

Sunday 31st May

Trinity Sunday/ Dedication Festival

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

On Trinity Sunday, and as we celebrate the Dedication Festival of our church, we are reminded that at the very heart of the Christian faith is not an abstract doctrine, but a living relationship of love: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity reveals a God who is not distant or self-contained, but eternally giving, sharing and drawing creation into communion. The cross is therefore not the sacrifice of another, but the self-giving of God for the life of the world. Isaiah's vision of the Creator who measures the waters in the hollow of his hand speaks of the majesty and mystery of God, yet this same God "gives power to the faint". Saint Paul blesses the Church with the grace of Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, while in the Gospel Jesus sends his disciples into the world in the name of the Trinity itself. As we give thanks for this church building, and for generations who have worshipped here before us, we are reminded that the Church is called to reflect the very life of God: rooted in love, united in purpose, and sent out in service for the blessing of the world.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

Sunday 31st May - Trinity Sunday

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

8.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

Reader:

9.45 am Parish Eucharist (LS)

Readers:

Setting Thorne
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

Intercessor

David Thunder
Ros Thunder

Nicolas Jones

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First Reading

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end

The Lord does not faint or grow weary - he gives power to the weak

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? Who has directed the

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spirit of the LORD, or as his counsellor has instructed him? Whom did he consult for his enlightenment, and who taught him the path of justice? Who taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales; see, he takes up the isles like fine dust. Lebanon would not provide fuel enough, nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13.11-end

'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you'

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Gospel

Matthew 28.16-end

The great commission: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ...'

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This Week

01/06 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group	
	7.30 pm	Pilgrim online group	
02/06 Tue	9.30 am	The Nest Parent/Carer Baby & Toddler Group	Old School
03/06 Wed	9.30 am	The Nest Parent/Carer Baby & Toddler Group	Old School
	10.30 am	Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake	2 Timothy 1.1-3, 6-12 Mark 12.18-27 Old School
	2.00 pm	Art, Craft & Company	Old School
	5.30 pm	Men's Shed - Grand Opening	
04/06 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	Genesis 14.18-20 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 Old School
	9.30 am	The Nest Parent/Carer Baby & Toddler Group	Old School
	1.30 pm	Arts & Craft Group	Old School
	6.30 pm	Standing Committee	Vicarage
05/06 Fri	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
	11.00 am	BCP Communion	2 Timothy 3.10-end Mark 12.35-37 Church
	1.10 pm	Lunchtime Concert	Church
	6.00pm	Choir Club	Church
	6.00 pm	Fuse youth club	Old School
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church
06/06 Sat	9.00 am	Men's Breakfast	Wheatsheaf
	1.00 pm	Wedding of Oliver Pluck & Hannah Cooper	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 7th June - 1st Sunday after Trinity

			Genesis 12.1-9 Romans 4.13-end Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26
8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Readers:	Anthony Vander Willigen
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist (LS)		
Setting	Thorne	Readers:	David Thunder Ros Thunder
Pr Hymn	593ii At the name of Jesus		
Gr Hymn	675 Immortal love (omit 4 & 5)		
Of Hymn	518 O Christ, the healer	Intercessor	Oliver Taylor-Wyatt
Cm Hymn	510 Will you come and follow me		
	712 Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us		
Pr Hymn	116 Be thou my guardian		
12.15 pm	Bapitsm		

6.00 pm	Choral Evensong		1 Samuel 18.1-16
Introit	Psalm 150 chant 390		Luke 8.41-end
Hymn	766 Praise my soul		
Responses	Ebdon	Readers	Roger Floyd
Psalm	41		Clem Sutters
Canticles	Shephard: Song of Mary/Simeon		
Anthem	I will sing with the spirit		
	Calm Me Lord		
Hymn	821 When in our music		
Hymn	576 And did those feet		

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Notices and Parish News...

Fifth Sunday Giving This Sunday's Fifth Sunday collection is for Family Support Work, helping Sussex families facing challenges such as poverty, ill health, bereavement and domestic abuse. Donations will support Summer Holiday activities for children and families. Donations can be made via the collection plate, giving machine, church office or directly to the charity. Gift Aid envelopes are available. Thank you for your support.

Exciting changes to Evensong services: on **Sunday 7th June** we are celebrating the start of Cuckfield Music Festival with a very special choral evensong featuring the music of Richard Shephard and John Rutter. The junior choir will also be contributing with a lovely solo piece by Margaret Rizza. With the rousing Psalm 150 and hymns including "Praise my soul the King of heaven", "Jerusalem" and a hymn especially chosen for the occasion "When in our music God is glorified" there is no better way to start what will be a very musical week in Cuckfield.

