

Sunday 19th April

3rd Sunday of Easter

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

As Jesus encounters Cleopas and his friend on the way to Emmaus, Jesus presents us with a model for ministry that listens attentively first in order to teach effectively; that accepts hospitality graciously so that the greater gift can be offered and received joyfully; that meets people as fellow travellers, in order that Christ might be made known in all our journeys. This is a pattern for worship, as we break open the word and the bread, and a pattern for mission as we give, receive, listen and learn together.

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the Disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Living God, your Son made himself known to his Disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

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8.00 am

Holy Communion (CW)

Reader:

Acts 2.14a,36-41
1 Peter 1.17-23
Luke 24.13-35
Anthony Van der Willigen

9.45 am

Parish Eucharist (LS)

Pr Hymn

641 Glorious things of thee are spoken

Readers:

Ron Tillyer

Gr Hymn

140 All ye who seek for sure relief

Kate Berry

Of Hymn

667 I danced in the morning

Intercessor:

Clive Simmonds

Anthem

A new commandment

Cm Hymn

439 Dearest Jesu, we are here

709 Light of the minds that know him

Fn Hymn

218 Thine be the glory

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong

Introit

18 Light of gladness, Lord of glory

Haggai 1.13-2.9
1 Corinthians 3.10-17

Hymn

825 Word of God, come down on earth

Responses

Ayleward

Psalm

48

Reader:

Clem Sutters

Canticles

Andreas

Roger Floyd

Anthem

Round me falls the night

Hymn

506 The church's one foundation

Hymn

546 How great thou art

(LS) Live Streamed on zoom - click the blue button on the church home page

First Reading

Acts 2.14a,36-41

Peter addresses the crowd; 3,000 are baptized

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart

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and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1.17-23

We were ransomed not with silver or gold, but with the blood of Christ

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel

Luke 24.13-35

Jesus meets Cleopas and his friend on the way to Emmaus

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This Week

20/04 Mon	11.30 am	Goldbridge Car Home Holy communion	
	7.30 pm	Home Group	
21/04 Tue	9.30 am	Heavenly Hugs Parent & Toddler Group	Old School
22/04 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake	Acts 8.1b-8 John 6.35-40 Old School
	2.00 pm	Art, Craft & Company	Old School
23/04 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	Revelation 12.7-12 2 Timothy 2.3-13 John 15.18-21 Church
24/04 Fri	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Acts 9.1-20 John 6.52-59 Church
	6.00 pm	Choir Club	Church
	6.00 pm	Fuse Youth Club	Old School
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 26th April - Mark the Evangelist

Proverbs 15.28-end
Ephesians 4.7-16
Mark 13.5-13
Roger Edmonston

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader:	
9.45 am	Worship For All Eucharist (LS)	Readers &	
Pr Hymn	A&M 42, Longing for light (Christ be our light)	Intercessors:	Young People
Gloria	Peruvian		
Gr Hymn	A&M 249, Holy Spirit, living breath of God (Getty/Townend)		

Of Hymn A&M 557, Beauty for brokenness
 San/Ben/Agn Slade, Repton
 Cm Hymn A&M 800 - The Lord's My Shepherd, A&M 263 - Spirit of
 the living God, A&M 31 - Come, light of the world
 Pr Hymn A&M 494 - I, the Lord of sea and sky (Here I am, Lord)
 (LS) *Live Streamed on zoom - click the blue button on the church home page*

Notices and Parish News...

Church Electoral Roll Revision 2026 - The Electoral Roll will be open for revision from **Sunday 12th April to Sunday 26th April**. After this, no further additions can be made ahead of the Annual Meetings. If you are new to the parish, or missed joining last year, this is your opportunity to enrol. Being on the Electoral Roll allows you to attend, vote, and stand for election at the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 17th May at 11.30am**. To join or update your details:

- Scan the QR code:
- Complete the form via the church website (home page or Quick Links)
- Or pick up a paper form in church and return it to the Church Office

For more information, please contact David Thunder (Electoral Roll Officer) at ero@holytrinitycuckfield.org

Brighton Gay Men's Chorus - Heroes: On Tour, Saturday 30 May, 7:30pm - We are delighted to be hosting the Brighton Gay Men's Chorus here at Holy Trinity in a jointly promoted concert with the Cuckfield Festival. Their acclaimed show Heroes is a joyful and moving celebration of the artists and stories that have shaped LGBTQ+ life - from Bowie, Freddie Mercury and George Michael to voices and experiences still unfolding today. It promises to be an uplifting evening of music, humour and powerful storytelling, right here in the heart of our village. Tickets are £20 (£15 under 18s) and are available via ChurchSuite <https://cuckfieldandbolneybenefice.churchsuite.com/events/m5gtglus> or by scanning the QR code. Do come along - whether as a regular member of the congregation or simply for a good evening out, all are very welcome. **Booking early is advised we are expecting a high demand for tickets!**



Do you have furniture, curtains or rugs for a local Refugee family who have moved into unfurnished accommodation and have nothing. Please see Hilary.

Lunch "n" Linger - Thursday 30 April 2026. The Old School - gather from 12.30pm, lunch at 1.00pm. Menu: Roast pork with gravy or vegetable wellington with carrot & green beans and roast potatoes, with treacle & pear ginger cake and custard or fruit salad. Please book with Jane or email office@holytrinitycuckfield.org by Monday 27 April.

