

Sunday 2nd August

9th Sunday After Trinity

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

This was not an easy time for Jesus: news had just reached him of the execution by Herod of John the Baptist, his relative and forerunner. It seems Jesus was sufficiently affected by this news to want time away from the pressures of travelling and preaching. Yet when the crowds intruded on his grief his response was compassion, not frustrated self-pity. The culmination of this encounter is a spectacular miracle of God's care and kindness in feeding so many from negligible resources. Of all the miracles Jesus performed, this one alone is in all four Gospels, highlighting its significance.

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 forever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

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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 (Said Holy Communion with hymns)(LS)

Readers: Georgina Taylor-Wyatt
Olly Taylor-Wyatt

Pr Hymn 422 Alleluia sing to Jesus
Gr Hymn 669 I heard the voice of Jesus
Of Hymn 116 Be thou my guardian
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

Intercessor: Mark Parker

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First Reading

Genesis 32.22-31

Jacob wrestles at Peniel and is given the name Israel

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

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Second Reading

Romans 9.1-5

Paul's kin are Israelites, from whom comes the Messiah

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Gospel

Matthew 14.13-21

Feeding of the 5,000 with five loaves and two fish

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This Week

03/08 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group	
04/08 Tues	1.00pm	Children's Arts & Craft	Church
05/08 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion – Transfiguration of our Lord followed by coffee and cake	Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14 2 Peter 1.16-19 Luke 9.28-36
	2.00 pm	The Cuckfield Shed	
	2.00 pm	Art, Craft & Company	Old School
06/08 Thurs	9.30 am	The Nest Parent, Carer, Toddler & Baby Group	Old School
	2.00 pm	The Cuckfield Shed	
07/08 Fri	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
08/08 Sat	9.00 am	Cuckfield Local Market	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 9th August - 10th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28

Romans 10. 5-15

Matthew 14. 22-33

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Reader:	James Sanders
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist (Said Holy Communion with hymns)(LS)		
Pr Hymn	593ii v 1,3,5,7 At the name of Jesus	Readers:	Philippa Tillyer
Gr Hymn	664 How sweet the sound		Christine Best
Of Hymn	623 Eternal Father strong to save		
Cm Hymn	621 Dear Lord and Father	Intercessor:	Anthony Lawrence
	441 Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord		
Pr Hymn	477 Go forth and tell		

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Notices and Parish News...

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.

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 11th. 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.

2nd Cuppa Corner: It is a chance to hear about what others are doing outside of church. Each 1st Sunday after church, there will be a brief 10-minute chat and an opportunity for conversation. Why not join us in the Tudor Hall? Starting on 6th September at 11.30 am— Evie and Tonya – Experiences of walking The Camino de Santiago in Spain.

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

P&S Gallagher's Parkinson's UK Coffee Morning - Everyone is warmly invited to a Coffee Morning in aid of Parkinson's UK (proceeds going to Mid Sussex Branch) on **Wednesday 12th August**, from **10.00am–1.00pm**, at **Fraser House, 20 Sussex Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4EA**. Come along for coffee, delicious refreshments and a raffle, with some fantastic prizes generously donated by local businesses, including a full body massage, a free MOT, a full car valet, a butcher's voucher and many more. All proceeds will support the valuable work of Parkinson's UK in Mid Sussex. We hope to see you there!

Children's Summer Arts & Crafts Club - Join us for a free afternoon of arts, crafts and creative activities, with all materials provided. Each session will include a range of activities for children to enjoy and take home. Sessions run from 13:00–15:00 at **St Mary Magdalene Church in Bolney on 4th and 18th August**, and at **Holy Trinity Church in Cuckfield on 11th and 25th August**.

Bereavement Café - A gentle space for those who have experienced loss. Next meeting: **Tuesday 11th August from 2-4pm**, Old School Committee Room. Contact Revd Stephen Caple: pastoral-care@holyltrinitycuckfield.org.

Home Groups and Study Groups: These are re-starting in September. Currently Groups meet on Monday afternoon in the Old School, Monday Evening Online, Monday evening and Thursday Afternoon. If you are interested, 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 Daniel to talk, seek advice, pray together, or discuss any matter, please contact Gina at office@holyltrinitycuckfield.org to book.

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

Those in immediate need: Becky Parker, Jill Brotherton, David Meares, Mary Watts, Bryan Mayou, Liz Graydon, Peter Graydon, Ian Buckridge, 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 Aug 3rd – Lydia (early convert of St Paul, 1st C). As Paul and his missionaries accepted the hospitality of Lydia and her household, we pray for all seeking hospitality. We pray for all who provide hospitality, especially to the most needy and in the most difficult circumstances. Locally we pray for the people of Cowfold Road, for a neighbourhood of understanding, hospitality and care.

Tue Aug 4th – John Vianny (Patron of parish priests, 1786- 1859). As John Vianny was known for his understanding of people, rather than his learning, we pray for all who serve others through a dedication of faithful prayer, through listening to those often unheard, through loving their neighbour. Locally we pray for all involved with Cuckfield cricket club.

Wed Aug 5th – We pray for all on holiday, whether away or at home; we pray that they experience rest, a change of pace, and opportunities for fun, adventure, outings, family and friends. We pray locally for the people of Cross Colwood Lane, that they may have a sense of the hopefulness this Summer.

Thu Aug 6th – As we mark the Transfiguration of Our Lord we pray for the strength to hear his voice and bear our cross. We pray for all who seek the truth, mercy, strength and wisdom of God in all people, and the humility to acknowledge and reflect on our own failings and mistakes. Locally we remember the people of Crossways and pray for their health and well-being.

Fri Aug 7th – Looking towards the International Day of the World's Indigenous peoples (9th) we pray for all who continue to feel threatened in terms of their land, culture, language and autonomy; we pray for a greater understanding of and respect for peoples, communities, rights and responsibilities across the world. We pray locally for the people of Crouch Fields, that they may feel safe and well, part of a flourishing community.

Sat Aug 8th – Dominic (Founder of the Order of Preachers – Dominicans. 1170?- 1221). Dominic was known for his joyful attitude as well as his debating skill; he decried violence. We pray for preachers across the world, that they may seek truth and be guided always by God's love and compassion rather than their own zeal and ego. We give thanks for those who bring joy to others through compassion and care, through their zest for life, through their love for the world and all its inhabitants. Locally we pray for the people of Crouchlands Farm, that they may feel part of a warm, robust, safe environment, where all can thrive. May they sense God's presence with them, whatever they are facing.

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