

Sunday 7th June

1st Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

There is a step change now in the Sunday Gospel readings as we begin to hear about the ministry of Jesus according to Matthew. We hear about the calling of Matthew, a tax-collector, and are faced straight away with the fact that the kingdom is not restricted to those who are upholders of the Pharisaic law. Indeed, what is more, Jesus is prepared to eat with tax-collectors and sinners. Values are being overturned, as they are in the healing of the woman with a haemorrhage. According to the law, she is unclean (and taints others as well) because of her illness, but Jesus is not remotely concerned and simply makes her well.

Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

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8.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

Reader:

Genesis 12.1-9
Romans 4.13-end
Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26
Anthony Vander Willigen

9.45 am Parish Eucharist (LS)

Readers:

David Thunder
Ros Thunder

Setting

Thorne

Pr Hymn

593ii At the name of Jesus

Gr Hymn

675 Immortal love (omit 4 & 5)

Intercessor:

Oliver Taylor-Wyatt

Of Hymn

518 O Christ, the healer

Cm Hymn

510 Will you come and follow me

Pr Hymn

712 Lord Jesus Christ you have come to us

116 Be thou my guardian

12.15 pm

Baptism

6.00 pm

Choral Evensong

Readers:

1 Samuel 18.1-16
Luke 8.41-end

Introit

Psalm 150 chant 390

Hymn

766 Praise my soul

Responses

Ebdon

Psalm

41

Readers:

Roger Floyd
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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First Reading

Genesis 12.1-9

God calls Abraham and promises to make his descendants into a great nation

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

Second Reading

Romans 4.13-25

Through faith Abraham inherited God's promise and became the father of many nations

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel

Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

Jesus calls Matthew, dines with tax-collectors and sinners and heals the sick

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

This Week

Cuckfield Music Festival - events taking place throughout the week: <https://cuckfieldmusicfest.co.uk/events-2026>

08/06 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group	
	7.30 pm	Pilgrim online group	
09/06 Tue	9.30 am	The Nest Parent/Carer Baby & Toddler Group	Old School
	2.00 pm	Bereavement Café	Old School
10/06 Wed	9.30 am	The Nest Parent/Carer Baby & Toddler Group	Old School
	10.30 am	Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake	1 Kings 18.20-39 Matthew 5.17-19
	2.00 pm	Art, Craft & Company	Old School
	2.00 pm	Cuckfield Men's Shed	
11/06 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	Job 29.11-16 Act 11.19-end John 15.12-17
	9.30 am	The Nest Parent/Carer Baby & Toddler Group	Old School
12/06 Fri	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
	11.00 am	BCP Communion - Old School	1 Kings 19.9, 11-16 Matthew 5.27-32
	6.00pm	Choir Club	Church
	6.00 pm	Fuse youth club	Old School
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church

Next Sunday...**Sunday 14th June - 2nd Sunday after Trinity**Genesis 18.1-15
Romans 5.1-8
Matthew 9.35-10.8
James Sanders**8.00 am Holy Communion (CW)**

Readers:

9.45 am**Parish Eucharist (LS)**

Readers:

Setting

Thorne

Evie Pinhey

Pr Hymn

357 All people that on earth

David Reed

Psalm

100

Gr Hymn

188 Sing choirs of heaven

Intercessor:

Isobel Simmonds

Of Hymn

518 O Christ the healer

Anthem

A prayer to St Richard of Chichester

Cm Hymn

455 My God and is thy table spread

425 Be known to us in breaking bread

Pr Hymn

823 He who would valiant

4.00 pm Abide Contemporary Worship*(LS) Live Streamed on zoom - click the blue button on the church home page***Notices and Parish News...**

Christian Aid Week 2026 - A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to Christian Aid week this year whether by coming to the Afternoon Tea, baking cakes, donating, or through prayer. Cuckfield has raised a magnificent **£2,211.69** which will make a big difference to families like Fridah's, living in extreme poverty in the slums of Nairobi, enabling them to become self-sufficient and live with dignity. **Thank you very much.**

Fifth Sunday Giving for Family Support Work. Again, thank you for your generosity. £195 was donated which will go towards providing much cherished Summer Holiday activities for children of families in Sussex experiencing hardship. More info at www.familysupportwork.org

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.

