

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June

# St Peter & St Paul

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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## Reflection

Today we celebrate Saints Peter and Paul, two very different people united by one Lord and one Gospel. Peter was an impulsive fisherman; Paul a brilliant scholar and former persecutor of the Church. One preached primarily to the Jews, the other to the Gentiles. Yet God used both to build his Church. Their lives remind us that holiness does not require perfection, but faithfulness. As Zechariah declares, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit." Whatever our gifts, background or failures, God calls each of us to bear witness to Christ and to share his love with the world.

## Collect

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, 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 God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Worship this Sunday...

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June - 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

Reader:

9.45 am Worship for all (LS)

Readers and intercessors:

Young People

Setting Slane/Repton  
Pr Hymn At the Name of Jesus  
Gloria Majesty  
Gr Hymn The Summons  
Of Hymn For I'm Building a People of Power  
Cm Hymn Amazing Grace  
Pr Hymn O When the Saints

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## First Reading

Zechariah 4.1-6a,10b-14

*Zechariah sees a vision of seven lamps and two olive trees*

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.' I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?' Then the angel who talked with me answered me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' He said to me, 'This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the LORD of hosts. For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. 'These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range through the whole earth.' Then I said to him, 'What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?' And a second time I said to him, 'What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes?' He said to me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.'

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**Second Reading**

Acts 12.1-11

*Peter is arrested; God sends an angel to rescue him from prison*

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

**Gospel**

Matthew 16.13-19

*Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ; he is the rock on which Jesus will build the church*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

**This Week**

29/06 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group	
	7.00 pm	Deanery Confirmation	Church
30/06 Tue	7.00 pm	The Most Holy Rosary	Church
01/07 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion followed by coffee and cake	Amos 5.14-15, 21.24 Matthew 8.28-end Old School
	2.00 pm	Art, Craft & Company	
	2.00 pm	The Cuckfield Shed	
02/07 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	Amos 7.10-end Matthew 9.1-8 Old School
	1.30 pm	Arts & Craft Group	
	2.00 pm	The Cuckfield Shed	
03/07 Fri	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Habakkuk 2.1-4 Ephesians 2.19-end
	1.10 pm	Lunchtime Concert	
	6.00 pm	Choir Club	Church
	6.00 pm	Fuse youth club	Old School
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church
04/07 Sat	9.00 am	Mens Breakfast	8 Bells, Bolney

**Next Sunday...****Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-end  
Romans 7.15-25a  
Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (CW)</b>	Readers:	Anthony vander Willigen
<b>9.45 am</b>	<b>Worship for all (LS)</b>		
Setting	Thorne	Readers	Mark Parker
Pr Hymn	669 I heard the voice of Jesus say	intercessor	Wendy Bloomer
Gr Hymn	667 I danced in the morning		James Sanders
Of Hymn	54 Wake O wake with tidings		
Anthem	741 O Christ the same		
Cm Hymn	669 I heard the voice of Jesus say		
Pr Hymn	455 My God and is thy table spread		
	691i Jesus shall reign		
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Sung Evensong</b>		2 Samuel 2.1-11, 3.1
Hymn	2 Christ whose glory fills the skies		Luke 18.31-19.10
Responses	Ferial		

Psalm	56
Canticles	Mag: 4; Nunc: 6
Anthem	God that madest earth & Heaven
Hymn	22 Saviour again to thy dear name
Hymn	99 Hail to the Lord's anointed

Readers

David Spear  
Carolyn Ponder

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### Notices and Parish News...

**Confirmation:** The Deanery Confirmation Service will take place at Holy Trinity Cuckfield on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Home Groups** - The Monday evening group is currently full, and the Monday Online Pilgrim group has now finished. These together with the Monday afternoon, and Thursday Afternoon groups are breaking for the summer and will restart in September. If you are interested in joining a group, please contact [reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:reader@holytrinitycuckfield.org). 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!

**Mens Group** - Mens breakfast will be taking place at 9am on **4<sup>th</sup> July at 8 Bells in Bolney**, also join us to watch the Taverner's play at **Cuckfield Cricket Club on Thursday 23rd July**. Matches start at 6pm.

