

Sunday 1st March

2nd Sunday of Lent

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

The story of Nicodemus visiting Jesus by night is an example of John's use of characters as teaching agents in this 'gospel of relationship'. The time of the encounter suggests the learned man is coy about approaching Jesus for answers to his questions, but his motive is apparently sincere, and opens the way for some of the most memorable and beloved of Jesus' sayings. In other respects, Jesus is provocatively enigmatic as he appears to tease Nicodemus out of his comfort zone and challenges him to embrace the life-enhancing risk of being born of the Spirit.

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

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8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader:	Genesis 12.1-4a Romans 4.1-5, 13-17 John 3.1-17 Anthony van der Willigen
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist (LS)	Readers:	Philippa Tillyer David Reed
Pr Hymn	4 New every morning		
Gr Hymn	595 Be thou my vision	Intercessor:	Anthony Lawrence
Of Hymn	593 At the name of Jesus		
Anthem	130i My spirit longs for thee		
Cm Hymn	126 Jesus grant me this		
	455 My God and is thy table		
Fm Hymn	510 Will you come and follow me		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong	Readers:	Numbers 21.4-9 Luke 14.27-33 Pat Montague Rod Montague
Hymn	24 The day thou gavest		
Responses	Ferial		
Psalm	135		
Canticles	Mag: 119; Nunc: 9		
Anthem	Nolo mortem peccatoris		
Hymn	135 Take up thy cross		
Hymn	761 Praise the Lord ye heavens		

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First Reading

God calls Abram away from his home at the age of 75

Genesis 12.1-4a

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Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Second Reading

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness'

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel

John 3.1-17

Nicodemus comes to Jesus by night: 'For God so loved the world ...'

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This Week

02/03 Mon	2.00 pm	Pilgrim Course	Committee Room, Old School
	7.30 pm	Pilgrim Course	
04/03 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake	Jeremiah 18.18-20 Matthew 20.17-28
	1.30 pm	Funeral T/L Paul Duffy	
	7.30 pm	Standing committee	Vicarage
05/03 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	Jeremiah 17.5-10 Luke 16.19-end Old School
	1.30 pm	Arts & Craft Group	
	7.30 pm	Pilgrim Course	
06/03 Fri	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
	11.00am	BCP Communion	Genesis 37.3-4, 12-13, 17-28 Matthew 21.33-43, 45-46
	12.30 pm	Interment of T/L Margaret Walker	
	1.10 pm	Lunchtime Concert	
	6.00 pm	Choir Club	Church
	6.00 pm	Fuse Youth Club	Old School
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 8th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17.1-7
Romans 5.1-11
John 4.5-42

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader:	James Sanders Charles Solomon
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist (LS)	Readers:	Wendy Bloomer Mark Parker
Pr Hymn	584 All my hope on God		
Gr Hymn	382: Lord I have made (Tune: 331)		
Of Hymn	121 Forty days & forty nights		
Sanctus	Wash me throughly	Intercessor:	Oliver Taylor-Wyatt

Cm Hymn	127 Lord Jesus think on me 425 Be known to us
Fn Hymn	238i Come down O love divine

4.00 pm **Abide Contemporary Worship**

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Notices and Parish News...

