

HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

Joyfully serving Jesus



Weekly devotions, prayers and news

Palm Sunday

28 March 2021

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Join us for our Holy Week journey as we remember the fulness of life Jesus calls us to through the saving grace of his passion, death and resurrection.

Please check the church website for more details

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Palm Sunday (28 March 2021)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in Church)*

9.45 The Family Eucharist *(in Church and online - see website to book)*

Readers: Jim & Eileen Knight Intercessor: Philip Richings

12noon Holy Baptism

6.00 Stainer's The Crucifixion *(online only)*

Services during the week:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 6.00pm Short Address *(online only)*

Wednesday: 10.30am Holy Communion *Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Hebrews 12: 1-3; John 13:21-32*

Maundy Thursday: 8.00pm Holy Communion *(in Church and online - see website to book)*

Good Friday: 10am Family Service *(in Church and online - see website to book)*

12noon Devotion with Bishop Ruth Bushyager- Witnesses of the Cross *(online only)*

2.00pm Good Friday Liturgy *(in Church and online - see website to book)*

Holy Saturday 8pm Easter Vigil *(in Church and online - see website to book)*

Next Sunday: Easter Day (4 April 2021)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in Church)*

9.45 Parish Easter Eucharist *(in Church and online - see website to book)*

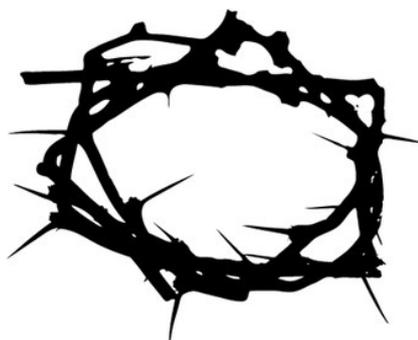
11.15 Family Easter Praise *(outside weather permitting) - a short service with Easter Egg trail.*

6.00pm Evensong *(online only)*

For all services live on Zoom: click the blue link on the front page of the church website before services, entering a waiting 'area' before joining everyone.

The Collect Palm Sunday

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know
and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory;
for you live and reign
In the love of God the Father,
and the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



The Post Communion Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking
the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross
for our salvation:
give us the mind
to follow you and to proclaim you
as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Philippians 2: 5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Mark 14: 1-15: -end

The Passion Reading from Mark (Chapter 15)

A Holy Week thought

Last year we were thrown into our first lockdown shortly before Passiontide, and this year will remain different and constrained in some ways. Yet we have received blessings in many ways, and technology has enabled the mission, vision and engagement of the Church to continue, albeit in different ways. Many of the distinctive ceremonies of Holy Week will not take place, yet I do hope that nevertheless people will engage, particularly as this merely means the click of a button on your device!

Palm Sunday starts us off, and we hear the Passion according to Mark. Palm crosses will be blessed and left for people's collection in the north porch. Do come and collect one if you can. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Vicky, Clive and Helen will lead short meditations at 6.00pm on line. Each will last less than half an hour but will help to lead us towards the Triduum—the Three Great Days.

Maundy Thursday evening will see the celebration of thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion. All worship from hereon in until the end of the Easter Vigil is essentially one act.

On **Good Friday** we have our Family Service at 10.00. At 12noon Bishop Ruth Bushyager is kindly leading a devotion for us online entitled 'Witnesses of the Cross.' We are most grateful that she is able to undertake this for the parish. It will last about an hour. At 2.00pm we have the Liturgy of the day. Please remember that Liturgy is not some curious word dreamt up by a member of the clergy! Liturgy is literally the work of the people of God. It takes the form of the reading of the Scriptures including John's account of the Passion, solemn prayers and Holy Communion—although this is not celebrated, but made using the reserved sacrament. Please do join us online or in the church if you can.

Holy Saturday sees us lighting the great Pascal candle—a reminder not only that the Risen Christ is the Light of the World, but that he calls us to be part of his light. We have a sequence of readings and then celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter, remembering our unity with him and all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

On **Easter Day** we are adding an extra service. After the 8.00 and 9.45 Easter Eucharists there will be a Family Easter Praise - hopefully outside on the north area between the church and Old School. This will be a short act of worship (about 40 mins. at most) and people will also be offered Holy Communion if they wish. We round off our Easter thanksgiving with an online Choral Evensong at 6.00pm.

We are blessed that various people will be preaching throughout the week—it is essentially a 'home-team' Holy Week.

I do hope that you will join us when you can either online or in person.

Let us seek to deepen the knowledge of all that Christ gives for each of us as we travel through this holiest of weeks.

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

Please remember those for whom we pray:

Immediate need: Barbara Booth, Wendy Boys, Carla Spear, Wendy Hibling, Ben Brindley Codd, Justine, Sheila Mitchell, Graham Hibbert, Joe Eaton, Anne Greenhill, Mark Parker, John Bernardi (priest)

Long Term Need: Young Georgia, Young Joshua, Young Reggie, Ros Ayling, Wendy, Ann Went, Dave Cox, Jenny, Julie Sadler, Becky & Mark Parker, Tony Burbidge, Christopher, Jenny, Marjorie Chilton, Janet Card, Yvonne Godsmark, George Snashall, Eileen Knight, Mary Todd, Gracie & Lucy Neiff, Reg Ruddock, Heather Hollis, Carol Shepherd **Those in Care Homes:** Anne Norris, Alan Prebble, Stephanie Gilpin, Jill Rockey, Jean Simmons, Mary Watts, Diana Hoile, Ruth Baker

Please remember the recently departed and their families: Christine Turner-Jones, Jack Leppard

In our Book of Remembrance this week we remember: 28th Peggy Small, Ethel Riddle, Anne Atkinson, 30th Kathleen Turner, Ken Sutton, Stanley Hallett, Mary Williams, Vera Platt, David Bedding, 31st Iris Buttery, Jack Coomber, Joshua Morgan, Peter Burgess, 1st Kit Beattie, Veronica Mayo, Carol Brown, Molly Lawrence, 2nd William Moore, 3rd Robert Bryson, Bruce Spencer, Bernard Watts, Arthur Goad