**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

**Father Fadi Diab, Anglican priest from Ramallah in the West Bank**, is visiting the UK in July to attend the General Synod of the Church of England taking place in York between 10th and 14th July. He is coming to support [the Kairos Palestine Carlisle motion](#) which asks: 'That this Synod responds to the call of Palestinian Christians to stand in solidarity with them and their fellow Palestinians in non-violent resistance to the ongoing occupation.' If you are a member of a C of E church, we would encourage you to take the following actions: Make contact with your Bishop & all your General Synod Reps & identify those who are actively supportive or actively resistant. Please write to them in an individual capacity, as a person in the diocese concerned about these issues. If you need any assistance in identifying your General Synod reps, please contact our Sabeel-Kairos member who is the lead for this motion: Val Hallard ([v.j.hallard@gmail.com](mailto:v.j.hallard@gmail.com)). You may want to send the link above titled Kairos Palestine. All general synod members will be invited to webinars on the topic, so they only need to look out for the invitation. If you are keen/happy/content to support the motion, then please get in touch with Val and ask to be on the supporter email list. For those people Val will:

- put them in touch with further information and events that will be useful as we prepare for July
- ask them to prepare to speak in the debate on the motion as a whole or on the various clauses
- ask them to present friendly amendments, with our support.

**Bereavement Café** - A gentle space for those who have experienced loss. Next meeting: **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2-4pm**, Old School Committee Room. Contact Revd Stephen Cople: [pastoral-care@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:pastoral-care@holytrinitycuckfield.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!

**Help!!** A young refugee mother and her 7-month baby now find themselves locally in accommodation without any furniture and nothing on the concrete floor. If anyone has a rug, a small light weight sofa (maybe bamboo style as the flat is two floors up with no lift), or lightweight easy chair, an under the counter fridge, spare curtain poles (6ft and 9ft) that would be great. Please see Hilary or Jane or contact the church office. Many thanks.

**A Taste of Italy Comes to The Old School - NOW OPEN** 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.

**Lunch "n" Linger - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July** - gather from 12.30pm, lunch at 1.00pm. The menu is TBD Please book with Jane or email [office@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:office@holytrinitycuckfield.org) by **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July** please book to avoid disappointment.

**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@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:reader@holytrinitycuckfield.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.

**The Nest - Parent/Carer, Toddler & Baby Group** - Please note that The Nest will be closed next week and will return on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. Keep an eye out for details of our summer events, which will be taking place during the holidays.

Information will be available on the website: [www.oldschoolcuckfield.com/heavenly-hugs](http://www.oldschoolcuckfield.com/heavenly-hugs). We look forward to welcoming you back soon!

**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 (evd.macrina@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...

**For the recently departed:** Aidan Favell, Ralph Colbran

**Those in immediate need:** Becky Parker, Jill Brotherton, David Meares, Mary Watts, Bryan Mayou, Liz Graydon, Peter Graydon, Ian Buckeridge, Barbara Johnson, Eileen MacDougall, Lucy Elliott, Yvonne Godsmark

**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 29<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for our NHS system and all who work in health and social care; We pray for all who minister to the sick, the elderly, the vulnerable and we give thanks for their compassion, care, dedication and skills. We pray for those anxious about their own health or that of a loved one: those awaiting a consultation, diagnosis, treatment or the results of tests. We pray for an efficient, well-resourced and well-managed health and emergency care system, and social care system. We pray locally for those on Brainsmead, giving thanks for all that is helpful and hopeful in this area.

**Tue June 30<sup>th</sup>** - 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 or compassion in the face of cruelty. We give thanks for those running and staffing food banks and provisions for those who are homeless. Locally, we pray for Brainsmead Close, that they may feel the value of a safe, thriving, supportive and joyful community.

**Wed July 1<sup>st</sup>** - 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 residents of Brick Lane for health, safety and well-being.

**Thu July 2<sup>nd</sup>** - We pray for all who have been involved in organising this summer's events here at Holy Trinity and surrounding areas for all the committee members and businesses involved. We pray locally for the people of Broad Street, that they may have a sense of the hopefulness this Summer.

**Fri July 3<sup>rd</sup>** - We pray for all the volunteers working to ensure a successful, safe and enjoyable events throughout the summer months. We give thanks for the effort, energy and enthusiasm of all involved. Locally we pray for the people of Brock End, for a neighbourhood of understanding, hospitality and care.

**Sat July 4<sup>th</sup>** - We give thanks for the gift of our church. We pray for all who enabled this to be built and sustained, and for all who have found comfort, refuge and hope here. We give thanks and pray for all those who support our church through their time, talents, prayers and generosity. Locally we pray for the people of Brook Green that they may have a sense of being cherished, and that they too may feel able to be loving towards others this day.

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