - Haywards Heath Baptist Church are hosting a special talk, "From Scorched Earth to A Rocha", with Ed Walker MBE, Executive Director of A Rocha International. Join at 7.30pm at Haywards Heath Baptist Church, Sussex Road for an inspiring evening about Christian environmental action. Free entry, refreshments provided.
- **Lunch "n" Linger** - Makes a welcome return at the Old School on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January**. We gather from 12.30, **lunch is served at 1.00 pm**. Please let Jane know or email [office@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:office@holytrinitycuckfield.org) confirming your menu choices which are, very mild chilli con carne with rice, or vegetable & bean chilli with rice and for dessert iced vanilla sponge or fruit pot. We need to confirm final numbers by the Monday before the lunch (Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> January).
- **Deanery Day 2026 - Art & Prayer - Saturday 7 February 2026**. The Ascension Church, Vale Road, Haywards Heath 10am-1pm. **Speaker:** Rev Charles Pickstone, former vicar of St. Laurence, Catford, London and a trustee of Art & Christianity Enquiry. He is on the editorial board of Art & Christianity, and until recently a visiting scholar at Sarum College. Charles regularly contributes articles to books and magazines on art and spirituality, as well as lecturing in the UK and abroad. He is on the board of the UK branch of AICA (the International Association of Art Critics) and is chair of the Fabric Advisory Committee of Southwark Cathedral
- **Cuckfield Local Market** - Holy Trinity Cuckfield local market will take place on **February 14<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Pilgrim Course - The Lord's Prayer** - Details of our next Pilgrim Course, based on the theme of *The Lord's Prayer*, are now available. The Monday evening home group is currently full, so we are hoping to start a

new **Thursday evening group**. All other groups still have spaces, and we would love more people to join us. If you are interested, please speak to us or complete a course form, available in church.

- **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 next Bereavement Café will be held on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2pm-4pm** at The Old School, Committee Room and will on 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](mailto:pastoral-care@holytrinitycuckfield.org) or the Parish Office: 01444 456461

### Prayers...

**Those in immediate need:** Becky Parker, Ralph Colbran, Eileen Knight, Philip Chapman, Rev'd Stephen Caple, Jill Brotherton, David Meares, Pam Sutherland, Ken Sagar, Clara Spear, Mary Watts, Daphne Stuart.

**Those in long term need:** Georgia, Ann Went, Julie Sadler, Wendy Hibling, Liz Graydon, Peter Graydon, 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:** Stephen Jennings, Marilyn Lloyd, Sue Guy-Jones, Tesser Boyer

**Those whose year's mind falls at this time.** 18<sup>th</sup> Alan Graydon, 19<sup>th</sup> Isabel Bravo, 20<sup>th</sup> Elsie Laker, John Upton 2001, Shirley Monica Lewis 2022, 21<sup>st</sup> Sally Adams, Kenneth Hilton 1999, William Frederick Wilkes 2002, 22<sup>nd</sup> Alistair White 2001, Valerie Hollinghurst 2005, Dorothy Alice Cox 2013, Hilary Ruddock 2019, Peter Richard Chandler 2021, 23<sup>rd</sup> Anthony Seabrook 1990, Reg Burdett 1998, Reg Rapley 2000, Doug Maude 2001, Enid Mary Saunders 2008, 24<sup>th</sup> Lorna White 2009

### Praying through the week...

**Mon Jan 19<sup>th</sup>** - We give thanks for artists, architects, builders and town planners; for all who work to enhance our environment with their skills and sense of beauty; we pray for all who help us to look afresh at the world. We pray locally for all those living on Broxmead Lane, for their health and well-being.

**Tue Jan 20<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for those living with Alzheimer's and other sorts of dementia; we pray for all who support and care for them. We pray that our community be dementia- friendly, patient and understanding. We pray for all who live and all who work in care homes, for respect, skills, compassion and decent pay and conditions. Locally we pray for the people of Bull's Lane, that they may sense the beauty and joy of God's creation.

**Wed Jan 21<sup>st</sup>** - We give thanks for our friends; we pray for those we've grown distant from; for those we see no longer; for those who live far away; for those facing great pain or hardship; for those who are precious to us. We pray for the people of Bunton Lane, for their health and well-being, that they may feel drawn to acts of friendship and kindness this week.

**Thu Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Looking to Burns night (25<sup>th</sup>) We pray for poets, playwrights, authors, for puzzle compilers, comedy sketch and gag writers. We pray for all who use their skills with words to bring clarity, challenge beauty, delight and fun for the benefit of others. We pray locally for the people of Burrell Green and give thanks for the ways in which they help to enrich and support their families, friends and local community.

**Fri Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>** - We pray for all involved in maintaining our local environment; for our refuse and recycling workers, for those involved in cleaning and maintaining buildings; for those involved in road safety; for those involved in maintaining our parks and gardens. We pray for greater accountability for all responsible for fly-tipping and littering the environment, for a greater respect for fellow citizens and our surroundings. We pray locally for Butlers Freen Road, may they feel the support and strength of the local community.

**Sat Jan 24<sup>th</sup>** - On this International Day of Education, we pray for students, school children and adult learners. We pray for all who work to enable a high standard of education; we pray for all working to enable free access to education for girls and boys, rich and poor, throughout the world. We pray for all whose lives are restricted by a lack of learning, an inability to access education. Locally we pray for the people of Buttinghill Drive that they may find joy, strength and light in their lives.

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