

Sunday 10th May

6th Sunday of Easter

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

Jesus repeatedly connects obedience with love, and love with unity – unity with one another and with God. Obeying Jesus' commandments cannot be separated from loving Jesus, and this in turn is bound up with the promise that we will be more and more drawn into the love of God. The promise of the Holy Spirit is therefore not only the guarantee that we may continue to abide in God (and God in us) but is also what makes our obedience possible, and that enables God's love to manifest itself in our daily lives.

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of Darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

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8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Readers:

Acts 17.22-31
1 Peter 3.13-end
John 14.15-21
Charles Solomon
James Sanders

9.45 am Parish Eucharist (LS)

Readers:

Setting Thorne
Pr Hymn 763i Praise to the holiest
Psalm 66 v 7-18
Gr Hymn 810 Thou whose almighty word
Of Hymn 243 Come thou holy spirit
Anthem If ye love me
Cm Hymn 454 Love is his word
432 Bread of the world
Pr Hymn 238 Come down O love divine

Intercessor:

Ron Tillyer
Philippa Tillyer

Eileen Caple

12.00 pm Baptism

4.00 pm Abide - Contemporary Worship

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First Reading

Acts 17.22-31

Paul speaks of the 'unknown God' in front of the Areopagus

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made

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the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Second Reading

1 Peter 3.13-end

It is better to suffer for doing good than to suffer for doing evil

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel

John 14.15-21

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments’

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

This Week

11/05 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group	
	7.30 pm	Pilgrim Online Group	
12/05 Tue	9.30 am	Heavenly Hugs Baby & Toddler Group	Old School
	2.00 pm	Bereavement Cafe	Old School
13/05 Wed	9.30 am	Heavenly Hugs Baby and Toddler Rhyme Time & Dance	Old School
	10.30 am	Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake	Acts 17.15,22-18.1 John 16.12-15
	2.00 pm	Art, Craft & Company	Old School
14/05 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	2 Kings 2.1-15 Revelation 5
	7.30 pm	Ascension Day Sung Eucharist	Acts 1.4-11 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53 Acts 1.12,13a,14
15/05 Fri	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Acts 1.15-end John 15.9-17
	6.00 pm	Treble Choir Club	Church
	6.00 pm	Fuse Youth Club	Old School
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 17th May - 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1.6-14
1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11
John 17.1-11

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Readers:	Graham Johnson
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist (LS)	Readers:	Brian Cutler
Setting	Thorne		

Pr Hymn	228 Hail the day
Gr Hymn	691i Jesus shall reign
Of Hymn	224 Ascended Christ
Anthem	Come down O Love divine
Cm Hymn	460 O thou who at thy eucharist
	232 The head that once
Pr Hymn	612 Christ triumphant

Intercessor: Susan Mayou
Mark Parker

6.00 pm	Choral Evensong
Introit	12 Before the ending of the day
Hymn	612 Christ triumphant
Responses	Ebdon
Psalm	18 v1-20
Canticles	Dyson in D minor
Anthem	Lord I trust thee
Hymn	681 In heavenly love abiding
Hymn	769 Rejoice the Lord is King

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Notices and Parish News...

Feast of the Ascension, Sung Eucharist, Thursday 14 May at 7.30 pm. Join us as we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord—Christ's return to the Father, and the promise of his abiding presence with us. This Sung Eucharist will be marked by confident, joyful worship, drawing on some of the Church's best-loved Ascension hymns and the motet The Lord Ascendeth (Praetorius). All are warmly welcome to this principal feast of the Church.

Save the date: Old School Working Party Saturday 23rd May. We need help to tidy up the Old School Patio and Garden area on Church Street. Lots of Gardening tasks and DIY activities. Please join us from 9am and bring your gardening and own DIY tools. Contact reader@holyltrinitycuckfield.org if you have any questions.

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!**



Afternoon Tea Wed 13th May 2.30 -5.00pm Tudor Hall in support of Christian Aid Week Come and treat yourself to a wonderful Afternoon Tea: finger sandwiches; savoury bites, scones with clotted cream and jam, and an assortment of delicious cakes. Eat as little or as much as you like and of course, enjoy a great cup of tea or coffee! All donations for the event will go to support the work of Christian Aid, helping to lift people out of poverty around the world. Pick up a devotional at the back of the church to find out more about what Christian Aid does and the people it supports. People like Fridah and Belinda, living in the slums of Nairobi but who with the help of Christian Aid partners have been taught how to create urban farms in their concrete and steel jungle! Truly amazing! Any offers of cakes for this event will be most welcome. Please see Hilary or Jane.

