

HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

Joyfully serving Jesus



Weekly devotions, prayers and news

All Saints Tide

30 October 2022

After another breath-taking week in the life of our nation, replacing the prime minister in the space of five days, the Gospel for All Saints, Luke's account of the Beatitudes, brings us face to face with the heart of the Christian life that we are called to lead. Matthew's account includes the verse "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the sons [and daughters] of God." We must pray that our new government will have the wisdom to seek peace, justice and compassion as it wrestles with the challenges that face not only this nation but the whole world in the weeks and months ahead.

Brian & Jane

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All Saints Tide (30th October 2022)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)* Reader: Graham Johnson

9.45 Family Eucharist *(in church and online)*

Readers: Eileen & Jim Knight; Intercessor: Vicky Peattie

Hymns: 298, 602, 312, 717, 308

6.00 Choral Evensong *(in church and online)*

Readers: Carolyn Ponder & David Spear

Services during the week:

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

Readings: Philippians 2: 12-18; Luke 14: 25-33

6.30 Space for Grace

Thursday: 9.00 Holy Communion (Iona/Celtic) *(in church)*

Readings: Philippians 3: 3-8a; Luke 15: 1-10

Friday: 11.00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Readings: All Saints *(in church)*

Next Sunday: Third Sunday before Advent (6th November 2022)

8.00 Holy Communion *(in church)*

9.45 Family Eucharist *(in church and online)*

11.15 Family Praise

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

The Collect for All Saints

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
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:

God, the source of all holiness
and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day
of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.'

Ephesians 1: 11-end

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Luke 6: 20-31

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

A thought All Saints Luke 6: 20-31

All Saints today reminds us of who we are and what a bright future can be ours. As we celebrate today all the saints, both those canonized and those who are unknown, we are joyful that they have reached the goal of life, heaven.

They remind us to keep our sights fixed high, to remember who we are and the glorious possibility that God offers us. The saints encourage us in our own struggles because like us they also endured struggles, they grew from strength to strength, they matured in the Lord as they grew in years.

The Gospel gives us the beatitudes. These are ways of following the Lord. We don't have to think that we must live each beatitude. Rather, we will know in each situation what we must do if we are living in the Spirit.

There is so much to be thankful for. God is not setting out to trip us up and make impossible conditions for the Kingdom of Heaven. Rather God is telling us that the road to heaven is doing His will and letting go of our own.

When we live the Beatitudes, we are indeed Blessed, or as some Bible versions read Happy. We are then blessed and happy saints 'in Christ' living the beatitudes.

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, Eileen Caple

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: Elliot Jones, Aileen Brice, Sheila Chasser

In our Book of Remembrance this week we remember: 30th Linda Kruse, 1st John Temple, 2nd Charles Cadman, Priscilla Bennett, Joyce Donoghue, 3rd Cecil Rhodes, Florence Burleigh, Albert Voller, 4th Gillian Fabb, Margaret Rhodes, Reg Charles, Ethel Radcliffe, 5th June Wilde,