

HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

Joyfully serving Jesus



Weekly devotions, prayers and news **The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity** *13 September 2020*

My dear friends,

This Sunday we welcome Vicky Peattie as our preacher at the 9.45. Vicky is a Reader at St Mary's Willingdon, and I know that we will enjoy hearing her sermon.

A busy week ahead at Holy Trinity - a sign that, in spite of further restrictions, the life of the parish is finding a new normality. As you will see, the 9.45 returns to church from next Sunday (20th). Please read further details in the accompanying email. Next Sunday, also, our new service **IGNITE** takes place at 4.30pm. This short act of worship (with an interview from a guest speaker) is designed with young people in mind, but very much open to their families, as well as the young at heart! It will take place via the Zoom link on the church website.

The Men's Group (Cuckfield and Bolney) resumes on Wednesday when Brian Barker who volunteers with Search and Rescue will present a talk and slide show about their work. This also will be accessible via the Zoom church link.

As I mentioned last Sunday, Roy Viccari passed away very peacefully on the previous Friday. Roy was a great character, and we send our sincerest condolences to Rosemary and the family. Because of the restriction of numbers at funerals, the service will be livestreamed (29th September).

With love and best wishes,

Michael (Vicar)

Monday is Holy Cross Day (above: St Helena - Andrea Bolgi 1639—St Peter's Rome)

**Please check the church website for details of services, etc:
www.holytrinitycuckfield.org**

TRINITY 14 (13th September 2020):

8.00: Holy Communion (in church) Preacher: The Vicar

9.45: The Parish Eucharist CW Proper 19 Preacher: Vicky Peattie (Reader, St Mary's Willingdon)

1.00pm: Holy Baptism - Arno and Rosemary Dale

Services during the week:

Wednesday: 10.30 Holy Communion (Common Worship) **Ninian, Bishop of Galloway** Readings: Acts 13: 46-49; Mark 16:15-end

12.30 Interment of ashes - Vivien Butterworth (Churchyard)

8.00pm Men's Group (Cuckfield and Bolney) online via Zoom

Thursday: 9.00am Holy Communion (Iona/Celtic) **Hildegarde, Abbess of Bingen** Readings: 1 Corinthians 2:9-13; Luke 10: 21-24

2.30 Memorial Service - Joy Wyatt

Friday: 11.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Readings Trinity 14

Next Sunday: TRINITY 15 (20 September)

8.00 - Holy Communion (in church) Preacher: The Vicar

9.45 The Parish Eucharist CW Proper 20 (in church and online) Preacher: The Vicar

4.30: IGNITE - new online worship for the young and young at heart

All services (other than 8.00) 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 14

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and gave us life through the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours 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

Genesis 50: 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18: 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

A thought

Both the Old Testament and Gospel readings focus on forgiveness - Joseph's of his brothers—and there is something very touching in the way he does so. In the Gospel Jesus calls us to follow God in revealing overwhelming, uncalculatingly and limitless forgiveness – sometimes a very difficult call – a lifetime's struggle, but always worthy of consideration. For many, it is all too easy to chew over some old grievances and never let go. It can become central to their psyche and destructive to their relationships. We will all know such situations. Indeed, we may even have experience them in people we know and love. Yet as people of Faith in Jesus Christ, we are called to know the abundant grace of forgiveness which God desires us to know. Jesus hangs on the cross, but doesn't waste his breath or energy cursing those who have brought his crucifixion about. He forgives them, and WE are drawn to his example through this act. His incomparable gift is our exemplar; seeking to forgive through love.

As Paul, writes: **We live to the Lord.** In Jesus is the fullness of life and perfect forgiveness.



**Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, united in prayer and the
breaking of bread, and one in joy
and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Copyrights used by permission of CCL. Licence holder number 5850

Please remember those for whom we pray:

Immediate Need: Gracie & Lucy Neiff, Stuart, The Rev Sandra Hall

Long Term Need: Young Georgia, Young Joshua, Julia Settle, Young Reggie, Ros Ayling, Wendy, Ann Went, Jean Simmons, Dave Cox, Jenny, Julie Sadler, Becky & Mark 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, George Snashall, Eileen Knight, Mary Todd,

Please remember the recently departed and their families: Roy Viccari, Elizabeth Matthews

In our Book of Remembrance this week we remember: 13th Peter Brown, Ivy Christophers, Bettina Flower, 14th Ellen Ford, Bridgit Dunnett, 15th Constance Blackburn, 16th Brian Lockyer, 17th Edith Pelham, 19th Brian Hillman