

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

## Bartholomew the Apostle

# Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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worship!*



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### Reflection

In the gospel this Sunday the apostles argue about which of them is the greatest, but Jesus turns their understanding of greatness upside down. In his kingdom, authority is not about status, recognition or privilege, but about service. Bartholomew's life reminds us that apostleship is precisely this: hearing Christ's call, following faithfully, and carrying the Gospel to others. We know relatively little about Bartholomew, and perhaps that itself is significant. Christian discipleship does not require us to be celebrated or remembered. It asks us to be faithful. Christ calls each of us, in our own place and generation, to serve rather than be served, and faithfully proclaim his kingdom.

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive 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

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Worship this Sunday...

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August - Bartholomew the Apostle

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**

Reader: Acts 5.12-16  
Roger Edmonston

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

Readers: Isobel Simmonds  
Brian Cutler

Pr Hymn 421 All for Jesus  
Gr Hymn 634i Firmly I believe  
Of Hymn 594 Be still my soul  
Cm Hymn 787i Take my life and let it be  
437ii Come to me says Jesus  
Pr Hymn 805 There is a Redeemer

Intercessor: Nicholas Jones

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### First Reading

Acts 5.12-16

*This is the word of the Lord*

Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

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## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 4.9-15

*This is the word of the Lord*

For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day. I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

## Gospel

Luke 22.24-30

*This is the gospel of Christ.*

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

## This Week

|             |          |                             |                                |
|-------------|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 24/08 Mon   | 7.30 pm  | Home Group                  |                                |
| 25/08 Tues  | 1.00 pm  | Children's Arts & Craft     | Church                         |
| 26/08 Wed   | 10.30 am | Holy Communion              | 2 Thessalonians 3.6-10, 16-end |
|             |          | followed by coffee and cake | Matthew 23.27-32               |
|             | 2.00 pm  | The Cuckfield Shed          |                                |
|             | 2.00 pm  | Art, Craft & Company        | Old School                     |
| 27/08 Thurs | 2.00 pm  | The Cuckfield Shed          |                                |

## Next Sunday...

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August - 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Exodus 3.1-15

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

**8.00 am Holy Communion (CW)** Reader: Charles Solomon

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

Pr Hymn 630 Father Lord of all creation Readers: David Thunder  
Gr Hymn 358 Be still for the presence of the Lord Ros Thunder

Of Hymn 595 Be thou my vision  
Cm Hymn 629iii Father hear the prayer we offer Intercessor: Nicholas Jones  
6054 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Pr Hymn 494 I the Lord of sea and sky

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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

**Children's Summer Arts & Crafts Club** - Join us for a free afternoon of arts, crafts and creative activities, with all materials provided. The final session will include a range of activities for children to enjoy and take home. From **13:00–15:00 at Holy Trinity Church in Cuckfield on 25th August**. For more information contact:

[toby@holytrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:toby@holytrinitycuckfield.org)

**Please note:** The coffee shop will be closed from **31st August to 5th September** while Lorraine enjoys a well-deserved holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back when she returns!

**5th Sunday Collection** - Our **5th Sunday collection next week** will be in support of **St Peter & St James Hospice in Chailey**, helping them to continue providing vital care and support to local people and their families. Thank you for your generosity.

**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](mailto:pastoral-care@holyltrinitycuckfield.org).

**Cupper with a copper** – Have Your Say: Come along and meet your local officers and PCSOs at the **Old School, Cuckfield**, on **Thursday 10th September 10–11am**. Drop in for a chat, advice or information, and discuss any local issues that are important to you.

**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.



**Lunch 'n' Linger - Thursday 24th September** - Join us at The Old School as Lunch and Linger makes a welcome return - gather from 12.30pm, with lunch served at **1.00pm**. This month's menu will be provided in September, to reserve your place, please speak to Jane or email [office@holyltrinitycuckfield.org](mailto:office@holyltrinitycuckfield.org) by **Sunday 20th July**. Early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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;** 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](mailto:reader@holyltrinitycuckfield.org)

**Art, Craft & Company every Wednesday, 2-5pm** (Old School - upstairs, lift available). For more information, please contact [marypape01@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 is approximately around £60.00 per night (slightly more for en-suite). options will follow shortly but the trip will not be expensive.

## Prayers...

**For the recently departed:** Pauline Watts, Sally Williams

**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, Wendy Barnsdall, Barbara Johnson, Cathy Hazell

## Praying through the week...

**Mon Aug 24<sup>th</sup>** - St. Bartholomew (apostle 1<sup>st</sup> Century) As we remember St. Bartholomew, we pray for the worldwide Church and Christians everywhere, that they are open to the grace of God, to the truth and beauty of all God's creation and to love our neighbour. We pray locally for the people of Hanlye Lane, that they may have a sense of the love and strength of God in their lives.

**Tue Aug 25<sup>th</sup>** - We remember World Lake Day (23<sup>rd</sup>), giving thanks for the ways in which lakes, rivers, streams and seas enrich the diversity of our wildlife, help to provide a means of living to areas of the world, enhance the beauty and viability of communities and offer means for recreation and sport. We pray for all fighting for the well-being and sustainability of our waters. We pray locally for the people of Harvest Hill and give thanks for the ways in which they help to enrich and support their families, friends and local community.

**Wed Aug 26<sup>th</sup>** - We remember Victims of Enforced Disappearances (29th) and pray for all living in fear and danger under oppressive regimes. We remember those forced to flee such places and seek refuge elsewhere. We pray locally for the people of Hatchgate Close, their families, friends and all whom they love.

**Thu Aug 27<sup>th</sup>** - 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 the people of Hatchgate Lane, that they may feel God's loving presence, especially when they feel lonely, sad or lost.

**Fri Aug 28<sup>th</sup>** - We pray for those working in the hospitality industry, that they may take pride in their work, their workplace and in what they provide for visitors. We give thanks for their effort and skills, for their care and friendliness. We ask for God's blessing upon them as they welcome others to their hotels, restaurants, cafes, bars and suchlike. Locally we pray for the people of Hatchlands, that they may find joy, strength and light in their lives.

**Sat Aug 29<sup>th</sup>** - We give thanks for the wonderful diversity of God's human family and pray for greater understanding, acceptance and kindness towards one another. We pray for all who experience prejudice or exclusion, and for those working to build communities where everyone is welcomed, valued and treated with compassion and respect. We pray locally for those on High Street, giving thanks for all that is helpful and hopeful in this area.

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