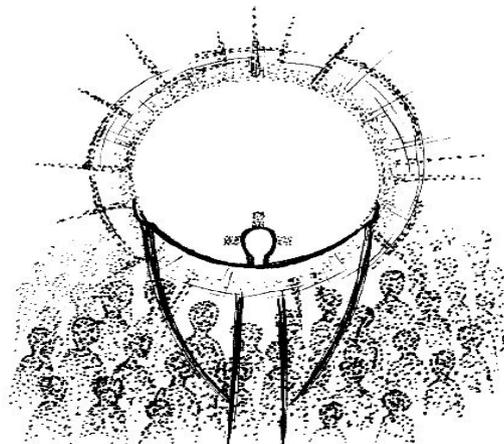


HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

Joyfully serving Jesus



Weekly devotions, prayers and news
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
18th September 2022

Dear friends

In the first letter of Paul to Timothy that will be read this coming Sunday, Paul urges that “supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.” As we continue to mourn the passing of our sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth II and welcome our new king let us also pray for all those who are now responsible for the governance of our nations that we may continue to live quiet and peaceable lives, celebrating the harmony of our diversity.

Our Family Eucharist on Sunday morning will follow the normal pattern. However, at 6 pm there will be a SPECIAL SERVICE of COMMEMORATION on the eve of the State Funeral.

Brian & Jane

Church website: www.holytrinitycuckfield.org

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity (18th September 2022)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

Readers: Margaret Thistlethwaite & Ralph Colbran

9.45 Family Eucharist *(in church and online)*

6.00 Service of Commemoration for H.M. Queen Elizabeth II *(in church and online)*

Readers: David Spear & Carolyn Ponder

Services during the week:

Wednesday: 10.30 Holy Communion (C. Worship) Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist *(in church & online)*

Readings: Proverbs 3: 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4 1-6; Matthew 9: 9-13

Thursday: 9.00 Holy Communion (Iona/Celtic)

Readings: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11; Luke 9: 43b-45

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

Next Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (25th September 2022)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

9.45 Family Eucharist *(in church and online)*

12.00 Holy Baptism *Zephie Lenor Musik and Arthur Frederick Perry Wraith*

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

The Collect for Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours 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:

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, united in prayer
and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Amos 8: 4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Luke 16: 1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

A thought 14th Sunday after Trinity - 18th September 2022 Luke 16. 1-13

From the perspective of God, the amount of money you have matters little.

With that said, the danger with money comes when you allow it to become your "master."

What are you attached to? Are you attached to the money you have? Are you attached to the desire for the money you wish you had? The goal is to see money for what it is.

In the big picture, money has very little value. It's a means to the end of taking care of your daily needs but can never become the source of your joy and fulfilment in life. Only God is the proper Master of our hearts and only He can fill you with true riches.

God promises to provide for you in your need, so it's essential that we trust in Him. Letting our hearts be filled with the rich grace of God as its source of fulfilment and we will be rich in the truest sense.

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: 19th Brian Hillman, 20th Elsie Farley, 21st William Smith, Robert Arendt, 22nd Olive Caplan, Joan Stevens, 23rd Jack Swain, Len Smith, Patricia Hague, 24th John Jellicoe