

# HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

*Joyfully serving Jesus*



*St. Peter Preaching in Jerusalem - Charles Poërsen  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art*

*Weekly devotions, prayers and news*  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
*22 May 2022*

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Ascension Day, another important festival in the church calendar, marking the end of Jesus' earthly ministry. After witnessing his ascension into heaven, the disciples gathered with Mary, devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Through the centuries Christians have also gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower, inspire and equip them to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. In 2016 the Archbishops of Canterbury and York invited Christians to use this period to pray specifically for 5 people; friends, family or acquaintances, to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ in their lives. This initiative, known as Thy Kingdom Come, has grown into a global prayer movement, across 172 countries and 80 denominations. Why not join this wave of prayer, or check their website for further details? [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

*"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."* Archbishop Justin Welby  
Jane & Brian

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter (22 May 2022)**

**8.00 Holy Communion** *(in church)*

Reader: Roger Edmonston

**9.45 The Parish Eucharist** *(in church and online)*

Reader: Jocelyn Bentley; Intercessor: Clive Simmonds

Hymns: 742, 792, 227, 788, 721

**11.30 APCM**

**1.00 Holy Baptism** Freddie Anthony Sampher

**6.00 Sung Evensong** *(in church)*

**Services during the week:**

**Tuesday: 2.00** Funeral

**Wednesday: 10.30** Holy Communion (C. Worship) Readings: Acts 17: 15, 22:-18: 1; John 16: 5-11

**Thursday: 9.00am** **THE ASCENSION DAY OF THE LORD**

Holy Communion (Iona/Celtic)

Readings: Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1: 15-end; Luke 24: 44-end

**8.00pm** Sung Eucharist *(in church and online)*

**Friday: 11.00am** Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Readings: Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Saturday: 12.00** Wedding

## **Next Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter (29 May 2022)**

**8.00 Holy Communion** *(in church)*

**9.45 Parish Eucharist** *(in church and online)*

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

### **The Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed  
your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

### **The Post Communion Prayer:**

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life  
and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever. Amen

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### Acts 16: 9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

### Revelation 21: 10, 22-22: 5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

### John 14: 23-29

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

### A thought John 14. 23-29

Who of us hasn't required an advocate from time-to-time? Someone that can help guide us through the journeys of our lives. Well, today's passage is part of Jesus' Farewell Discourse to His disciples on the night before His death. Jesus was assuring the disciples that even though He was going away, His departure would not be an ending. Throughout the Farewell Discourse, Jesus teaches the disciples that His time of "advocacy" is coming to an end, and He is handing it over to them to continue the work. It will not be easy, they are warned; they will encounter intense opposition as Jesus did. But how will they be able to face this most daunting task?

As Jesus was preparing His disciples for what was to come, He told them that if they loved Him, they would rejoice that He was going to the Father. However, Jesus also promised not to leave His disciples orphaned. Just as God had sent Jesus into the world, so Jesus had asked that the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, be sent into the world to continue His work after His ministry had ended. Jesus assures us that with the Holy Spirit we will never be abandoned, even in the midst of the loss, pain, and sorrow that are part of this broken world.

"Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you." God dwells in our souls, eager to guide us to that peace. The question is: Will we trust Him? Friends let us reflect today on what a blessing it is to have the Holy Spirit in our lives as our Paraclete...our Comforter, our Encourager, our Counsellor, and our Advocate!

**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, Martin Packham, Val Thompson, Ralph Wilkins, Martin Simmonds, Ross Bennett

**Long Term Need:** Young Georgia, Joshua and Reggie, Wendy, Ann Went, Julie Sadler, Christopher, 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, Rosemary Pardey, Janet Card,

### Please remember the recently departed and their families: Marilynne Elliott, Patricia Ahern

**In our Book of Remembrance** this week we remember: 22nd Harold Getliffe, Len Philipson, Margaret Nye, 23rd Riah Gil, Margaret Fraser, Margaret Pamplin, Merrill Beveridge, Winifred Dant, 24th Peter Poxon, Brian Beales, 26th James Roberts, 27th Margaret Cockburn, Hazell Liddell, Agatha Riley, 28th James Hall