

Sunday 16th August

The Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

Mary's unique role is acknowledged in our Gospel, though she herself asserts instead how ordinary and lowly her position is. Her focus is on the greatness of God and the nature of his intervention in human history. He will fulfil ancient promises, right social wrongs and bring hope, all through the child she is to bear. Mary's song echoes various Old Testament themes. A complementary view of the Incarnation comes in the passage from Revelation: that key vision highlights the triumph of God's Son and the protection of his people in the cosmic conflict driving the injustices recognized in Mary's song.

Collect

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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 Most High, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

**Sunday 16th August - 10th Sunday after Trinity –
The Blessed Virgin Mary**

Isaiah 61.10-end

Galatians 4.4-7

Luke 1.46-55

Kate Joyce

8.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

Reader:

**9.45 am Parish Eucharist
(Said Holy Communion with hymns) (LS)**

Readers:

Eileen Caple

Peter Graydon

Pr Hymn 32 Come thou Redeemer of the earth

Gr Hymn 284 For the fruits of all creation

Of Hymn 315 Sing we of the blessed Mother

Cm Hymn 462 Soul of my Saviour

563 Jesus Christ is waiting

Pr Hymn 394 Tell out my soul

Intercessor:

Caroline Curren

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First Reading

Isaiah 61.10-end

The Lord will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all nations

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden cause what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Second Reading

Galatians 4.4-7

God sent his son, born of a woman, that we might receive adoption as children

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But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel

Luke 1.46-55

The Magnificat

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

This Week

17/08 Mon	11.30 am	Goldbridge Care Home - Holy communion	Goldbridge Care Home
	7.30 pm	Home Group	
18/08 Tues	1.00 pm	Children's Arts & Craft	St Mary Magdalene, Bolney
19/08 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Ezekiel 34.1-11
		followed by coffee and cake	Matthew 20.1-16
	2.00 pm	The Cuckfield Shed	
	2.00 pm	Art, Craft & Company	Old School
20/08 Thurs	9.30 am	The Nest Parent Carer, Toddler & Baby Group	Old School
	2.00 pm	The Cuckfield Shed	
	1.30 pm	Arts & Craft Group	Old School
14/08 Fri	1.00 pm	Funeral T/L Peter Scott	Church

Next Sunday...

Sunday 23rd August - 12th Sunday after Trinity – Bartholomew the Apostle

Acts 5.12-16

1 Corinthians 4.9-15

Luke 22.24-30

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader:	Roger Edmonston
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist (Said Holy Communion with hymns) (LS)		
Pr Hymn	421 All for Jesus	Readers:	Isobel Simmonds
Gr Hymn	634i Firmly I believe		Brian Cutler
Of Hymn	594 Be still my soul		
Cm Hymn	787i Take my life and let it be	Intercessor:	Nicholas Jones
	437ii Come to me says Jesus		
Pr Hymn	805 There is a Redeemer		

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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.

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

The Nest – Thursday 20th August 9.30am–11.00am ☀️ Need somewhere to escape the heat? Bring your babies and toddlers to **The Nest** for a relaxed morning of play, chat and refreshments. Everyone is welcome!

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 18th August**, and at **Holy Trinity Church in Cuckfield on 25th August**. For more information contact: toby@holyltrinitycuckfield.org

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.

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

Hans Zimmer Candlelight Experience – Saturday 12th September - Due to popular demand, we're delighted to welcome Lumos Experiences back to Holy Trinity Church on **Saturday 12th September** for a spectacular **Hans Zimmer Candlelight Experience**. Enjoy an atmospheric evening of live music by candlelight, featuring some of Hans Zimmer's most iconic film scores. For more information and to book tickets, visit:

<https://www.lumos-experiences.com/events/cuckfield/>

Sussex Symphony Orchestra – Saturday 19th September - Enjoy an evening of orchestral favourites performed by the **Sussex Symphony Orchestra**, conducted by **Sophia Bartlette**, at **Holy Trinity Church** on **Saturday 19th September at 7.30pm**. The programme includes Mozart, Overture to The Marriage of Figaro; Ravel, Pavane pour une infante défunte; Holst, St Paul's Suite; Grieg, Peer Gynt Suite – Morning, Anitra's Dance and Åse's Death; and, Haydn, Symphony No. 94 in G major, "The Surprise". **Tickets: £15** book via the QR code or visit <https://cuckfieldandbolneybenefice.churchsuite.com/events/osurdwox> We look forward to welcoming you for what promises to be a wonderful evening of music.



