

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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### Reflection

Although he has previously recorded Jesus' enigmatic sayings and evocative images, this is the first time Matthew refers to a 'parable'; and this is the quintessential parable, pointing to how they function. Jesus uses a scenario familiar to his audience, sketches memorable pictures and challenges them to listen and to reflect. The key questions seem to be: Where am I in this story? How will I respond when I hear Jesus' message? For as the fuller explanation to his puzzled disciples shows, parables mysteriously both reveal the truth and avoid forcing it on those uninterested in it.

### Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### Worship this Sunday...

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**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**

Reader:

Genesis 25.19-end  
Romans 8.1-11  
Matthew 13.1-9,18-23  
James Sanders

**9.45 am Parish Eucharist (LS)**

Readers:

Alan Curren  
Rod Montague

Setting Thorne  
Pr Hymn 238i Come down O love divine  
Psalm 65 v8 - end  
Gr Hymn 628 Father of heaven whose love  
Of Hymn 623 Eternal Father strong to save  
Anthem Thou visitest the earth  
Cm Hymn 383 Lord thy word abideth  
459 O food to pilgrims given  
Pr Hymn 721ii Love divine

intercessor:

Jane Coan

**12.15 pm Baptism**

**PLEASE NOTE Abide Contemporary Worship is cancelled and will recommence in September**

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### First Reading

*Esau and Jacob born and the birthright sold*

Genesis 25.19-end

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' When her time to give birth was at hand, there were

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twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

**Second Reading**

Romans 8.1-11

*No condemnation for those in Christ who live by the Spirit*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**Gospel**

Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

*The parable of the sower told and explained*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

**This Week**

13/07 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group	
14/07 Tues	2.00 pm	Bereavement Cafe	
15/07 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Swithun followed by coffee and cake	Malachai 2.5-7 Corinthians 4.1-10 Matthew 11.25-end Old School
	2.00 pm	Art, Craft & Company	
	2.00 pm	The Cuckfield Shed	
16/07 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	Isaiah 26.7-9, 16-19 Matthew 11.28-end Old School
	9.30am	The Nest Parent/Carer Baby & Toddler Group	Old School
	2.00 pm	Arts & Craft Group	Old School
	2.00 pm	The Cuckfield Shed	
	7.00 pm	Standing Committee	Vicarage
17/07 Fri	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
	11.00 am	BCP Communion	Isaiah 38.1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Matthew 12.1-8
	6.00 pm	Choir Club	Church
	6.00 pm	Fuse youth club	Old School
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church

**Next Sunday...**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Genesis 28.10-19a

Romans 8.12-25

Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

**8.00 am Holy Communion (CW)**

Reader:

Kate Joyce

**9.45 am Parish Eucharist with healing (LS)**

Setting	Thorne	Reader:	Christine Best
Pr Hymn	1 Awake my soul		Nick Jones
Gr Hymn	246 Holy Spirit come confirm us	Intercessor	Eileen Caple
Of Hymn	747 O God you search me		
Anthem	Teach me O Lord		
Cm Hymn	437ii Come to me says Jesus		
	569ii The kingdom of God		
Pr Hymn	584 All my hope on God is founded		

**6.00 pm Choral Evensong "Hymns & Pimm's"  
at St Mary Magdalene, Bolney**

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**Notices and Parish News...**

**Thank you!** Many many thanks to everyone who helped, baked, served, welcomed, set up and tidied up for last week's Confirmation Service. It was a great team effort so thank you all so very much.

**The funeral of Ralph Colbran**, a regular member of the 8.00 am congregation will take place at Holy Trinity 11.45 on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026

**Father Fadi Diab, an Anglican priest from Ramallah in the West Bank**, will visit the UK in July to attend the Church of England's General Synod in York (10-14 July). He is supporting the Kairos Palestine Carlisle motion, which calls on Synod to stand in solidarity with Palestinian Christians and others through non-violent resistance to the ongoing occupation. If you are a member of a Church of England church, please consider contacting your Bishop and General Synod representatives to encourage their support. If you need help identifying your representatives, contact Val Hallard (v.j.hallard@gmail.com), who is coordinating support for the motion. General Synod members will also receive invitations to webinars on the subject. If you are willing to support the motion, please let Val know. She can provide further information, invite you to relevant events, and coordinate contributions to the Synod debate,

**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 Caple: [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!

**Welcomers Team Meeting - Sunday 19th July.** For all members of the current team from the different services, Reserves and anyone interested to join. In The Old School **after the 09.45 Service** (with your coffee). Thanks for your work and a review of how the last year has gone with information about some changes going forward with our Mission Action Plan. For more information speak to Rod

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

**Lunch 'n' Linger - Thursday 30th July** - Join us at The Old School - gather from 12.30pm, with lunch served at **1.00pm**. This month's menu is **quiche with new potatoes, salad and a choice of desserts**. A vegetarian option is available - please let us know if you would prefer this when booking. To reserve your place, please speak to Jane or email [office@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:office@holytrinitycuckfield.org) by **Sunday 26th July**. Early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. Please note that the Lunch 'n' Linger team will be taking a well-earned break during **August**, returning in **September**. Further details will follow.

**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)

**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.

**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.

**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. Accommodation options will follow shortly but the trip will not be expensive.

#### Prayers...

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

**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 July 13<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for all who are suffering because of the conflict in the Holy Land, remembering especially the people of Gaza, the West Bank and Israel. We pray for those who have lost loved ones, those living in fear, those held captive, those displaced from their homes, and all whose lives have been devastated by violence. We pray for an end to hatred, injustice and the loss of innocent life. Grant wisdom and courage to those with responsibility for making peace, and strengthen all who work for justice, reconciliation and the dignity of every human being. May we remember that every person is made in the image of God, and may we, as followers of Christ, walk in the ways of peace, mercy and love. Locally we remember the people of Butlers Green Road, that they feel the warmth and generosity of a neighbourhood looking out for each other.

**Tue July 14<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for all involved in the entertainment industry: for musicians, circus artists, actors and comedians, dancers and film makers. We pray for all involved in industries required to enable safe, successful projects in this field. We pray locally for the people of Buttinghill Drive, that they may feel the richness of a community of respect, care and inclusivity.

**Wed July 15<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for all elderly people, remembering particularly those struggling in the hot weather, those living in poverty, those preyed upon by fraudsters, those feeling lost, confused or abandoned. We pray that elderly people around the world be treated with respect, dignity, patience, understanding and compassion. We pray for all living in the neighbourhood of Bylanes Close, for their families, friends and colleagues.

**Thu July 16<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for all involved in the food industry: in fishing and farming, in the production, packaging and distribution of food. We pray for those who staff food banks and for all who go without adequate food and nutrition. We pray for all across the world suffering malnutrition, facing starvation. We pray locally for all living on Bylanes Crescent May they feel the love of the community

**Fri July 17<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for local and national government, for a renewed zeal to serve their constituents with wisdom, skills and fairness. We pray for global leaders to be drawn, not by fear – to build barriers and suspicion, but by a greater sense of humanity, unity and responsibility – to build bridges. We pray for a greater unity of purpose, to resolve positively the global issues challenging us all. We pray for the people of Callender Walk, for their health and well-being, that they may feel drawn to acts of friendship and kindness this week.

**Sat July 18<sup>th</sup>** - We give thanks and pray for all who tend and maintain our parks and gardens. We give thanks for the joy and health they offer us, for the habitats they offer our plants and wildlife. Locally we pray for the people of Chapel Road we pray that they may feel the comfort and presence of God in all they do, and we give thanks for the ways in which they enrich the community and environment around them.

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