

HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

Joyfully serving Jesus



Weekly devotions, prayers and news

Trinity Sunday

12 June 2022

Dear Friends

This Sunday we come to the last of the great celebrations following Easter, the feast of Holy Trinity, our patronal festival. As we are reminded later, this is a fitting summary of the many ways in which we experience the divine mystery. We will celebrate with our family orientated Eucharist in the morning and a Festival Evensong later in the day. In the Middle Ages there would have been a Trinity Fair in Cuckfield about this time. We, however, will have the Cuckfield Music Festival, with no fewer than nine events in Holy Trinity. Do come and enjoy the very varied programme that is on offer. Please note that next Sunday the Festival Choral Mass will start at 10.15 am, not 9.45 am. As usual, we enclose the Weekly Sheet, with the readings for Sunday, and the prayer needs of those within our community for you to use as we journey the week ahead together.

Jane and Brian

Trinity Sunday (12 June 2022)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

Reader: Charles Solomon

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

Readers: Peter & Liz Graydon;

Hymns: 276, 810, 494, 667

6.00pm Festival Choral Evensong *(in church and online)*

Services during the week:

Wednesday: 10.30 Holy Communion *(C. Worship)*

Readings: 2 Kings 2: 1, 6-14; Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 9.00am Holy Communion *(Iona/Celtic) Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)*

Readings: Genesis 14: 18-20; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26; John 6: 51-58

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

Next Sunday: First Sunday after Trinity (19th June 2022)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

10.15 Festival Choral Mass *(in church and online)*

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

The Collect for Trinity Sunday

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge
of your truth,
and draw us more deeply
into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Post Communion Prayer:

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself
as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: 'To you O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Romans 5: 1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 16: 12-15

'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

A thought John 16. 12-15 (Family Eucharist)

The Trinity is not about our understanding of God. The Christian church has never been foolish enough to lay claim to an understanding of God! Like all religious mysteries, the challenge is not to solve it, but to celebrate it.

The doctrine of the Trinity is primarily a statement about the Christian experience of God. The Christian community, at different points in its history, experienced God as Loving Father, as Loving Brother and as energising and Loving Spirit.

Trinity Sunday is the beginning of Ordinary Time in the Church calendar. So today's feast tries to gather up in summary what we have been celebrating over the last couple of months: a summary of what God has disclosed about himself to us as he set out to save the human race through the Easter season.

Our God is composed of the Father who created us, His Son, whom he sent to save us through his death and resurrection, and the Spirit who keeps the show on the road, as it were, through dwelling in our hearts.

The Trinity tells us that we are called to live in community, and that our ultimate destiny is with the divine community. Through our love for one another we too participate in the life of the Trinity. The feast of the Trinity is then not a question of human understanding but of religious experience.

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, Martin Packham, Val Thompson, Ralph Wilkins, Martin Simmonds, Andrew, Becky Parker, Ross Bennet

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: Peter Bellenger, Betty Woods

In our Book of Remembrance this week we remember: 13th Claire Taverner, Clarice Malins, Kay Salisbury, Eva Sayers, Stephanie Vander, Dorothy Barton, 14th Joan Humphries, 15th Gwen Gurr, Dorothy Yetton, Marjorie Bolton, Phyllis Scadden, Winifred Rollitt, 16th Ernest Malins, Montague Lowe, 17th Wendy King, Ian Waterhouse, Edna Harland, 18th Ruth Brown, Peter Pawson,