Art, Craft & Company (New Group) every Wednesday, 2-5pm (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 Thursdays of the month. 2-4pm.

Mens Group - Upcoming social events: **Skittles and Pizza evening at The Bull- Tuesday 19 May, 7.30pm** Please confirm your attendance. We also hope to join the **Taverners at Cuckfield Cricket Club** in June or July once their programme is released.

Mens Group - We are starting a Men's Breakfast Club as a new monthly regular event on the first Saturday of each Month. Our first one is at the Wheatsheaf on Saturday 6th June starting at 9am. Please book using QR code or link below for Church suite. <https://cuckfieldandbolneybenefice.churchsuite.com/events/gx5wvs20> For more information please contact Clive: reader@holyltrinitycuckfield.org



Pilgrim Course : Our next Online Pilgrim Course of 6 sessions looks at the **Ten Commandments**. Session 1 "Priorities" is on Monday 11th May. Session 2 "Reverence" is on Monday 18th May. **No Meeting on Bank Holiday Monday 25th May**. The other 4 sessions are on 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd June. The Monday Afternoon and Thursday Afternoon Groups are having a break and will start again in September

Home Groups: The Monday Evening Group is currently full but if anyone is interested in joining a group please contact reader@holyltrinitycuckfield.org

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.

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 Cople: 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.

Daphne Stuart Funeral Friday 29th May, 12 noon at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield. Bright, cheerful colours requested (no black attire required). Refreshments will follow at The Old School, Cuckfield. Family flowers only. Donations in memory of Daphne may be made in support of St Catherine's Hospice.

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

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.



Christian Aid Week, 10th-16th May, is fast approaching! Come and enjoy an afternoon of tea and cake on **Wednesday, 13th May 2.30 - 5.00pm** in the Tudor Hall. All proceeds will go to the amazing work of Christian Aid, lifting people out of poverty. Pick up a devotional at the back of the church to find out more about what Christian Aid does and the people it supports like Fridah and Belinda living in the slums of Nairobi but who with the help of Christian Aid partners have been taught how to create urban farms in their concrete and steel jungle! Truly amazing! Any offers of cakes for this event will be most welcome. Please see Hilary or Jane. Thank you.

The Annual Church Meetings take place on **Sunday 17th May 2026 at 11.30 am**, in church, and copies of the Agenda, Minutes of the last APCM, and Annual Report & Accounts for 2025 will be found via the home page of the Church web site.

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...

For the recently departed: Daphne Stuart

Those in immediate need: Becky Parker, Ralph Colbran, Jill Brotherton, David Meares, Mary Watts, Brian Mayou, Liz Graydon, Peter Graydon, Ian Buckeridge, Lucy Rowe

Those in long term need: Georgia, Ann Went, Julie Sadler, Wendy Hibling, Eileen MacDougall, George Snashall, Karen Leese, Yvonne Godsmark, Philip Chapman

Those in care homes: Mary Watts, Rosemary Pardey, Janet Card, Sally Williams

Praying through the week...

Mon May 11th - We give thanks for clean water and pray for those facing drought, poor sanitation and period poverty. We pray for organisations supporting them. Locally, we pray for the people of South Street.

Tue May 12th - We pray for nursing home residents and all care home staff, that care homes may be places of dignity, security and love. Locally, we pray for the people of Sparks Lane.

Wed May 13th - We pray for peace, justice and an end to violence in Palestine and for the courage to follow the ways of peace and love. Locally, we pray for the people of Springfield Close.

Thu May 14th - We pray for fairness and justice in global finance, banking and taxation. Locally, we pray for the people of Spronketts Lane.

Fri May 15th - On International Day of Families, we give thanks for families of all kinds and pray for those facing hardship, instability or lack of support. Locally, we pray for the people of Stairbridge Lane.

Sat May 16th - On International Day of Living Together in Peace, we pray for understanding, kindness, humility and courage to stand up for peace and justice. Locally, we pray for the people of Staplefield Road.

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