

Sunday 9th August

10th Sunday After Trinity

Holy Trinity Cuckfield

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Reflection

Some of the miracles Matthew records reveal God's compassion, shown through Jesus: healings, deliverances and the feeding of large crowds. Others more directly disclose his glory and highlight his identity as God's Son. Our Gospel this Sunday is the second time Jesus has rescued his friend from a violent storm on Galilee; the first time (8.23-27) he was initially asleep in the boat while they battled the elements. Here, as then, their reaction moves from fear to astonishment and worship. Along the way, and especially through Peter's unusual experience, he gently challenges their faith to grow and to remain focused on him.

Collect

Let your merciful ears, O Lord be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our 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 of our pilgrimage you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Worship this Sunday...

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Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28

Romans 10. 5-15

Matthew 14. 22-33

James Sanders

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Reader:

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

Readers:

Philippa Tillyer

Christine Best

Pr Hymn 593ii v 1,3,5,7 At the name of Jesus

Gr Hymn 664 How sweet the sound

Of Hymn 623 Eternal Father strong to save

Cm Hymn 621 Dear Lord and Father

441 Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord

Pr Hymn 477 Go forth and tell

Intercessor:

Anthony Lawrence

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First Reading

Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28

Joseph dreams he will become great and tells his brothers, who sell him into slavery

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are

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pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Second Reading

Romans 10. 5-15

Confessing Jesus as Lord leads to salvation

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Gospel

Matthew 14. 22-33

Jesus walks on water and rescues Peter from sinking

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This Week

10/08 Mon	7.30 pm	Home Group	
11/08 Tues	1.00 pm	Children's Arts & Craft	Church
	2.00 pm	Bereavement Cafe	Old School
12/08 Wed	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Ezekiel 9.1-7, 10.18-22
		followed by coffee and cake	Matthew 8.15-20
	2.00 pm	The Cuckfield Shed	
	2.00 pm	Art, Craft & Company	Old School
13/08 Thurs	2.00 pm	The Cuckfield Shed	

Next Sunday...

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

Isaiah 61.10-end
Galatians 4.4-7
Luke 1.46-55

8.00 am	Holy Communion (CW)	Reader:	Kate Joyce
9.45 am	Parish Eucharist (Said Holy Communion with hymns)(LS)		
Pr Hymn	32 Come thou Redeemer of the earth	Readers:	Eileen Caple
Gr Hymn	284 For the fruits of all creation		Peter Graydon
Of Hymn	315 Sing we of the blessed Mother		
Cm Hymn	462 Soul of my Saviour	Intercessor:	Anthony Lawrence
	563 Jesus Christ is waiting		
Pr Hymn	394 Tell out my soul		

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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.

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!

Summer Tabletop Sale! Saturday 15th August | 9:00am–12:00pm at The Old School - Come along and hunt for a bargain, discover hidden treasures, or clear out your cupboards and give your unwanted items a new home! **Table pitches just £10**. To reserve a table, email: opsmanager@holytrinitycuckfield.org Everyone is welcome – we look forward to seeing 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**. For more information contact: toby@holytrinitycuckfield.org

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@holytrinitycuckfield.org.

Children's Summer Arts & Crafts Club - Children are invited to join us for free afternoons of arts, crafts and creative activities, with all materials provided. Sessions run from **1.00–3.00pm** at **St Mary Magdalene, Bolney on 4 & 18 August**, and at **Holy Trinity, Cuckfield on 11 & 25 August**. Spaces are limited, so advance booking is essential all events and to book a place please visit

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.

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/>

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

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

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 Buckeridge, Eileen MacDougall, Lucy Elliott, Yvonne Godsmark, Charlie Coke, Carol Merry

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 10th - We look to World Steelpan Day (11th) and give thanks for the richness and diversity of so many kinds of music around the world, and the greater access and understanding of different instruments and styles of music, and the part they play in different cultures and traditions. We pray for those who play instruments, those who teach and those dance or listen to music. Locally, we pray for Cuckfield Cottage Homes, that they may have peace and joy in their hearts.

Tue Aug 11th - Clare of Assisi (Founder of the Poor Clares and patron of television. 1194- 1253). The contemplative order she established subsisted solely on alms. We pray for all those in religious orders; for all who continue to pray for the world throughout their lives. We pray for all, who dedicate their lives through the love of God, to others and to all God's creation. Locally, we pray for Cuckfield Baptist Church.

Wed Aug 12th - On International Youth Day we celebrate the gift of young people, giving thanks for their enthusiasm, passion, anger, protest and energy. We give thanks for the ways in which they challenge injustice, in compromising tradition and our willingness to settle unquestioningly for what has 'always been held to be true'. We pray for young people across the globe, whose lives are stunted and reduced through poverty, violence or oppression, with little hope of a future. We give thanks to Cuckfield Dramatic Society, that they may feel the benefit of a safe, caring, neighbourly community.

Thu Aug 13th - We pray for all receiving A level results today and all receiving GCSE results next week. We pray for all our young people looking to the next stage of their life as they move on from school or Yr 13 to college, university, apprenticeship or work placement or the difficult business of finding employment in the current climate. We pray that they have the support they need, the resilience, hope and self-esteem to take up opportunities open to them. We pray for a society ready to welcome, train, employ and learn from its young people. Locally we remember all baby & toddler groups in the area.

Fri Aug 14th - We pray for all with responsibility for transport networks and the various means of transport: getting people to work, to meetings, to medical and business appointments to much-needed holiday destinations and social gatherings. We give thanks for their care, their friendliness, their calm clear responses to panicky questions and their diligence to health, safety, cleanliness and comfort. We pray locally for the people of Cuckfield Road, that they may feel the richness of a community of respect, care and inclusivity.

Sat Aug 15th - As we remember on this day the Blessed Virgin Mary, we give thanks for her dedication, humility and faithfulness. We pray for mothers across the world and all who take care of children and other people vulnerable or in need. We pray for all living in the neighbourhood of Deaks Lane, for their families, friends and colleagues.

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