- **Join us for online Lent reflections** - This Lent, you are warmly invited to join Fr Daniel in a simple daily pattern of prayer and reflection using Everyday Faith, the Church of England's daily devotional resource. Everyday Faith offers short Bible readings, a brief reflection, a simple prayer, and gentle music - designed to fit naturally into the rhythm of everyday life. Whether first thing in the morning or later in the day, it provides a quiet space to pause, listen, and attend to God's presence. Created by the Church of England, Everyday Faith is part of the Church's commitment to missional discipleship: helping Christians live their faith with confidence and depth, Sunday to Saturday. If you are looking for a manageable, sustaining Lenten practice - or a way of journeying together through scripture and prayer - you are encouraged to join in, one day at a time. Find out more and download the app at <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith>
- **A New Way of Remembering Those We Have Loved and Lost** – We are no longer printing the names of those whose year's mind falls at this time in the pew sheet will no longer be routinely printed in the pew sheet. Instead, we are offering a more personal and prayerful way of remembering those who have died. Families and friends are invited to sponsor the church flowers on the Sunday closest to a loved one's anniversary. The person being remembered will be named in the pew sheet, with the flowers given in their memory. The suggested donation is £40. To arrange this, please contact Helen Loosley at Verger1@holytrinitycuckfield.org. During Advent and Easter, names may still be included, with flowers displayed on another Sunday. We hope this provides a gentle and fitting way to honour those we hold in our hearts.
- **For the 9.45am service on Mothering Sunday (15 March)** we would like to create a picture for the overhead screen made up of the faces of our mothers. You are therefore invited to send a digital picture (head and shoulders) of your own mother to Clive Simmons (Reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org) for inclusion. If you do not have a picture in computer form, Clive is willing to scan any printed images, which will be returned to you as long as accompanied by YOUR name (not your mother's). You can leave these in the S pigeonhole in church or at the office for his attention. Please let us have your photos by Sunday 8 March. Those attending the 8am service may simply wish to bring their own photograph with them as a focus for thanksgiving.
- **Do something for Lent!** Rather than give something up, consider donating a food or household item each week. The Engage Stream are suggesting one specific item for everyone to donate each week. For this second week of Lent: please bring some fresh vegetables or fruit to church. These will be distributed to families in need via Holy Trinity Primary School. Please leave in the shopping trolley. Thank you!
- **Lunchtime Concert – Friday 6th March at 1.10pm.** Join us for an afternoon of live jazz with the Steve King Quartet, joined by guest vocalist Tony Wilkins, performing much-loved jazz standards and familiar favourites. All welcome.
- **Lunch “n” Linger** - will take place at the Old School on **Thursday 26th March**. We gather from 12.30, **lunch is served at 1.00 pm**. Please let Jane know or email office@holytrinitycuckfield.org. We need to confirm final numbers by the Monday before the lunch (Monday, 23rd March)
- **Thanksgiving for the life of Valerie Ann Poxon** - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Valerie will take place on Thursday 12 March 2026 at 11.30 am, at Holy Trinity followed by a reception in the Old School. All who knew and loved Valerie are warmly invited to come together to give thanks for her life and to commend her to the eternal love and mercy of God.
- The **Prayer Partners box** will be available at the church entrance this Sunday – **please add your name and draw a name as this is the final opportunity to take part for the year**. Please see the posters or speak to Jane Coan for more information.
- **Confirmation Preparation** will begin after Easter, with five sessions running from late April to June, ahead of the Confirmation service on Monday 29th June at 7.00pm at Holy Trinity. If you are interested in being confirmed (adult or young person), please speak to Clive Simmonds reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org for more information.
- **Bereavement Café** - A gentle, welcoming space to talk, listen, or simply be. If you have experienced loss, you are warmly invited to join others for understanding, quiet companionship, and care over tea and coffee. The next café is on **Tuesday 10th March 2-4pm**, at The Old School, Committee Room, and meets on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Revd Stephen Caple (pastoral-care@holytrinitycuckfield.org) or the Parish Office on 01444 456461
- **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.
- **Heavenly Hugs - New Parent, Toddler & Baby Group** launched 24 Feb. It was a great success and will now be open Tues/Thur term time at 9.30am. Join us for a relaxed morning of play, connection and community in a safe, nurturing space. Refreshments provided. £3.50 per family. More details: oldschoolcuckfield.com/heavenly-hugs
- **Maundy Thursday**, Jesus faced His struggles in the Garden of Gethsemane. He went to a quiet place on the Mount of Olives to prepare for the events leading to His sacrifice on the cross. We are creating a miniature replica of the Garden of Gethsemane in the Lady Chapel to honour this significant moment. We invite you to contribute by donating portable potted plants for the Garden. We plan to set up the Garden on **Wednesday, April 1st, after the 10:30am Eucharist** and any help would be warmly welcomed. You can take your lovely potted plants home after Easter Sunday. If you can help with this project, please get in touch with Eileen Caple or email office@holytrinitycuckfield.org.

- **“Abide” Monthly Contemporary Worship Gathering:** The next monthly gathering of Abide, our new contemplative, contemporary worship space at 4.00 pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month will be on **Sunday 8 March 2025**. We will be led by our House Band, Guest, using a rich mix of contemporary and reflective 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 for catering purposes.
- **The New Sussex Singers** return to Holy Trinity, Cuckfield with Reflections of Light, a richly varied choral concert exploring themes of light, mystery, and joy. The concert takes place on **Saturday 14 March 2026 at 7.00 pm**. Tickets are £16, with a concessionary price of £5 for under 16s and students. Tickets can be booked online at www.newsussexsingers.co.uk. All are warmly invited to this evening of beautiful and reflective music.
- **The Quiet Revival: Myth memory or movement?** A symposium in Cambridge on **March 21st** available on-line is the short description of the apparent increase in the number of young adults, particularly men attending church, not only in Britain but in Finland and Sweden as well. To find out more enter quiet revival in your search engine or go to <https://simonjcross.substack.com> and search quiet revival or ask Jonathan Berry to email links
- **Italian Evening** Come and join us for a great evening with Quiz. Wed 11th March 6.30pm in the Old School. £15 a head. Lasagna, salads, tasty desserts, tea/coffee. Bring your own drinks and money for the raffle. See Ros Longfield or use the QR code or web link for tickets. <https://cuckfieldandbolneybenefice.churchsuite.com/events/qjumexd4>



Prayers...

Those in immediate need: Becky Parker, Ralph Colbran, Philip Chapman, Jill Brotherton, David Meares, Pam Sutherland, Mary Watts, Daphne Stuart

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, Sally Williams

The recently departed and those who mourn: Valerie Poxon, Paul Duffy, Eileen Knight, Sheila Pyle

Praying through the week...

Mon 2 Mar – We pray for students and teachers, and all organising Easter events Locally, we pray for Earwig Lane, that they may know the hope of Spring.

Tue 3 Mar – We give thanks for storytellers who teach and inspire through their gifts. Locally, we pray for Farr Close, that they may delight in the wonder of God’s creation.

Wed 4 Mar – We pray for families, especially those facing financial or housing insecurity. Loving God, be our strength and light, and grant us your peace. Locally, we pray for Foxhole Lane, that they may feel cherished and able to show love to others.

Thu 5 Mar – We pray for all attending and leading Lent groups, that we may grow in faith through prayer, fasting and giving. Locally, we pray for Glebe Road, that they may know warmth, safety and God’s presence.

Fri 6 Mar – On World Day of Prayer, we pray for the global Church and for those facing poverty and injustice. Locally, we pray for Goreside Lane, for health and wellbeing.

Sat 7 Mar – As we approach International Women’s Day, we give thanks for the gifts and achievements of women, and pray for justice and dignity for all women and girls. Locally, we pray for Hanlye Lane, for a community of care and understanding.

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