

Sunday 21st June

3rd Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

Strangely, In the gospel this Sunday, Christ here tells his disciples both to fear and not to fear God. The latter instruction is grounded in the security of knowing God loves us and actively watches over us as precious individual children; that should enable confident, committed discipleship. The former command stands in contrast to the temptation to fear human opponents whose ability to cause harm is confined to this life, not eternity. These reminders are set in a context of the opposition provoked by the demands of Christ's teaching; we are challenged to ensure our allegiance to him is paramount.

Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have Sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call You Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

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8.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

Reader:

Genesis 21.8-21
Romans 6.1b-11
Matthew 10.24-39
Kate Joyce

9.45 am Parish Eucharist (LS)

Readers:

Setting Thorne
Pr Hymn 217 The strife is o'er
Psalm 135 Take up thy cross
Gr Hymn 197 Alleluia, give thanks
Of Hymn God so loved the world
Cm Hymn 456 Now let us from this table
432 Bread of the world
Fn Hymn 763i Praise to the holiest

Kate Berry
Isobel Simmonds

Intercessor:

Clive Simmonds

6.00 pm Choral Evensong

Hymn 748 O Jesus I have promised
Responses Ferial
Psalm 46
Canticles Mag: 127; Nunc: 141
Anthem The strife is o'er (H Ley)
Hymn Be still and know that I am God
Hymn 24 The day thou gavest

Readers:

1 Samuel 24.1-17
Luke 14.12-24

Pat Montague
Rod Montague

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First Reading

Genesis 21.8-21

Abraham sends Hagar and Ishmael into the wilderness

The child grew and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So, she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' So, Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Second Reading

Romans 6.1b-11

We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel

Matthew 10.24-39

Christ has come to bring division even among families

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

This Week

22/06 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group	
	7.30 pm	Pilgrim online group	
23/06 Tue	9.30 am	The Nest Parent/Carer Baby & Toddler Group	Old School
24/06 Wed	9.30 am	The Nest Parent/Carer Baby & Toddler Group	Old School
	10.30 am	Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake	Isaiah 40.1-11 Galatians 2.23-end Luke 1.57-66, 80 Old School
	2.00 pm	Art, Craft & Company	
	2.00 pm	Cuckfield Men's Shed	
	6.30 pm	Safeguarding: Awareness of Domestic Abuse	Old School
25/06 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	2 Kings 24.8-17 Matthew 7.21-end Old School
	12.30 pm	Lunch & Linger	
	2.00 pm	Men's Shed	
26/06 Fri	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
	11.00 am	BCP Communion	2 Kings 25.1-12 Matthew 8.1-4 Church
	6.00pm	Choir Club	Church
	6.00 pm	Fuse youth club	Old School
27/06 Sat	7.00 pm	Pavlos Carvalho Cello/Piano Recital	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 28th June - 4th Sunday after Trinity Peter & Paul Apostles

Zechariah 4.1-6a,10b-end

Acts 12.1-11

Matthew 16.13-19

Roger Edmonston

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Readers:

9.45 am Worship for all (LS)

Setting Slane/Repton

Readers and

Pr Hymn At the Name of Jesus (A&M 593)

intercessors:

Young People

Gloria Majesty (Recorder)

Gr Hymn The Summons (A&M 510)

Of Hymn For I'm Building a People of Power (MP 151)

Cm Hymn Amazing Grace (A&M 587)

Pr Hymn O When the Saints (HON 876)

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Notices and Parish News...

A Taste of Italy Comes to The Old School - Holy Trinity Church is delighted to welcome The Italian Coffee Guy to The Old School Courtyard. Open Monday to Saturday from 8.30am to 2.30pm, the café offers authentic Italian coffee, speciality drinks, light refreshments and a warm welcome in the heart of Cuckfield. Owner Massimo Mazzeo said: "We wanted to create more than just a coffee shop. We want this to be a place where people can come together, relax, meet friends and enjoy a little taste of Italy in a beautiful setting." Lorraine, Concession Manager, added: "Everyone is welcome. Whether you're calling in for your morning coffee, meeting friends, or simply taking a break during the day, we look forward to welcoming you." With seating both indoors and in the attractive courtyard, The Italian Coffee Guy is already becoming a wonderful place to gather, connect and enjoy village life. The Old School Courtyard, Cuckfield Monday-Saturday, 8.30am-2.30pm

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@holyltrinitycuckfield.org

Lunch "n" Linger - Thursday 25th June. The Old School - gather from 12.30pm, lunch at 1.00pm. The menu is beef pasta bolognaise 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@holyltrinitycuckfield.org by **Sunday 21st June** please book to avoid disappointment.

