

HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

Joyfully serving Jesus



Weekly devotions, prayers and news **Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity** 25th September 2022

Last Monday we bade our final farewells to our beloved monarch, in a day of unapparelled dignity and ceremonious splendour, alongside an enormous outpouring of love and gratitude from people from all ends of the globe. For many, it was also a time to remember loved ones who had died, and for others a time for unity and reconciliation. Her Majesty was an example to us all, particularly in her faith and witness to the teachings of Jesus Christ and the central role it played in her life of service and dedication.

While we continue to grieve her loss, let us give thanks for her model of Christian discipleship and be encouraged by her steadfastness, grace and humour as we look forward with hope to a new era.

A prayer for the new King, Charles 111

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.
Help us to work together
so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness
flourish among us;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Jane & Brian

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (25th September 2022)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

Reader: Roger Edmonston

9.45 Family Eucharist *(in church and online)*

Reader: Brian Cutler Intercessor: Mark Parker

12noon Holy Baptism *Zephie Lenor Musik and Arthur Frederick Perry Wraith*

Services during the week:

Wednesday: 10.30 Holy Communion (C. Worship) *(in church & online)*

Readings: Job 9: 1-12, 14-16; Luke 9: 57-end

Thursday: 9.00 Holy Communion (Iona/Celtic) St. Michael & All Angels

Readings: Genesis 28: 10-17; Revelation 12: 7-12 John 1: 47-end

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

Next Sunday: Harvest (Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity) (2nd October 2022)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

9.45 Family Eucharist *(in church and online)*

11.15 Family Praise

The Collect for Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Look upon us, O God,
Creator and ruler of all things,
and, that we may feel
the working of your mercy;
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.
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

The Post Communion Prayer:

Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you
our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from
all things hurtful, and lead us to all things
profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts! Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

I Timothy 6: 6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16: 19-end

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

A thought 15th Sunday after Trinity - 25th September 2022 Luke 16. 19-end

The key to this story is that even though Lazarus was in a sad physical condition, his soul was in the hands of God. We know that to be true, because we are told that when he died, he was "carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham" (Luke 16:22).

This story provides us all with an opportunity to look at what is most important in life. The rich man had all he wanted in this life but clearly lacked love on account of the fact that he ignored the physical needs of Lazarus. For that reason, the rich man was spiritually poor, whereas Lazarus was spiritually rich.

Some words from second reading,

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I Timothy 6.17-19

A prayer for this time of Vacancy:

Send us your Holy Spirit at this time of change and uncertainty, to fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community; and guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new priest for this Benefice, so that the one whom we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example, in loving obedience to your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Please remember those for whom we pray:

Immediate need: John Bernardi (priest), Paul Simpson, Martin Packham, Val Thompson, Ralph Wilkins, Becky Parker, George Snashall, Eileen Macdougall

Long Term Need: Young Georgia, Joshua and Reggie, Wendy, Ann Went, Julie Sadler, Wendy Hibling, Yvonne Godsmark, Carla Spear, Pam Sagar, Eileen Knight, Maureen Griffiths, Carol Cox, Liz Graydon

Those in Care Homes: Jill Rockey, Jean Simmons, Mary Watts, Ruth Baker,, Rosemary Pardey, Janet Card

Please remember the recently departed and their families: H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, Vera Bousell

In our Book of Remembrance this week we remember: 25th Donald Goldfinch, 26th Jenifer Spear, 27th Winifred Bailey, David Tapp, Nicholas Bennett, 28th Mildred Young, Pauline Erlam, 29th Elizabeth St. Claire Roberts, 30th Norman Albert Marchant, 1st Phyllis Grimwade