

Sunday 19th July

7th Sunday After Trinity

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

Matthew's compendium of parables includes several about God's kingdom; these illustrate the nature of his reign in his world. The parable of weeds growing among wheat is one such. God's kingdom is present through the lives of his faithful children but resisted by those who do wrong and encourage wrongdoing. God allows this coexistence for now, but the story's climax is a day of reckoning when judgement brings separation. The challenge to hear and listen concludes the explanation, not the parable itself, emphasizing that the point is less to understand these stories than to act on them.

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

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Genesis 28.10-19a
Romans 8.12-25
Matthew 13.24-30,36-43
Graham Johnson

8.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

Reader:

9.45 am Parish Eucharist with healing (LS)

Readers:

Christine Best
Nick Jones

Setting Thorne
Pr Hymn 1 Awake my soul
Gr Hymn 246 Holy Spirit come confirm us
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

intercessor:

Eileen Caple

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

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First Reading

Genesis 28.10-19a

Jacob's dream at Bethel: 'The gate of heaven'

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall

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be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Second Reading

Romans 8.12-25

We cry 'Abba, Father!' Creation groans, awaiting adoption

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel

Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

The parable of the wheat and tares told and explained

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

This Week

20/07 Mon	11.30 am	Goldbridge Care Home - Holy communion	Goldbridge Care home
	7.30 pm	Home Group	
21/07 Tues	11.45 am	Funeral T/L Ralph Colbran	Church
	2.00 pm	Holy Trinity Primary - Yr 6 Leavers Service	Church
22/07 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Mary Magdalene followed by coffee and cake	Song of Solomon 3.1-4 2 Corinthians 5.14-17 John 20.4-2,11-18 Old School
	2.00 pm	Art, Craft & Company	
	2.00 pm	The Cuckfield Shed	
	7.00 pm	Eucharist PCC	Church
	7.30 pm	PCC	Old School
23/07 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion - Bridget Abess	Jeremiah 2.1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Matthew 13.10-17 Church Old School
	12.00 pm	Funeral T/L Ann Rubio	
	2.00 pm	Arts & Craft Group	
	2.00 pm	The Cuckfield Shed	
	6.00 pm	Men Group Meeting	
24/07 Fri	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
	11.00 am	BCP Communion - James the Apostle	Jeremiah 45.1-5 Acts 11.27-12.2 Matthew 20.20-28
25/07 Sat	1.00 pm	Wedding of Jacob Little & Hollie Smith	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 26th July - 8th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 29.15-28
Romans 8.26-end
Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52
Roger Edmonston

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Reader:

9.45 am Worship for all (LS)

Setting Sanctus: Slane, Agnus: Repton
Pr Hymn Come ye thankful people come (A&M282)
Gloria How Great is Our God (Video)
Gr Hymn God is love let heaven adore him (A&M 644)
Of Hymn All my hope (A&M584)
Cm Hymn What kind of love is this (Haworth) (Video)
Seek ye first (A&M 775)
Take my life and let it be (A&M787)
Pr Hymn The Spirit lives to set us free (A&M264)

Reader:

Young People

Intercessor

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Notices and Parish News...

Thank you to everyone for your overwhelming generosity **supporting our local refugee families**. The families have asked us to pass on their heartfelt thanks in helping to make their lives easier. Thank you.

Services in August - The team will be taking a well-earned rest during August, our weekly services will be limited to Wednesday at 10.30, Said Holy Communion; Sunday at 8.00 am Said Holy Communion; and, Sunday 9.45 am Said Holy Communion with Hymns.

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

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

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 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.

Bereavement Café - A gentle space for those who have experienced loss. Next meeting: **Tuesday 8th September 2-4pm**, Old School Committee Room. Contact Revd Stephen Caple: pastoral-care@holytrinitycuckfield.org.

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

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

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, Fr David Charles

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

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, Barbara Johnson,

Praying through the week...

Mon July 20th - We pray for all who have suffered from hate crimes, for all, who live in fear of neighbours and ungrounded suspicions, unfair systems of authority and a sense that bias can rob them of justice and a fair hearing. Locally we pray for the people of Chapelfields, that they may sense the beauty and joy of God's creation.

Tue July 21st - We pray for health and medical workers, for care and social workers: for those in the community, in GP practices and in hospitals. We pray for their health and wellbeing under stressful circumstances, enduring abuse and violence from those they're trying to help, working sometimes in under-resourced, difficult buildings, under unrealistic expectations and conditions. We pray locally for the people of Charles Peel Place, that they may experience the hope and comfort of God, who loves them.

Wed July 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 idiosyncracies and foibles, and to recognise when 'humour' is misused to mask cruelty. We pray locally for all those living on Chatfield Road, for their health and well-being.

Thu July 23rd - We give thanks and pray for all who stand in solidarity with those suffering acts of injustice. We pray that we may have the courage for difficult conversations across divides. We pray for all who stand up for justice, simply because it's the right thing to do. We pray locally for the people of Cherry Lane, their families, friends and all whom they love.

Fri July 24th - We pray for all who are ill, in body, mind or spirit: those known to us, those we don't know and those who feel unknown to anyone; may they know God's strength, comfort and healing touch. We pray locally for the people of Chownes Mead Lane, that they may have a sense of the love and strength of God in their lives.

Sat July 25th - We pray for all sitting on juries, that they are able to listen diligently, question courageously and discern wisely and fairly. We pray for all enabling our justice system to run efficiently and smoothly; all who are trying to unblock the back log of trials, causing distress to all parties. We pray locally for the people of Church Street and give thanks for the ways in which they help to enrich and support their families, friends and local community.

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