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.

Join us at Holy Trinity Church Cuckfield for our FINAL lunchtime concert of the series on **3rd July @1.10pm**. It will feature the fantastic **Fabler Trio**, performing pieces by Bruch, Milhaud and Copley alongside the superb Stravinsky's Soldier's Tale, accompanied by a small talk on the work. Admission is free (donations are welcomed) and coffee and tea will be served throughout. Not one to miss!

Big Summer Picnic - Sunday 5th July - Join us for a fun-filled family afternoon at HHRFC, Whitmans 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

Bereavement Café - A gentle space for those who have experienced loss. Next meeting: **Tuesday 14th July 2-4pm**, Old School Committee Room. Contact Revd Stephen Cople: pastoral-care@holyltrinitycuckfield.org.

On **Sunday 19th July** we will be singing "**Hymns with Pimms**" - a choral evensong which includes Frank Tichili's beautiful "Earth Song" and a John 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 - and those who don't - to join us in this special service and in a glass of Pimms!

Mens Group - Do join us to watch the Taverner's play at **Cuckfield Cricket Club on Thursday 23rd July**. Matches start at 6pm.

The Shed; Our shed is now formally opened to anyone who wants to come along on **Wednesday's and/or Thursdays between 2.00pm - 5.00pm**. If you are interested email: reader@holyltrinitycuckfield.org

Art, Craft & Company 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 session is on 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

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

Parish Pilgrimage & Retreat - Mirfield, 25-27 September 2026 - Join us for a parish pilgrimage and retreat to the **Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield**, from **Friday 25th to Sunday 27th September**. This Anglican religious community in West Yorkshire offers a peaceful setting for worship, prayer, reflection and fellowship. The weekend will include worship with the community, time to explore the area, and opportunities to support their charitable work. Revd Elaine Dando (eyd.macriant@btinternet.com) is coordinating the trip. **Travel:** Train tickets are now available via [Grand Central Railway](#). Those travelling are planning to take the **11.17am London Kings Cross-Mirfield** on Friday 25th September and return on the **4.13pm Mirfield-London Kings Cross** service. Please book as soon as possible, as fares increase closer to the date. Senior Railcards and group tickets may offer additional savings.

Prayers...

In memory of: The church flowers this week have been given by Susan Bugden in loving memory of her much-loved brother, T/L Ken Taylor, and her beloved partner, T/L Nigel Riches.

For the recently departed: Aidan Favell

Those in immediate need: Becky Parker, Ralph Colbran, Jill Brotherton, David Meares, Mary Watts, Bryan Mayou, Liz Graydon, Peter Graydon, Ian Buckeridge, 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, Wendy Barnsdall

Praying through the week...

Mon June 22nd - We give thanks for the gifts of humour, fun and laughter and pray for all those who enable and encourage the positive use of these gifts. We pray for the gift to see ourselves as others see us, to be able to laugh at our own idiosyncrasies and foibles, and to recognise when 'humour' is misused to mask cruelty. We pray locally for all those living on Blunden Drive, for their health and well-being.

Tue June 23rd - We pray for justice around the world, for accountability of wrong-doing, for the upholding of human rights across the world. We pray for individuals and organisations alerting the world to injustices and illegal practices of regimes; for those drawing attention to genocide, oppression of different communities, imprisonment without trial, executions of dissidents, lack of fair trials: for Human Rights Watch, Freedom from Torture, Amnesty International, Red Cross, Red Crescent and others. We pray locally for the people of Blunts Wood Crescent, their families, friends and all whom they love.

Wed June 24th - We give thanks for the gift of rain, of clean water. We pray for those people around the world facing drought, period poverty, lack of hygienic water supply and good sanitation. We pray for all organisations trying to tackle such. We pray locally for the people of Blunts Wood Close, that they may have a sense of the love and strength of God in their lives.

Thu June 25th - We pray for justice and peace for all peoples. 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 Bolney Road and give thanks for the ways in which they help to enrich and support their families, friends and local community.

Fri June 26th - 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 bio-diversity of our world. Locally we pray for the people of Bolnore Farm Road, that they may find joy, strength and light in their lives.

Sat June 27th - Remembering World Blood Donor Day (14th) we give thanks for all who donate blood and blood products and for those who work in this field. We pray for all who benefit from these blood donations. We pray for those parts of the world where a blood donor scheme can't be relied upon, where emergency and health care services are under severe strain. We pray locally for the people of Bordehill Lane, that they may feel God's loving presence, especially when they feel alone, sad or lost.

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