

# HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

*Joyfully serving Jesus*



*Weekly devotions, prayers and news*

**Palm Sunday**  
*10 April 2022*

***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.**

Our journey through Lent this year has been dominated by the events in Ukraine and it is easy to draw some parallels with the first Easter, which also took place amidst a backdrop of conflict, occupation and acts of extreme cruelty. Unlike President Putin, Jesus doesn't force himself on the world, but gives us the freedom to choose our own path. Even when our actions have disastrous consequences, he doesn't abandon us. He draws alongside all the suffering people of our world, giving strength and comfort when all seems lost, and inspiring incredible acts of love and kindness. We know that God is more than able to bring resurrection out of the most traumatic and devastating of situations, so as we enter Holy Week let us be confident in the knowledge that God's way of sacrificial love will win out in the end. Jane & Brian

**Palm Sunday (10 April 2022)**

**8.00 Holy Communion** *(in Church)*

*Readers: Margaret Thistlethwaite & Graham Johnson*

**9.45 The Family Eucharist** *(in Church and online)*

*Readers: Liz & Peter Graydon; Intercessor: Mark Parker*

*Hymns: 159, 161, 147, 634, 505*

**6.00 The Cross of Christ** *Service of Music & Devotional Readings for Palm Sunday (in Church and online)*

**Services during the week:**

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 6.00pm** *Holy Communion & Short Address (in Church)*

**Wednesday: 10.30am** *Holy Communion (in Church and online)*

*Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Hebrews 12: 1-3; John 13: 21-32*

**Maundy Thursday: 8.00pm** *Holy Communion (in Church and online)*

**Good Friday: 10am** *Family Service (in Church)*

**12noon** *Good Friday Devotions (in Church)*

**2.00pm** *Good Friday Liturgy (in Church and online)*

**Holy Saturday 8pm** *Easter Vigil (in Church and online)*

**Next Sunday: Easter Day (17 April 2022)**

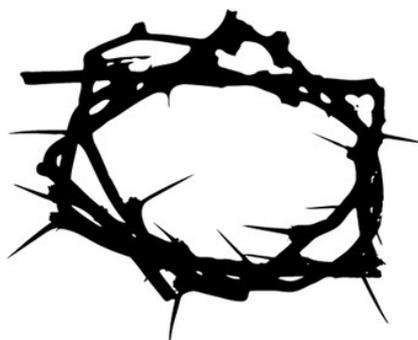
**8.00 Holy Communion** *(in Church)*

**9.45 Parish Easter Eucharist** *(in Church and online)*

**For all services live on Zoom: click the blue link on the front page of the church website**

**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 wakens—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.

### Luke 22: 14-23: to end

#### The Passion Reading from Luke

#### **A Holy Week thought** *We dare not forget the Cross.*

Palm Sunday is all about involvement and commitment and the difference between the two. Those who followed Jesus on the final leg of his journey into Jerusalem singing his praises were surely involved and caught up in the excitement of the moment. They were clearly aware of Jesus and his ministry. They no doubt liked him and the Gospel message of peace and reconciliation. And they probably thought to themselves that here at last was a great prophet, the one whom God had raised up and one with a bright future in the politics of the day.

It had been a fun outing one day, but by the time Good Friday had rolled around, no one was left to lay down branches or cloaks for Jesus, much less chant hosanna before him. All, including his disciples, had abandoned him. Jesus was on his own.

In our first reading the Prophet Isaiah proclaims, “It is the Lord God who helps me. “Isaiah knows instinctively that God is always more ready to show mercy and lend assistance than we are to accept it. No matter the faults of the people, no matter how much they become side tracked and preoccupied, God is committed to them.

As Paul explains it in our reading today from his Letter to the Philippians, Christ “though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” There can be no greater commitment than that.

So, Palm Sunday takes us on a liturgical and emotional roller-coaster ride like no other day of the church year. The involvement of the crowds at Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem challenges us once again to reflect on the commitment that led Jesus to give his life for our redemption. Amid the many changes and chances of life, this Holy Week, or any week, we dare not forget the Cross.

#### **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, John Bernardi (priest), Paul Simpson, Tim Burrows, Martin Packham, Val Thompson, Ralph Wilkins, Martin Simmonds

**Long Term Need:** Young Georgia, Joshua and Reggie, Wendy, Ann Went, Julie Sadler, Christopher, Janet Card, George Snashall, Wendy Hibling, Yvonne Godsmark, Carla Spear, Pam Sagar, Eileen Knight, Maureen Griffiths, Carol Cox

**Those in Care Homes:** Alan Prebble, Jill Rockey, Jean Simmons, Mary Watts, Ruth Baker, Keith Thompson,

#### **Please remember the recently departed and their families: Fiona Murray, David Davidson, Stephanie Gilpin**

**In our Book of Remembrance** this week we remember: 10th Georgina Bugden, Beryl Williams, 11th John Springall, Nancy Ochoa, 12th Marian, Elsie Haggart, 13th Williamina Mckenzie, 14th Betty Elphinstone, Dan Batchelor, Frederick Bayfield, 15th Albert Jones, Keith Shakespeare, 16th Ann Lacey