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.

Holy Trinity Cuckfield Men's Shed; Our shed is now formally opened to anyone who wants to come along on Wednesday **10th June at 5:30pm**. If you are interested email: reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org

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.



Safeguarding Information Session - Wednesday 24th June - Tudor Hall at 19.00 This is the third information session we can deliver onsite - the previous two attended by a mix of Volunteers in different roles - some 25 in all. The focus is on **Raising awareness of domestic abuse** - a very important topic that can have an impact in different areas of life for a range of people. 1 in 5 Adults experience domestic abuse and 1 in 5 children have lived with an adult perpetrator of domestic abuse. It includes a presentation, some short Videos and a chance to discuss and review Safeguarding Scenarios in a Group. Please come along to enjoy fellowship, refreshments and team building and to understand how you might make a difference in recognising challenges in this context. Certificates will be issued -for more information contact Rod: safeguarding@holytrinitycuckfield.org

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.

Lunch "n" Linger - Thursday 25th June. The Old School - gather from 12.30pm, lunch at 1.00pm. The menu is beef pasta bolognese with cheese topping or jacket potato beans and cheese with mixed salad and for dessert pear & treacle sponge with custard or fruit salad. Please book with Jane or email office@holytrinitycuckfield.org by Sunday 21st June please book to avoid disappointment.

Big Summer Picnic - Sunday 5th July - Join us for a fun-filled family afternoon at HHRFC, Whitemans Green, Cuckfield, from **1.00pm-5.00pm**. Bring your family and friends along for an afternoon of entertainment, community, and summer fun. Save the date and don't miss it

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! .

Confirmation: The Deanery Confirmation Service will take place at Holy Trinity Cuckfield on **Monday 29th June at 7.00pm**. It will be followed by refreshments. If you can assist with refreshments please let Jane know. Please come along to support our confirmation candidates.

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 third Thursdays of the month. 2-4pm.

Pilgrim Course: Our next Online Pilgrim Course of 6 sessions looks at **the Ten Commandments**. The remaining 3 sessions are on 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

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, John Daniels

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, 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, Sally Williams

Praying through the week...

Mon June 8th - On World Oceans Day, we pray for the world's oceans and all life within them; We pray for the rivers and seas around the UK to be free of the sewage and scandal of sustained pollution and badly run water boards, not held accountable. Locally we pray for the people of Woodbine Close, 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.

Tue June 9th - We pray for Jewish communities in our own country and across the world, living with higher levels of fear, intimidation, ignorance and threat as anti-semitism rises. We give thanks for all who live on Woodhall Close, that they may feel the benefit of a safe, caring, neighbourly community.

Wed June 10th - We pray for all coming to the end of their life. We pray that we learn to accept death in the midst of life and life in the midst of death. We pray for all struggling with fear, pain, indignity, loneliness, insecurity in their last months of life. May they know God's love, healing strength and welcome home. Locally, we pray for all young people who live away from home, that they may have peace and joy in their hearts.

Thu June 11th - On St Barnabas Day we give thanks for St Barnabas, known as the "Son of Encouragement", whose faith, generosity, and support of others helped the early Church to flourish. Pray that we may follow his example by encouraging those around us, welcoming newcomers, We also pray for Age Concern Day Centre, that all who attend may experience friendship, support, and a safe, welcoming community.

Fri June 12th - On this World Day Against Child Labour, we pray for protection against child labour. We pray for all children caught up in and suffering from modern-day slavery. We pray for greater protection for children in vulnerable situations; We pray locally for agricultural workers, that they may feel the richness of a community, care and inclusivity.

Sat June 13th - We pray for the people of the Holy Land, especially for Palestinians and Israelis who continue to endure the suffering, loss, fear, and uncertainty caused by the ongoing conflict. We remember those who have been killed, injured, displaced, bereaved, or held captive, and we pray for all who long for peace, justice, security, and dignity.

We pray for political leaders and all who hold positions of influence, that they may act with wisdom, restraint, courage, and compassion, seeking paths of reconciliation rather than violence, and working for a just and lasting peace. Locally, we remember the people of Ardingly Road. May they know the warmth and generosity of good neighbours, and may our community continue to grow in kindness, friendship, and mutual care.

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