

Sunday 30th August

13th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

Almost immediately after Peter's decisive confession that Jesus is the Christ, Jesus begins to rebuild the disciples' understanding of what it means to be Israel's messiah. The key point is that suffering lies ahead: the Jewish leaders will reject God's appointed representative in the most brutal, humiliating way, though that will not be the end. Peter's understanding here crumbles, earning him a sharp rebuke. Yet the corollary is that they must all face the possibility of suffering: it is always the potential consequence of discipleship. Each of us needs to consider Jesus' claims and evaluate the alternatives and their outcomes.

Collect

Almighty God who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

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8.00 am Holy Communion (CW)

Reader:

Exodus 3.1-15
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28
Graham Johnson

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

Readers:

David Thunder
Ros Thunder

Pr Hymn 630 Father Lord of all creation
Gr Hymn 358 Be still for the presence of the Lord
Of Hymn 595 Be thou my vision
Cm Hymn 629iii Father hear the prayer we offer
6054 Brother, sister, let me serve you
Pr Hymn 494 I the Lord of sea and sky

Intercessor:

Mark Parker

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First Reading

Exodus 3.1-15

God reveals the divine name to Moses at the burning bush

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who

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am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.' But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; overcome evil with good

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus predicts his death; 'Take up your cross'

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This Week

31/08 Mon	1.00 pm	Children's End of Summer Party	
	7.30 pm	Home Group	
02/09 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 3.1-9
		followed by coffee and cake	Luke 4.38-end
	2.00 pm	The Cuckfield Shed	
	2.00 pm	Art, Craft & Company	Old School
03/09 Thurs	9.00 am	Iona/Celtic Communion	1 Corinthians 3.18-end
			Luke 5.1-11
	9.30 am	The Nest parent/carer toddler & baby group	Old School
	2.00 pm	The Cuckfield Shed	
04/09 Fri	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Church
	11.00 am	BCP Communion	1 Corinthians 4.1-5
			Luke 5.33-end
	1.10 pm	Lunchtime concert - Oliver Nelson & Vasilis Rakitzis	Church
	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church
05/09 Sat	9.00 am	Mens Breakfast	Wheatsheaf

Next Sunday...

Sunday 6th September - 14th Sunday after Trinity

			Exodus 12.1-14
			Romans 13.8-end
			Matthew 18.15-20
8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader:	Graham Johnson
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist (LS)		
Setting	Rizza	Readers:	Isobel Simmonds
Pr Hymn	780i Soldiers of Christ arise		Evie Pinhey
Gr Hymn	119 Forgive our sins as we forgive		
Of Hymn	216 The day of resurrection		
Anthem	54 Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling		
Cm Hymn	575 When I needed a neighbour	Intercessor:	Anthony Lawrence
	57 Ye servants of the Lord		
Pr Hymn	494 I the Lord of sea and sky		
	777 Sing of the Lord's goodness		
6.00 pm	Choral Evensong		Ezekiel 12.21-13.16
Hymn	520 Thine arm. O Lord		Acts 19.1-20
Responses	Ferial		

Psalm	108
Canticles	Set A
Anthem	Now the green blade
Hymn	742i O for a thousand tongues
Hymn	22 Saviour again to thy dear name

Readers: Rod Montague
Pat Montague

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Notices and Parish News...

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

End-of-Summer Party - Bank Holiday Monday! Looking for something to do with the kids? Join us at **Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield, on Monday 31st August 1-3pm** for a FREE afternoon of summer fun! Enjoy a **bouncy castle, games, arts & crafts, food and drinks**, finishing with a big **water fight!** The event is free, but advance booking is essential. Please book via the church website/ChurchSuite. **Taking part in the water fight?** Don't forget a towel and change of clothes! Come and finish the summer holidays with a splash!

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.

Lunchtime Concerts Return to Holy Trinity! We're delighted to welcome the return of our Lunchtime Concerts to Holy Trinity! Join us on **Friday 4th September at 1.10pm** for a wonderful performance by violin and piano duo **Oliver Nelson & Vasilis Rakitzis**, featuring music by **Schubert and Brahms**. **Free admission** - come along, take a seat and enjoy some beautiful music in the church. Everyone welcome!

