

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

# Pentecost

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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## Reflection

In John's Gospel the Holy Spirit is given with a breath - the same breath of God that brooded over the waters and stirred the void into life now brings Jesus' disciples back to life as they huddle in the upper room. This breath is a breath of peace for their troubled hearts, but it is also a deep breath of courage for all that is to come. From this upper room the disciples will emerge as apostles and begin the task of building the church and continuing Christ's loving work in the world.

## Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful People by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

## Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Worship this Sunday...

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Pentecost / Whit Sunday**

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**

Reader:

Acts 2.1-21  
1 Corinthians 12.3b-13  
John 20.19-23  
Roger Edmonston

**9.45 am Worship for All (LS)**

Readers:

Young People

Setting Gloria: TBC (Video) Sanctus, Benedictus - Slane  
Agnus: Repton

Pr Hymn Spirit of God unseen as the wind (A&M 389)

Gr Hymn We have a gospel to proclaim (A&M 507)

Of Hymn O holy Spirit breathe on me (Warren) (MP500)

Cm Hymn O thou who camest from above (A&M258)

Make me a channel of your peace (A&M 725)

Pr Hymn You shall go out with joy (A&M 484)

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

## First Reading

Acts 2.1-21

*The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost and Peter addresses the people*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one

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another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

*There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit*

Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

**Gospel**

John 20.19-23

*Jesus appears to the disciples and says 'Peace be with you'*

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.'

**This Week**

25/05 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group	
26/05 Tue	9.30 am	The Nest Parent/Carer Baby & Toddler Group	Old School
	7.00 pm	The Most Holy Rosary	Church
27/05 Wed	9.30 am	The Nest Parent/Carer Baby & Toddler Group Rhyme Time & Dance	Old School
	10.30 am	Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake	1 Peter 1.18-end Mark 10.32-45
	2.00 pm	Art, Craft & Company	Old School
28/05 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	1 Peter 2.2-5, 9-12 Mark 10.46-end
	9.30 am	The Nest Parent/Carer Baby & Toddler Group	Old School
	12.30 pm	Lunch "n" Linger	Old School
29/05 Fri	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
	11.00 am	BCP Communion	1 Peter 4.7-13 Mark 11.11-26
	12.00 pm	Funeral T/L Daphne Stuart	Church
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Old School
30/05 Sat	7.30 pm	Brighton Gay Men's Chorus "Heroes on Tour"	Church

**Next Sunday...**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Trinity Sunday**

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end  
2 Corinthians 13.11-end  
Matthew 28.16-end  
Graham Johnson

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (CW)</b>	Readers:	Graham Johnson
<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>Parish Eucharist (LS)</b>	Readers:	David Thunder Ros Thunder
Setting	Shephard	Intercessions:	Nicholas Jones
Pr Hymn	268 Affirm anew		
Psalm	8		
Gr Hymn	272 Father Lord of earth		
Of Hymn	276 Holy, holy, holy		
Anthem	Holy holy holy		
Cm Hymn	563 Jesus Christ is waiting		
	277ii Christ be with me		

Pr Hymn 477 Go forth and tell  
(LS) Live Streamed on zoom - click the blue button on the church home page

### Notices and Parish News...

**The Most Holy Rosary** - An informal small group gathering to pray the Rosary together takes place in **the Lady Chapel** on the **final Tuesday of each month**. The service is led by participants, and everyone is very welcome to join.

**Christian Aid Week 2026** Thanks to everyone who came along to the Afternoon Tea last Wednesday. It was a lovely afternoon and raised £350 (with a further £55 being donated for cakes with coffee on Sunday!) It is not too late to return your envelope if you have not yet done so (via the giving plate during services or through the Church Office letterbox). You can also donate using our Church's fundraising QR code. Thank you for your generosity in helping to lift people around the world out of poverty, giving them dignity and hope.



**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!**



Join us at Holy Trinity Church on **5<sup>th</sup> June at 1.10pm** for an outstanding performance by Sussex Young Musician winner and BBC Young Musician Runner-Up **Toril Azzalini-Machecler!** He will be performing repertoire favourites for the marimba, vibrophone and snare drum, including works by JS Bach, Emil Kuyumcuyan and Astor Piazzolla. The music will commence at 1.10pm and tea and coffee will be served throughout, with all donations going towards our Choir Robe Fund. We hope to see you there!

