

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

Mothering Sunday invites us to give thanks for the gift of care and nurture in all its forms. Yet the language of family can stir many emotions: gratitude, joy, longing, even pain. The scriptures today remind us that God's love holds all of these realities. Moses is saved through the courage of several women. Paul speaks of the God who comforts us so that we may comfort others. And from the cross, Jesus forms a new family of love. The church is called to be such a family... a place where all are welcomed, consoled, and drawn together by the generous compassion of God.

Collect

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

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8.00 am

Holy Communion (CW)

Reader:

Exodus 2.1-10
2 Corinthians 1.3-7
John 19.25b-27
Graham Johnson

9.45 am

Parish Eucharist (LS)

Readers:

Pr Hymn 327ii Awake, awake
Gr Hymn 394 Tell out my soul
Of Hymn 315 Sing we of the blessed mother
Anthem Thou knowest Lord
Cm Hymn 119 Forgive our sins
448i I come with joy
Fn Hymn 589 Angel voices ever singing

Intercessor:

Jane Coan
Alan Currer

Nicholas Jones

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong

Reader:

Introit 17 Hail gladdening light
Hymn 593ii At the name of Jesus
Responses Smith
Psalm 31 v1 - 16
Canticles Stanford in C
Anthem O thou the central orb
Hymn 629iii Father hear the prayer
Hymn 610 Christ is the world's true light

1 Samuel 16.1-13
Ephesians 5.8-14

Carolyn Ponder

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First Reading

Exodus 2.1-10

Moses is rescued from the reeds by Pharaoh's daughter and brought up as her son

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Blessed is God who consoles us after afflictions

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Gospel

John 19.25b-27

From the cross, Jesus gives Mary into John's care

And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This Week

16/03 Mon	11.30 am	Goldbridge Car Home Holy communion	
	2.00 pm	Pilgrim Course	Old School
	7.30 pm	Pilgrim Course	Home
	7.30 pm	Pilgrim Course	Online
18/03 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake	Isaiah 49.8-15 John 5.17-30
	7.00 pm	Eucharist PCC	Church
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting	Old School
19/03 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	2 Samuel 7.4-16 Romans 4.13-18 Matthew 1.18-end
	12.00 pm	Funeral T/L Sheila Pyle	Church
	1.30 pm	Arts & Craft Group	Old School
	2.00 pm	Pilgrim Course	
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	7.30 pm	Pilgrim Course	
	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
20/03 Fri	11.00am	BCP Communion	Ezekiel 34.11-16 Corinthians 6.1-10 Matthew 18.12-14
	6.00 pm	Choir Club	Church
	6.00 pm	Fuse Youth Club	Old School
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church
	9.30 am	Church Spring Clean	Church

Next Sunday...**Sunday 22nd March - Passiontide Begins**Ezekiel 37.1-14
Romans 8.6-11
John 11.1-45

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader:	Roger Edmonston
9.45 am	Worship For All Eucharist (LS)	Readers &	
Processional	Come, Now Is the Time to Worship	Intercessors:	Young People
Kyrie	TBC		
Gradual	Speak, O Lord		

Offertory	My Song Is Love Unknown
Sanctus/Ben	TBC
Communion	Spirit of the Living God How Deep The Father's Love For Us All Heaven Declares
Final	And can it be

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Notices and Parish News...

Services in Easter week - Please note that there will be a reduced pattern of services during Easter Week. **Holy Communion will take place on Wednesday 8 April**, but there will be **no services on Thursday 9 April or Friday 10 April**.

Spring Clean at Holy Trinity - Saturday 21 March, 9.30am-12.30pm - It's time for our annual Spring Clean as we prepare for Easter. A skip will be onsite and there will be jobs for everyone. Even an hour would help enormously. Many hands make light work - and good company makes it enjoyable. Please do come along and lend a hand.

Everyday Faith - A Lenten Pattern of Prayer - This Lent you are warmly invited to join Fr Daniel in a simple daily rhythm of prayer using Everyday Faith, the Church of England's devotional resource. Each day offers a short Bible reading, reflection, prayer and music - a gentle way to pause and attend to God's presence. Find out more and download the app : <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith>

Remembering Loved Ones through Church Flowers - We will no longer routinely print year's mind names in the pew sheet. Instead, families may sponsor the church flowers on the Sunday closest to a loved one's anniversary. The person remembered will be named in the pew sheet, with flowers given in their memory. Suggested donation: £30. Contact Helen Loosley: Verger1@holytrinitycuckfield.org During Advent and Easter names may still appear in the pew sheet.

Eileen Knight's funeral service will be on Tuesday, 17th March at Crawley Crematorium, 12.45pm followed by refreshments at The Parson's Pig pub, Balcombe Rd, Crawley RH10 3NL. All are welcome. (There will not be a memorial service later on.)

Do Something for Lent - Rather than give something up, consider donating a weekly food or household item. This week: Please bring toilet rolls and household cleaning products for this week's suggested Lent donation and leave in the trolley in the church Thank you.

