

# HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

*Joyfully serving Jesus*



## Weekly devotions, prayers and news The Eighth Sunday after Trinity 2nd August 2020

My dear friends,

May I just explain information regarding the 8.00 Sunday Eucharist in church. I was thrilled to see 35 people last week. This is a little way below capacity. If you attend as a couple, please do sit together. We will put several duos of chairs within the seating arrangements. If you attend, please would you put your name and contact details (phone or email) on a slip of paper and leave in the box by the north door. There will be some slips there if you forget. Please sanitise your hands before and after if using a church pen. This just gives us the ability to be in touch if we hear of anyone falling ill. The slips will be held confidentially for a limited time by the wardens or me. Please sit once you have received Holy Communion - I don't want to miss anyone out. I am sorry about all of this extra precaution, but we do want to keep people safe.

Our Art Festival is beginning to take shape, and Hilary Turner-King writes: *Thanks to everyone who has sent in photos of their art work for the Cuckfield Together Arts Festival. The festival promises to be a lovely celebration of Cuckfield's creativity! Artwork in any medium can be exhibited in the online gallery. Just send your photos along with your name and the title of each piece to inspirefm@holytrinitycuckfield.org For those of you whose creativity lies in writing, there will be a special poetry section. There is also a dedicated children's gallery for both art and poetry writing. View the exhibits from the comfort of your sofa from 8th August at <http://www.holytrinitycuckfield.org/>*

This sounds very exciting. Please do join in!

With love and best wishes,

Michael (Vicar)

**Please check the church website for details of services, etc:  
[www.holytrinitycuckfield.org](http://www.holytrinitycuckfield.org)**

### **TRINITY 8—2nd August 2020**

**9.45 - The Parish Family Eucharist** CW Proper 13

6.00 Choral Evensong

#### **Services during the week:**

**Wednesday: 10.30** Holy Communion (Common Worship) *Saint Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642*

Readings: I Peter 4: 12-end, John 16: 29-end

**Thursday: 9.00am** Holy Communion (Iona/Celtic) **The Transfiguration of the Lord**

Readings: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14, 2 Peter 1: 16-19, Luke 9: 28-36

**Friday: 11.00am** Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Readings Trinity 8

#### **Next Sunday - TRINITY 9 - 9th August**

**9.45 The Parish Eucharist** CW Proper 14

Preacher: Father John Cleaver

**All services live on Zoom: Click on the link on the front page of the church website before services and you will be admitted, entering a waiting 'area' and then joining everyone.**

#### **The Collect for Trinity 8**

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

#### **A prayer for this time of anxiety:**

God of all compassion, your love never fails.  
Help us to listen to the tranquillity  
of your presence within our lives,  
so that we may grow in the knowledge  
that your Son, Jesus Christ, walks beside us,  
and your Holy Spirit comforts us  
at the heart of our being;  
for you are One God,  
world without end. Amen

### Isaiah 55: 1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

### Romans 9: 1-5

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.

### Matthew 14: 13-21

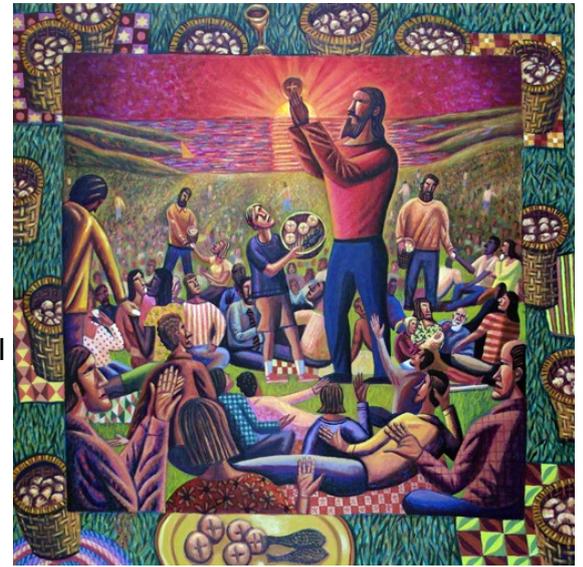
Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to 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.

### A thought

Over two thousand people had gathered together in the bush beyond Harare, regardless of the consequences, so eager were they to be fed. Infants held in their mothers' arms, the elderly led gently by the able, all with a hunger and thirst. There they waited. What they had travelled miles for was a Eucharist. There was no normal bread because there was no money to pay for it. Instead, they communicated with the Jesus Christ using flat dry biscuits made at home by many of the women there and brought to the table which served as an altar at the offertory. There was no wine, because no one could afford it. Instead, the priest had to use a rather horrible Zimbabwean fizzy drink. But there they met their Lord – Our Lord - and their spiritual hunger was fed. You may perhaps remember that several years ago, Robert Mugabe's thugs were loosed on the Anglican churches of Zimbabwe and for some period of time all of the churches and associated properties were seized. Congregations were expelled from their houses of worship, and forced to meet away from police presence. Yet in the face of persecution, our brothers and sisters grew stronger. The priest presiding at this Eucharist was none other than Father Nicholas Stebbing CR, who has preached at Holy Trinity, and whose charity 'Tairo' we support. He himself was being pursued by the authorities for daring to do such things. At present the Church throughout the world is having to come to terms with one of the greatest shocks to its worship in history. Our Faith is one where we receive sustenance in so many ways, but the Eucharist or Holy Communion is one of the great markers of our unity with one another, but, more importantly, the well-spring of our unity with God through his Son, Jesus Christ. The richness of Isaiah's invitation to the quenching of thirst and the promise of the food of heaven also causes us to contemplate the compassion of Jesus. In him is truly found the source of life, the compassion of love and the water to

**Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise  
be free from deceit; may the eyes which have  
seen the tokens of your love shine with the light  
of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed  
with your body be refreshed with the fullness of  
your life; glory to you for ever. Amen**

quench all spiritual  
thirst. A new way  
will be wrought,  
because God never  
wants us to be  
spiritually hungry  
or thirsty.



*Feeding of the Five Thousand—Jim Janknegt*

**Please remember those for whom we pray:**

**Immediate Need:** Ken Taylor, Rev. Sandra Hall, Mark Parker, Eileen Knight, Mary Todd, Audrey Ryder, Olive Page, George Snashall, Gracie & Lucy Neiff, Roy Viccari

**Long Term Need:** Young Georgia, Young Joshua, Julia Settle, Young Reggie, Ros Ayling, Wendy, Ann Went, Jean Simmons, Dave Cox, Jenny, Julie Sadler, Becky Parker, Tony Burbidge, Christopher, Jenny, Jane Terry, Marjorie Chilton, Anne Norris, Alan Prebble, Stephanie Gilpin, Marilyn Archbold, Jill Rockey, Janet Card, Jocelyn Bentley, Yvonne Godsmark, Michael Hilton

**Please remember the recently departed and their families:** Greville Goad

**In our Book of Remembrance** this week we remember: Betty Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Revill, Kenneth Keymer, Dorothy Young, 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Dant, Margaret Henley, Helen Heap, 4<sup>th</sup> Michael Symonds, Marjory Norris, 5<sup>th</sup> John Lewis, Susan Cooke, 6<sup>th</sup> Marjorie Dewey, Bessie Bliss, 7<sup>th</sup> David Covell, Richard Bostock, Reginald Cracknell, 8<sup>th</sup> Frederick Baker