

Sunday 26th July

8th Sunday After Trinity

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

In what ways is God's kingdom like treasure in a field or a pearl of unique beauty and value? Jesus does not specify whether these objects represent the response of obedient faith which sees God's call as worth any sacrifice, or whether the treasure seeker and the merchant represent God, giving up all he can to acquire something so precious. The parable of the net certainly sees the kingdom as an active search for all who can be gathered in; but the process is not indiscriminate. As elsewhere, there is a future dimension involving a complete separation between good and bad.

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to irect, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

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8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

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

9.45 am Worship for all (LS)

Readers: Young People

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)

Intercessor: Young People

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First Reading

Genesis 29.15-28

Laban tricks Jacob into marrying both Leah and Rachel

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him

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but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. But in the evening, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Second Reading

Romans 8.26-39

The Spirit helps us pray; if God is for us, who is against us?

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Parables of mustard seed, yeast, treasure, a pearl and fish

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.

This Week

27/07 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group	
28/07 Tues	7.00pm	The Most Holy Rosary	Church
29/07 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion - Mary Martha and Lazarus followed by coffee and cake	Isaiah 25.6-9 Hebrews 2.10-15 John 12.1-8
	1.00 pm	Nature Walk	
	2.00 pm	The Cuckfield Shed	
	2.00 pm	Art, Craft & Company	Old School
30/07 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion - William Wilberforce	Isaiah 58.6-11 1 John 3.14-18 Matthew 25.31-end
	9.30 am	The Nest Parent, Carer, Toddler & Baby Group	Old School
	12.30 pm	Lunch "n" Linger	Old School
	2.00 pm	The Cuckfield Shed	
31/07 Fri	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
	11.00 am	BCP Communion – Ignatius of Loyola	Jeremiah 26.1-9 Matthew 13.54-end
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	
01/08 Sat	9.00 am	Mens Breakfast	Rose & Crown

Next Sunday...

Sunday 2nd August - 9th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 32.22-31

Romans 9.1-5

Matthew 14.13-21

8.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

Reader: Anthony vander Willigen

9.45 am Parish Eucharist (LS)

Pr Hymn 422 Alleluia sing to Jesus

Readers: Georgina Taylor-Wyatt

Gr Hymn 669 I heard the voice of Jesus

Olly Taylor-Wyatt

Of Hymn 116 Be thou my guardian

Intercessor: Mark Parker

Cm Hymn 456ii Now let us from this table rise

430i Bread of heaven on thee

Pr Hymn 484 You shall go out with joy

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Notices and Parish News...

Thank you for the music with just one more choir practice (on the 31st) we have come to the end of 'term' for the choir before the summer break. Our next practice is on Friday 4th September with the Choir Club (for the junior choir) resuming on 18th. I wanted to thank everyone for working so hard over the past 7 months and providing so much musical content during that time. Special thanks to Claire Thomas who does such a wonderful job with the juniors. Also to Evie Pinhey who is off to University and Clem Sutter who is taking a break from choir. We will miss them both and I would like to invite anyone who might be interested in joining to get in touch. Singing in a choir can be a wonderful way of expressing your faith and it's good for your health! David Curtis-Brignell MBE

Music coordinator With Evie Pinhey off to university we have a vacancy for someone to work alongside the Director of Music to deliver our programme of lunchtime concerts. It's an ideal role for someone on a gap year or who is interested in "event management" as it covers the whole range of activity from liaison with performers to managing the concert on the day. Evie has done an amazing job over the past year (and has already booked performers for the autumn season) and we wish her every success going forward. If you are interested in the role, or know someone who might be, please contact the office. David Curtis-Brignell MBE

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.

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@holyltrinitycuckfield.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 Cagle: pastoral-care@holyltrinitycuckfield.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@holyltrinitycuckfield.org

Clergy Surgery A reminder that Daniel holds a weekly Clergy Surgery every Wednesday at 5.00pm. If you would like to meet with him to talk, seek advice, pray together, or discuss any matter, please contact Gina at office@holyltrinitycuckfield.org Gina to book an appointment.

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@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.

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: Peter Scott, Baby Bridgland

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 27th - We pray for all lawyers, barristers and judges, for all working for justice and fairness in the legal system. We pray for all who support those attending court and those working to hold to account those of power and influence, unwilling to uphold the law and pay their taxes as others do. We pray for those working to hold to account those flouting international law, world leaders acting apparently with impunity. We pray locally for the Citizens Advice Bureau, that they may feel God's loving presence, especially when they feel alone, sad or lost.

Tue July 28th - We give thanks for the gift of music: for the music of nature, in water and birdsong: for the music created by singers, instrument players, choirs, bands and composers. We pray for all who create music and for those who find it nourishing, stimulating or calming. Locally we pray for the people of Cleavers Lane, that they may find joy, strength and light in their lives.

Wed July 29th - We give thanks for our natural surroundings, and all the benefits: habitat and food for wildlife: access for us to beauty, peace, calm, recreation and good health. We pray locally for those on Colwood Lane, giving thanks for all that is helpful and hopeful in this area.

Thu July 30th - 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 the people of Copyhold Lane, for their health, safety and well-being.

Fri July 31st - We pray for those who feel 'othered' – dismissed, ostracised, looked down on, belittled, for no other reason than the prejudices of others. We pray that we may be alert to language and behaviour that undermines individuals and groups of people. We pray that we may 'love our neighbour as yourself'. Locally, we pray for the people of Courtmead Road, that they may feel the support of a welcoming and supportive community.

Sat Aug 1st - As we look toward Pride events this month, we remember all LGBTQ+ people around the world, who live in fear and danger because of their sexuality, because of prejudice and discrimination, because of cruelty and oppressive law. Locally we pray for Courtmeadow School for health, safety and well-being.

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