On **Sunday 19th July** we will be singing "**Hymns with Pimms**" - a choral evensong which includes Frank Tichili's beautiful "Earth Song" and another Rutter anthem chosen to celebrate the feast day of St Mary Magdalene. For this reason we are moving the whole service to Bolney in order to celebrate their Patronal Festival. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the congregations of Cuckfield and Bolney Benefice to join together in worship and enjoy an evening of fellowship. We would encourage all those who normally attend evensong services in Cuckfield - and those who don't - to join us in this special service and in a glass of Pimms!

Christian Aid Week 2026 many thanks to everyone who has donated to the Christian Aid Week Appeal. Your donations are helping to transform the lives of people like Frida living in the slums of Nairobi. It is still not too late to return your envelope if you have not yet done so! Just leave in the giving plate during services or post 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.



Join us at Holy Trinity Church on **5th 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!

Cuckfield Museum is celebrating the **60th anniversary of the Independent State of Cuckfield** (1966-2026) with a special new display featuring photos and articles from the early days, along with currency, stamps and passports issued by the State. Do take the opportunity to visit and discover this unique part of Cuckfield's history.

Cuckfield Museum invites you to an illustrated talk, "**Haywards Heath in Days Gone By**", by local historian Charles Tucker on **Thursday 11th June at 2.30pm** in the Council Chamber, Queen's Hall, Cuckfield. Discover the history of Haywards Heath from the 13th century onwards and meet some of the town's early benefactors. Admission £5 (£3 for Patrons and Friends). To attend, please contact events@cuckfieldmuseum.org

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 Thank you for the many household items donated to support local refugees — your generosity has been overwhelming. Our Emergency Boxes are now well stocked, so collections will pause for a while. One family is still looking for bathroom scales for a diabetic mother. If you can help, please speak to Hilary or Jane. Thank you.

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 25th June. The Old School - gather from 12.30pm, lunch at 1.00pm. The menu is TBC. Please book with Jane or email office@holytrinitycuckfield.org by Sunday 21st June limited places available please book to avoid disappointment.

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



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

Pilgrim Course: Our next Online Pilgrim Course of 6 sessions looks at **the Ten Commandments**. The 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

Confirmation Preparation - Preparation begins after Easter with five sessions (April-June) ahead of the Confirmation Service on **Monday 29th 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 9th June 2-4pm**, Old School Committee Room. Contact Revd Stephen Caple: pastoral-care@holytrinitycuckfield.org.

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

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 Page, Alan Prett

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

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 June 1st - Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. We pray for all pregnant women, that they have the love, support and care they need. We pray for their partners, families and those going it alone. We pray for those dearly hoping for a pregnancy, those who have suffered a miscarriage, those making difficult decisions around pregnancy. Locally we pray for the residents of Warden court: for health, safety and well-being.

Tue June 2nd - Marking the Global Day of Parents we remember parents everywhere and pray for them; for those in difficult relationships with their children, those struggling to provide for their children, those unable to spend time with their grandchildren. We pray locally for Warden Park School, that they may have a sense of the hopefulness this Summer.

Wed June 3rd - We pray for all who are elderly, those who feel anxious and frustrated at physical and mental impairment they're experiencing. We pray for all living with dementia and ask for God's blessing on them, their carers, families and all working to improve their quality of life. Locally we pray for the people of Wheatsheaf Lane, for a neighbourhood of understanding, hospitality and care.

Thu June 4th - We pray for those threatened, hurt, undermined and violated by anti-Islamic hatred in our society and in the world at large. Locally we pray for the people of Whitemans Close, that they may have a sense of being cherished, and that they too may feel able to be loving towards others this day.

Fri June 5th - Remembering World Environment Day we note that the climate is heating up too quickly for people and nature to adapt, that an estimated 1 million species are threatened with extinction, and that pollution continues to poison our air, land and water. We pray that we have the will and wisdom to transform our economies and societies to make them inclusive, fair and more connected with nature. We pray locally for the people of Whitemans Green, that they may feel safe and well, part of a flourishing community.

Sat June 6th - We pray for all who work to maintain and improve the quality of life within our local community, who establish and maintain networks to ensure the safety and wellbeing of those within our communities. Locally we remember the people of Wineham Lane, and pray for their health and wellbeing.

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