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  Enjoy authentic Italian coffee, speciality drinks and light refreshments in The Old School Courtyard. Open Monday to Saturday, 8.30am–2.30pm. Everyone is welcome – pop in for a coffee, meet friends and enjoy a little taste of Italy in the heart of Cuckfield.

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). For more information, please contact marypape01@gmail.com

Thursday Arts and Craft Group. First and third Thursdays of the month. 1.30-4pm. For more information, please contact marypape01@gmail.com

Dudley House Trust – Shop Manager Vacancy Dudley House Trust, a Christian-run, not-for-profit shop in Handcross, is looking to appoint a new **Shop Manager**. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in this opportunity, please visit: <https://handcrosshardwareandcraft.co.uk/getinvolved> Please do share this with anyone who may be suitable.

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 around £60.00 per person, per night. Still a few places left.....XXXX

Prayers...

For the recently departed: Peter Scott, Pauline Watts

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, Carol Merry, Sarah.

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 17th - We pray for all those areas of the UK and of the world, which rely on tourists and visitors. We pray that they are able to sustain a healthy, managed balance between the needs of locals and the needs of tourists, to achieve a good reciprocal relationship, beneficial to community and visitors. We pray for the people of Deaks Paddock, for their health and well-being, that they may feel drawn to acts of friendship and kindness this week.

Tue Aug 18th - We pray for the children, students and staff of our schools, colleges and universities, that they may be able to take some holiday time to rest and recuperate from busy terms. We pray for those young people, for whom a long spell without school, or a long spell at home, without other support networks, brings more difficulties and problems in their lives. We pray for all wider family, friends and neighbours, who may be able to offer relief and support to young people and families feeling the strain. Locally we pray for the people of Earwig Lane 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.

Wed Aug 19th - On World Humanitarian Day we honour and pray for those who step into crises to help others, and to stand with the millions of people whose lives hang in the balance. We pray for the humanitarian system stretched to its limits; underfunded, overwhelmed and under attack. Where bombs fall and disasters strike, humanitarian workers are the ones holding the line keeping people alive, often at great personal risk. But more and more those who

help are becoming targets themselves. We pray for all humanitarian workers and those enabling humanitarian work to continue in dire circumstances. We ask for God's blessing on the people of Farr Close.

Thu Aug 20th - Looking to the International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief (21st) we remember all such victims of hatred and violence and pray for them. We pray for those who stand up for the right to live alongside those of other religions; we pray for the ability, the humanity and humility to live well and with dignity alongside people of different beliefs. We pray for those in danger of losing their humanity and dignity through the pursuit of hatred, violence and injustice towards others. Locally we pray for the people of Foxhole Lane, that they may sense the beauty and joy of God's creation.

Fri Aug 21st - On this International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism we recognise that acts of terrorism propagating a wide range of hateful ideologies continue to injure, harm and kill thousands of innocent people each year. We pray for all who have been affected by acts of terrorism and for all who continue to be traumatised by such. We pray for The United Nations supporting Member States to implement the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy by standing in solidarity and providing support to victims of terrorism. We pray locally for the people of Glebe Road that they may experience the hope and comfort of God, who loves them.

Sat Aug 22nd - International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition. We pray for all those who suffered through the slave trade; for all those who continue to suffer because of the legacy of the slave trade. We pray that we may be open to acknowledging the damage that continues and welcome the greater exploration of context in the acquisition of so many wonderful pieces of art and architecture. We pray for honesty in reflection and exploration of relationships between people of different race, background, faith, culture and nationality. We give thanks and pray for those who today continue to campaign against injustice. We pray locally for all those living on Goreside Lane, for their health and well-being.

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