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@holytrinitycuckfield.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/>

Adult Craft Day - Thursday 17th September- Join us at **Tudor Hall, Old School, Cuckfield, 11am-4pm** for a free day of card making, art, painting, knitting, crocheting and more. Drop in or stay all day - join in or simply have a coffee and watch. **Free refreshments** will be available throughout the day. **Lunch will be available for £5**, there is no need to book, but if you would like lunch, letting Mary know in advance would help with catering numbers. For more information or to request lunch, contact marypape01@gmail.com.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Join us for our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on **Friday 18th September, 10am-12 noon** in **Tudor Hall**. Come along for a cuppa, a slice of cake and a friendly catch-up, while helping to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. **Donations of cakes and other treats would be very gratefully received** - and, of course, plenty of people to help us eat them! Everyone welcome - we'd love to see you there.

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@holytrinitycuckfield.org by **Sunday 20th July**. Early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.

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 is approximately around £60.00 per night (slightly more for en-suite).

An Evening To Remember Those We Have Loved And Lost - As in previous years, we are planning a special evening of music, prayer and reflection on **Sunday 1 November at 6.00pm**. This year, Cantores Memoriam, a choir of highly trained singers from across Sussex, will sing Brahms' *A German Requiem*, accompanied by an orchestra drawn from the Sussex Symphony Orchestra and conducted by Dr Joe Paxton. There will be no charge for admission, and we would like the evening to remain open to everyone. To help meet the considerable cost, we are asking regular members of the congregation who are able to do so to consider **pledging £150** towards the evening. Gifts of any amount will be very gratefully received. If you would like to make a pledge, please speak to Daniel

Eco Church - Our Journey Begins! We're excited to announce that Holy Trinity is joining the national **Eco Church** project, helping us to put our care for God's world into action and work towards an Eco Church award. Over the coming months, we'll be looking at practical ways we can make a difference through our worship, buildings and energy use, land and nature, community engagement and our everyday lifestyles. There will be more information coming soon, including ways everyone can get involved. If you're interested in being part of our **Eco Church project group**, please speak to **Steve Gallagher** or contact him at sjsjq@hotmail.co.uk

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.

Prayers...

For the recently departed: Pauline Watts, Sally Williams

Those in immediate need: Becky Parker, Jill Brotherton, David Meares, Mary Watts, Bryan Mayou, Ian Buckeridge, Eileen MacDougall, Lucy Elliott, Yvonne Godsmark, Carol Merry, Sarah, Terry Buckland

Those in long term need: Georgia, Ann Went, Julie Sadler, Wendy Hibling, George Snashall, Karen Leese, Yvonne Godsmark, Philip Chapman, Liz Graydon, Peter Graydon

Those in care homes: Mary Watts, Rosemary Pardey, Wendy Barnsdall, Barbara Johnson, Cathy Hazell

Praying through the week...

Mon Aug 31st - We pray for those who feel 'othered', dismissed or belittled through the prejudices of others. May we be alert to language and behaviour that undermines others and remember to 'love our neighbour as ourselves'. Locally, we pray for the people of Hillside Walk and for a welcoming and supportive community.

Tue Sep 1st - We pray for all making new beginnings in work, education or a new home. May they find friendship, safety, positive experiences and hope for the opportunities ahead. Locally, we pray for the homeless, for their health, safety and well-being.

Wed Sep 2nd - We pray for all teachers, tutors and lecturers, giving thanks for their skills, knowledge and care, and praying that they feel valued in their work. Locally, we remember Holy Trinity School and pray for their health and well-being.

Thu Sep 3rd - We pray for all burdened by debt, homelessness, addiction or the struggle to make ends meet, and for those facing unaffordable housing despite being in work. Locally, we pray for the people of Horsfield Green, for a neighbourhood of understanding, hospitality and care.

Fri Sep 4th - We pray for young people moving on from school or Year 13 into college, university, apprenticeships or employment. May they have the support, resilience and hope they need for the opportunities ahead. Locally, we pray for the people of Horsegate Lane, that they may feel cherished and show love towards others.

Sat Sep 5th f On the International Day of Charity, we pray for charities working for peace, justice, health, welfare, emergency aid, the environment and those facing hardship. We give thanks for all their staff and volunteers. Locally, we pray for those who are housebound, that they may have a sense of hopefulness

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