**An Evening with Choir & Ko - Saturday 20th June** at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield. Join Choir & Ko for an evening of favourite songs, fun, refreshments and a raffle in support of **Lotus Lamb & Animal Sanctuary**. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Tickets £12 (including refreshments), under 18s free. Scan the QR code here or on poster for tickets and more information.



**Household items** Many thanks for all the household items that have been donated to help refugees locally. Your kindness has been overwhelming. Our Emergency Boxes are currently well-stocked now with most items, so collecting will close for a while. Continue to watch this space though! One family is however looking for some **bathroom scales** as the mother is diabetic. If anyone can help with this item please let Hilary or Jane know. Thank you very much.

**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.

**Lunch "n" Linger - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May.** The Old School - gather from 12.30pm, lunch at 1.00pm. The menu will be meat or vegetable lasagne, garlic bread and a choice of desserts. Numbers are limited and so please book to avoid disappointment Please book with Jane or email [office@holytrinitycuckfield.orgby](mailto:office@holytrinitycuckfield.orgby) by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

**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** - 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 Churchsuite. <https://cuckfieldandbolneybenefice.churchsuite.com/events/gx5wvs20> For more information please contact Clive: [reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org)



**Holy Trinity Cuckfield Men's Shed;** Our shed is going to be formally opened to anyone who wants to join in on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 5:30pm**. If you are interested email: [reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org)

**Pilgrim Course:** Our next Online Pilgrim Course of 6 sessions looks at **the Ten Commandments**. **No Meeting on Bank Holiday Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org)

**Confirmation Preparation** - Preparation begins after Easter with five sessions (April-June) ahead of the Confirmation Service on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm**. If interested, please contact Clive Simmonds: [Reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:Reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org)

**Bereavement Café** - A gentle space for those who have experienced loss. Next meeting: **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2-4pm**, Old School Committee Room. Contact Revd Stephen Caple: [pastoral-care@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:pastoral-care@holytrinitycuckfield.org).

**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.

**The Nest - Parent/Carer, Toddler & Baby Group** - Launched in February and already a great success. Come along on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 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)

**Save the Date: Parish Pilgrimage & Retreat** - We are planning a parish pilgrimage and retreat to the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, from **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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, Bryan Mayou, Liz Graydon, Peter Graydon, Ian Buckeridge, Lucy Rowe, Alan Prett, Eileen MacDougall

**Those in long term need:** Georgia, Ann Went, Julie Sadler, Wendy Hibling, 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 25<sup>th</sup> May** - We pray for justice and peace for all people. 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 Tollgate Lane and give thanks for the ways in which they help to enrich and support their families, friends and local community.

**Tue 26<sup>th</sup> May** - We give thanks for our parks, gardens, green spaces and national parks. We pray for all involved in maintaining, protecting and sustaining these areas. We give thanks for the many ways in which these spaces enrich our lives, our environment, our well-being and the biodiversity of our world. Locally we pray for the people of Top Street, that they may find joy, strength and light in their lives.

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> May** - We give thanks for public galleries, libraries and museums, for leisure centres and water parks, cinemas and theatres; we pray for all who look after them and ensure their access to all. We pray for all working to increase children's access to the arts, sciences and sports through clubs and educational curriculum, we pray locally for the people of Tower House Close, that they may feel God's loving presence, especially when they feel alone, sad or lost.

**Thu 28<sup>th</sup> May** - We pray for all involved in health care, that they may feel valued and supported, well trained and properly paid. We pray for all who are coping with sickness and difficult conditions, that they may feel heard, well-treated and hopeful. We pray locally for the people of Tylers Green, that they may have a sense of the love and strength of God in their lives.

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May** - On this International Day of UN Peacekeepers, we pray for all involved in peacekeeping missions, giving thanks for their courage, commitment and resilience. We remember all who have died in this crucial work and pray for greater determination amongst world leaders and their allies to support peacekeeping missions and stop the financially lucrative war-mongering investments. We pray locally for those on Tythe Barn giving thanks for all that is helpful and hopeful in this area.

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May** - We pray for those anxious about the cost of living, uncertain about how they will cope. We pray that these concerns don't lead to us turning our back on all that is needed to ensure a green future in the face of the climate crisis. Locally, we pray for the people of Upton Drive, that they feel value of a safe, welcoming community.

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