

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

# Easter Sunday

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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## Reflection

Jesus' resurrection took place in the silent hours of the night, and there were no witnesses to the precise moment of his rising. Instead, our Easter Gospel readings narrate that first moment when the resurrection became real not as an abstract concept, but in the lives of his closest friends. Jesus was dead and is now alive. Mary was grieving and is now full of joy and new purpose and confidence as the apostle to the apostles. We cannot return to the moment of Jesus' resurrection, but we can, with Mary, experience our own moments of transformative encounter with Christ.

## Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**

## Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Worship this Sunday...

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (CW)</b>	Reader:	Acts 10:34-43 Colossians 3.1-4 John 20.1-18 Graham Johnson
<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>Festal Eucharist for Easter Day (LS)</b>	Readers:	Nick Jones Christine Best
Setting	Ode to joy, Slane, Repton	Intercessor:	Jane Coan
Processional	205 Jesus Christ is risen today		
Gradual	216 The day of resurrection		
Offertory	203 Good Christians all rejoice		
Anthem	This joyful Eastertide		
Communion	209 Loves redeeming work is done 204 If Christ had not been raised		
Final	218 Thine be the glory Hallelujah chorus (Handel Messiah)		

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## First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

*Peter testifies to Christ crucified and risen*

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who

ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**Second Reading**

Colossians 3.1-4

*Raised with Christ, seek the things that are above*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**Gospel**

John 20.1-18

*The empty tomb: Mary Magdalene meets the risen Lord*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**This Week**

06/04 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group	
07/04 Tue	9.30 am	Heavenly Hugs Parent and Toddler Group	Old School
	2.00 pm	Family Dog Walk	
08/04 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake	Acts 3.1-10; Luke 24.13-35
09/04 Thurs	6.00 pm	Family Movie Night	
11/04 Sat	9.30 am	Cuckfield Local Market	Church

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**Next Sunday...**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2.14a, 22-32; Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-end

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (CW)</b>	Reader: Charles Solomon James Sanders
<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>Parsh Eucharist (LS)</b>	Readers: Nick Jones Christine Best
Setting	Thorne	
ProceSSIONal	194 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven and voices raise	
Gradual	236 Breathe on me breath of God	Intercessor: Isobel Simmonds
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	

**4.00 pm Abide Contemporary Worship**

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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**.

**Family Easter Events at Holy Trinity** - All families are warmly invited to join our Easter activities: **Easter Trail** (30 March - 5 April, churchyard, open daily) - Follow the clues and discover a hidden message with a sweet reward.

**Easter Sunday** (5 April) - 9.45am Festal Eucharist followed by an Easter Egg Hunt at 11.15am. **Family Dog Walk** (Tues 7 April, 2-4pm) - A relaxed walk in New England Woods (dogs welcome but not required). **Family Film Night - Zootropolis** (Thurs 9 April, 6-9pm) - Film, food and a cosy evening together. See posters or contact **Toby** with any questions at [toby@holyltrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:toby@holyltrinitycuckfield.org).

**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](mailto:ero@holyltrinitycuckfield.org)



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2-4pm, Old School Committee Room. Contact Revd Stephen Cagle: [pastoral-care@holyltrinitycuckfield.org](mailto: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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup> April**. A mix of contemporary and reflective music. Please email Gina ([office@holyltrinitycuckfield.org](mailto: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@holyltrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:Verger1@holyltrinitycuckfield.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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for those travelling, often hundreds of miles to reach safety, struggling still to find a place of refuge. We pray for all who flee danger, all who seek refuge. We pray for those working in refugee centres and charities like the partners of Christian Aid providing hot food, hygiene kits and warm clothes for stranded people. Locally we remember the people of Lodge Lane and pray for their health and wellbeing.

**Tue Apr 7<sup>th</sup>** - On this World Health Day, we mark the founding of the WHO (World Health Organisation) and give thanks for its work in alerting the world to global health problems. We pray for a greater worldwide willingness and intention to tackle those most common, preventable and treatable diseases, caused primarily through poverty and poor water supply and sanitation. Locally we pray for the people of London Lane, for a neighbourhood of understanding, hospitality and care.

**Wed Apr 8<sup>th</sup>** - We note that it is Stress Awareness Month and pray for all those suffering from stress, through work situations, family expectations, difficulties in relationships, or health problems. We pray for all involved in caring and supporting people suffering from stress. Locally we pray for the people of Long House Lane that they may feel part of a warm, robust, safe environment, where all can thrive. May they sense God's presence with them, whatever they are facing.

**Thu Apr 9<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for people on holiday; that they find rest and refreshment, joy and relaxation. We pray for young people during or approaching the exam season. We pray for their teachers and families, that they can give the support and encouragement needed. We give thanks for all who live on Longacre Crescent, that they may feel the benefit of a safe, caring, neighbourly community.

**Fri Apr 10<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for all those living with the stresses of poverty, discrimination and conflict, which exacerbate illness and poor health conditions. We pray for all who work to create a healthier society and world, enabling people to connect, communicate and care. We pray locally for the people of Magdalene Rise, that they may feel the richness of a community of respect, care and inclusivity.

**Sat Apr 11<sup>th</sup>** - We give thanks for the gift of rain, of clean water. We pray for those people around the world facing drought, lack of hygienic water supply and good sanitation and all organisations trying to tackle such. Locally, we pray for the people of Manor Drive, that they may feel part of a safe, supportive, neighbourly community.

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