Mens Group - Upcoming social events: **Meal at the Eight Bells, Bolney - Tuesday 21 April**, and **Skittles at The Bull, Henfield - Tuesday 19 May**. Please confirm your attendance. We also hope to join the **Taverners at Cuckfield Cricket Club** in June or July once their programme is released.

Lunch "n" Linger - Thursday 26 March. The Old School - gather from 12.30pm, lunch at 1.00pm. Menu: chicken or vegetable pie with vegetables and roast potatoes; shortbread with custard or fruit salad. Please book with Jane or email office@holytrinitycuckfield.org by Monday 23 March.

Confirmation Preparation - Preparation begins after Easter with five sessions (April-June) ahead of the Confirmation Service on Monday 29 June at 7.00pm. If interested, please contact Clive Simmons: Reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org.

Save the Date - Back, by popular demand "Paint Night!" taking place on **Thursday 23rd April at 7pm**. A really enjoyable evening where you can go home with your very own masterpiece! (No skills needed!) Put the date in your diary. More details to follow.

Bereavement Café - A gentle space for those who have experienced loss. Next meeting: Tuesday 14th April, 2-4pm, Old School Committee Room. Contact Revd Stephen Caple: pastoral-care@holytrinitycuckfield.org.

Pilgrim Course - The Lord's Prayer - Our next Pilgrim Course is beginning soon. The Monday group is full but we hope to start a Thursday evening group. Other groups still have spaces. Please speak to us or complete a form in church.

Heavenly Hugs - Parent/Carer, Toddler & Baby Group - Launched on 24 February and already a great success. Tuesdays and Thursdays (term time) at 9.30am in the Old School. £3.50 per family. More information: oldschoolcuckfield.com/heavenly-hugs

Garden of Gethsemane Installation - For Maundy Thursday we are creating a small Garden of Gethsemane in the Lady Chapel. Please donate portable potted plants if you can. The garden will be set up on Wednesday 1 April after the 10.30am Eucharist. Plants can be taken home after Easter. Contact Eileen Caple or office@holytrinitycuckfield.org.

Abide - Contemporary Worship Gathering. Our monthly contemplative worship gathering followed by a simple supper takes place at 4.00pm on Sunday 8 March. Led by our House Band, Guest, with a mix of contemporary and reflective music. Please email Gina (office@holytrinitycuckfield.org) if you plan to attend.

Help Our Voices Shine - New Choir Robes Appeal - After nearly 35 years our choir robes need replacing. We are raising £12,000 to provide robes for our adult and junior choirs. You can donate, sponsor a robe in memory of someone, attend fundraising events or share the appeal. Thank you for helping our music flourish.



Annual Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 26 March, 7.00pm - Queen's Hall, Cuckfield. Meet Parish Councillors, hear guest speakers and learn about village activities. All are welcome.

Frocktales" Talk - 23 April - Stephanie Richards, costume curator at Henfield Museum, will give a talk on historic fashion on **Thursday 23 April at 2.30pm** in the **Council Chamber, Queen's Hall, Cuckfield**. Admission £5 (£3 Patrons/Friends). Email events@cuckfieldmuseum.org to attend.

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: Eileen Knight, Sheila Pyle

Praying through the week...

Mon Mar 16th - We pray for the birds that inhabit our wild places, our parks and gardens. We pray for individuals and organisations working to protect habitat and endangered species. We give thanks for the dedication of such organisations as the RSPB, British Trust for Ornithology, WWF. We pray locally for Holy Trinity School, for their families, friends, community and neighbourhood.

Tue Mar 17th - Patrick, Bishop and Apostle of Ireland (390-461). Patrick was kidnapped from his home in England and sold into slavery by Irish raiders. After study abroad and his consecration as bishop he returned to the land that had enslaved him. We pray for all who today are treated as slaves, for all whose basic human rights have denied them. We pray for all who seek to enslave or control others, that they are prevented and made accountable, that they turn their lives around. We pray for the homeless, that they may experience the hope and comfort of God, who loves them.

Wed Mar 18th - We pray for those who mourn, across the world and near to home. Locally we pray for the people of Horsefield Green; we pray that they may feel the comfort and presence of God in all they do and give thanks for the ways in which they enrich the community and environment around them.

Thu Mar 19th - We pray for all who need healing. We pray locally for all those living on Horsegate Lane, for their health and well-being.

Fri Mar 20th - We pray for refugees and asylum seekers across the world, for all offering welcome, hospitality and support. We pray for all supporting Refugee aid and settlement agencies. We give thanks for the generosity in terms of time, effort and goods. We pray for all living in refugee camps, all fleeing their homes, all undertaking dangerous journeys in order to escape violence, conflict and extreme privation. We pray that we never forget the injunction to 'love our neighbour as ourselves'. Locally we pray for people who are housebound, that they may sense the beauty and joy of God's creation.

Sat Mar 21st - We pray for an end to tax dodging, evasion and avoidance. We pray for a greater will and responsibility to tackle poverty and provide essential services. We pray for our politicians locally, nationally and internationally, that they be guided by integrity, wisdom, compassion, justice and service - to seek the common good. We pray for the Independent State of Cuckfield and for all of the work that they do around the village.

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