

Sunday 12th April

2nd Sunday of Easter

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

Belief in the resurrection is not an end but a new beginning. Perhaps Thomas understood better than the others that if he believed he would need also to be willing to follow where that belief led: to a life of working and witnessing to Jesus and to God's kingdom, with all the joys and challenges that this would bring. Being sent by Jesus as Jesus was himself sent by the Father is no small thing. Thomas's gift to us is the assurance that when we hesitate, Christ comes back for us and reiterates his call until we can follow.

Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our Sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal Life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

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8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader:	Acts 2.14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1.3-9 John 20.19-end Charles Solomon James Sanders
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist (LS)	Readers:	Georgina Taylor-Wyatt Olly Taylor-Wyatt
Setting	Thorne	Intercessor:	Isobel Simmonds
Processional	194 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise		
Gradual	236 Breathe on me breath of God		
Offertory	209 Loves redeeming work		
Anthem	Now the green blade		
Communion	204 If Christ had not been raised 432 Bread of the world		
Final	221 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem		

12.30 pm **Baptism**

4.00 pm **Abide Contemporary Worship**

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First Reading

Acts 2.14a, 22-32

Peter addresses the crowds, telling them of Christ's resurrection

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. 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know- this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For

you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence. 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption. "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1.3-9

Through mercy we have a new birth into a living hope

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire- may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel

John 20.19-end

Jesus appears to the disciples, then Thomas

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This Week

13/04 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group	
14/04 Tue	9.30 am	Heavenly Hugs Toddler Group	Old School
	2.00 pm	Bereavement Cafe	Old School
15/04 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake	Acts 5.17-26 John 3.16-21
	2.00 pm	Arts, Craft & Company	Old School
16/04 Thurs	9.00 am	Celtic Communion	Acts 5.27-33 John 3.31-end
	1.30 pm	Arts & Craft Group	Old School
	5.00 pm	Standing Committee	Vicarage
17/04 Fri	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Acts 5.34-42 John 6.1-15
	6.00 pm	Fuse Youth Group	Old School
18/04 Sat	11.00 am	Friends Meeting	
	5.00 pm,	Candlelight Concert	Church
	7.00 pm,		
	9.00 pm		

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Next Sunday...

Sunday 19th April - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1.17 - 23
Luke 24.13-35

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader:	Anthony Van der Willigen
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist (LS)	Readers:	Ron Tillyer
Setting	Thorne		Kate Berry
Processional	641 Glorious things of thee are spoken	Intercessor:	Clive Simmonds
Gradual	140 All ye who seek for sure relief		
Offertory	667 I danced in the morning		
Anthem	A new commandment		
Communion	439 Dearest Jesu, we are here		
	709 Light of the minds that know him		

Final 218 Thine be the glory

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Haggai 1.13-2.9
1 Corinthians 3.10-17

Introit 18 Light of gladness, Lord of glory
Hymn 825 Word of God, come down on earth
Responses Ayleward
Psalm 48
Canticles Andreas
Anthem Round me falls the night
Hymn 506 The church's one foundation
Hymn 546 How great thou art

Readers: Clem Sutters
Roger Floyd

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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@holyltrinitycuckfield.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@holyltrinitycuckfield.org by Monday 27 April.

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.

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@holyltrinitycuckfield.org.

Now save the date for a Paint Night! Thursday, 23rd April 7pm £10 a head. Follow guided steps to create a masterpiece! Includes refreshments.

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@holyltrinitycuckfield.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 12th April**. A mix of contemporary and reflective music. Please email Gina (office@holyltrinitycuckfield.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.



Plant & Seed Sale - Cuckoo Fayre (4th May) - If you've sown a few too many seeds or find yourself with spare seedlings, we'd love your donations! Or, if you're just about to start planting, perhaps grow a few extra for Holy Trinity's stall at the Cuckoo Fayre. All proceeds will support our community garden project. For more information, please contact Helen Loosley: Verger1@holytrinitycuckfield.org

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

The recently departed and those who mourn: Yasoslav Gavrilv

Praying through the week...

Mon Apr 13th -We pray for fair tax systems; we pray for all those campaigning to ensure those global companies, those most wealthy, pay up. We pray for justice in the world of banking, financial transaction, tax and commerce. Locally we remember the people of Mayfields, that they feel the warmth and generosity of a neighbourhood looking out for each other.

Tue Apr 14th -We give thanks for all involved in the media, in tv and radio programmes we love; for the integrity, skills, passion and courage of investigative journalists making such efforts to enable us to hear stories, others often wish to hide. Locally, we pray for the members of the Cuckfield Society, that they may have peace and joy in their hearts.

Wed Apr 15th -We pray for our families and friends; for those we don't see often; for those with whom there is a rift; for those who grieve the loss of a loved one. Locally we pray for the members of the Parish Council, that they may feel the safety and generosity of a stable neighbourhood.

Thu Apr 16th - We pray for all who are living in places of war and violence: for the people of Ukraine, Sudan, Myanmar, the Middle East, and all regions caught in conflict. We pray for those who live each day with fear, loss and uncertainty: for civilians, for families, for children, and for all who suffer the consequences of violence and displacement. We hold before God the people of Israel and Palestine, praying for an end to bloodshed, for the protection of the innocent, and for a just and lasting peace. We pray for those in positions of power and responsibility across the world: for wisdom, restraint, and a commitment to justice, mercy and the dignity of every human life. We pray for those who work for peace, for humanitarian aid, and for reconciliation in the most difficult of circumstances. We ask for the courage to examine our own lives and responsibilities, and to act with integrity, compassion and a desire for peace. We pray locally for all members of the Mothers' Union, for their families, friends, community and neighbourhood, that their work may continue to be a quiet source of strength, care and hope.

Fri Apr 17th - We pray for all those affected by changes and development to their home environment. We pray for good consultation and attentive care and consideration for concerns raised. We pray for a respect towards the natural world, a desire to create enough adequate housing, a strengthening of current infrastructures and diligent use of public finance. We pray for local councils and all those responsible for the decision- making in such situations. We pray locally for the people of Mount Noddy, that they may experience the hope and comfort of God, who loves them.

Sat Apr 18th - We pray for those who feel lonely, that they may be reached and feel comforted with a sense of belonging to their local community. We pray for all organisations, including churches, which seek to offer warmth, companionship and welcome. Locally we pray for the people of Mytten Bank; 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.

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