Paint Night, Thurs 23rd April 7pm please sign up with Ros Longfield, Mary Pape or Hilary if you wish to come along or use QR code. Places are limited, so don't miss out! Follow guided steps to create your own masterpiece! No artistic skills needed! £10 a head. All materials and refreshments provided. Come and enjoy



Art, Craft & Company (New Group) Wednesdays, 2-5pm from 8th April (Old School - upstairs, lift available). A relaxed, self-led group for art, craft and card making. No experience needed - come along to create, share ideas, or simply enjoy the company. Free to attend. Please bring your own materials (some basics provided). Tea and biscuits available. Drop-ins very welcome.

Thursday Arts and Craft Group are knitting and crocheting for local charities. If anyone has any yarn or needles to spare, we would be most grateful. Donations can be left in the container in the Church porch, or at the group on the first and third Thursdays of the month. 2-4pm.

Sausage baps at Cuckfield Market for Imara Thanks to everyone who had breakfast, brunch or lunch on Saturday! Together with the money Imara took on their own stall, a further £350 was raised for our new partner charity, Imara-Uganda Education Fund. Thank you!

Frocktales - Talk at Cuckfield Museum - Thursday 23rd April, 2.30pm Council Chamber, Queen's Hall, Cuckfield Stephanie Richards (Costume Curator, Henfield Museum) presents a fascinating talk on historic costumes from the Victorian era to the 1970s. Admission: £5 (£3 for Patrons/Friends) To attend, please email: events@cuckfieldmuseum.org

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.

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 Simmonds: Reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org.

Bereavement Café - A gentle space for those who have experienced loss. Next meeting: **Tuesday 12th May 2-4pm**, Old School Committee Room. Contact Revd Stephen Cagle: pastoral-care@holytrinitycuckfield.org.

Pilgrim Course - The Lord's Prayer - Our next Pilgrim Course will start after Easter details will be available soon. Please speak to us or complete a form in church.

Heavenly Hugs - Parent/Carer, Toddler & Baby Group - Launched in February and already a great success. **Tuesdays at 9.30am** in the Old School, £3.50 per family. More information is available on the website: www.oldschoolcuckfield.com/heavenly-hugs

Abide - Contemporary Worship Gathering. Our monthly contemplative worship gathering followed by a simple supper takes place at **4.00pm on Sunday 10th May**. 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.



Join us at Holy Trinity, Cuckfield for our next **lunchtime concert on 1st May, 2026**, featuring an amazing programme which spans over 100 years of music for clarinet and piano. Philip Edwards and David Elwin will be performing music from Victorian England to the modern day, including an exciting piece with a local connection. The music will start at 1.10pm and tea and coffee will be served, with all donations going towards our Choir Robe Fund. We hope you can support!

Save the Date: Parish Pilgrimage & Retreat - We are planning a parish pilgrimage and retreat to the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, from **Friday 25th to Sunday 27th September 2026**. This Anglican religious community in West Yorkshire is a place of prayer, worship, and theological formation, and holds a special connection for us, as both of your last two vicars trained for the priesthood there. The visit will also deepen our links with Fr Nicholas and Tariro, the charity he founded to support deprived and orphaned teenagers in Zimbabwe, reminding us that a life of prayer is always bound up with a life of service. The weekend will offer space to step back from the pace of daily life, to share in the Community's rhythm of prayer, and to spend time together as a parish. Places will be limited, so if you may be interested, please do register your early interest with Revd Elaine Dando (evd.macrina@btinternet.com). Further details will follow.

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

Praying through the week...

Mon Apr 20th - We pray for refugees and asylum seekers across the world, for all offering welcome, hospitality and support and supporting 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 the people of Mytten Close, that they may sense the beauty and joy of God's creation.

Tue Apr 21st - We pray for all who need healing and all who provide or contribute to the healing of others.

We pray for the people of Newbury Lane, for their health and well-being, that they may feel drawn to acts of friendship and kindness this week.

Wed Apr 22nd - We give thanks for the gifts of humour, fun and laughter and pray for all those who enable and encourage these gifts. We pray locally for Heavenly Hugs and all baby and toddler groups in the area, for their health and well-being.

Thu Apr 23rd - We pray for all involved in the legal and justice system: that improvements are made to ensure the backlog of outstanding trials is overcome that access to good legal representation and advice be available to all who need it. We pray for all solicitors, lawyers, judges and others who work hard, with diligence, integrity and a yearning for justice. We pray for justice around the world, for accountability of wrong doing, for the upholding of human rights.

We pray locally for the people of Ockenden Lane their families, friends and all whom they love.

Fri Apr 24th - We give thanks for Fairtrade and for the difference it has made to the lives of millions around the world. We give thanks for the hope that the Fairtrade Foundation inspires - that we can all make a difference in the world. We pray for all those farmers and workers who are still not receiving a fair deal around the world. Locally we pray for the people of Old Park Close, that they may find joy, strength and light in their lives.

Sat Apr 25th - We pray for justice and peace for all peoples. We pray that we learn to understand better the systems and narratives which sanction and lead to indifference, complacency, injustice and oppression. We pray for open eyes, for open ears, for open minds and hearts. We pray locally for the people of Pains Flat and give thanks for the ways in which they help to enrich and support their families, friends and local community.

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