

# HOLY TRINITY CUCKFIELD

*Joyfully serving Jesus*



*Weekly devotions, prayers and news*  
**Third Sunday before Advent**  
*6 November 2022*

As well as being a month of remembrance, November can sometimes trigger feelings of loss as the bright autumn days give way to grey skies and dark evenings. Last Sunday we celebrated those saints, both living and departed, who have inspired and nurtured our faith and made us who we are, followed by All Souls, a time of remembering our loved ones who are no longer with us. We now turn our thoughts to Remembrance Sunday and to those who have given their lives in past and current conflicts. As the war rages on in Ukraine, with devastating consequences, the issues of war and peace, loss and self-giving are uppermost in our thoughts and prayers, and the words from the Collect for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent particularly apposite, 'revive us in new hope that all creation will one day be healed.'

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## **Third Sunday before Advent (6th November 2022)**

**8.00 Holy Communion** (*in church*) Readers: Anthony Van der Willigen & Gerry Lerner

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

Readers: Vicky Peattie & Carolyn Ponder; Intercessor: Mark Parker

Hymns: 584, 790, 814, 448, 598

**11.15 Family Praise**

**Services during the week:**

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

Readings: Titus 3: 1-7; Luke 17: 11-19

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

Readings: Philemon 7-20; Luke 17: 20-25

**Friday: 10.55 Act of Remembrance at the War memorial**

**11.15 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)** Readings: Third Sunday before Advent (*in church*)

**Next Sunday: Remembrance Sunday (13th November 2022)**

**9.00 Holy Communion with Hymns** (*in church*)

**10.45 Service of Remembrance (starting at the War Memorial)**

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

**The Collect for Third Sunday before Advent**

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in 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:**

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life  
for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

## Job 19: 23-27a

'O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock for ever!  
For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!

## 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-end

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

## Luke 20: 27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

## A thought 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent: Luke 20. 27-38

In the Resurrection life, we will live face to face with God in a life that never ends. All are equally children of God, brothers, and sisters to each other, taking their life and existence from God. That is now the focus of their relationship, and it is through that relationship that they are bound together.

Jesus in our Gospel challenges the Sadducees' unbelief about life after death. He shrewdly quotes from a part of the Bible which they recognised as true. He reminds them of the scene where the voice from the burning bush identifies itself to Moses. "I AM the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:6). God, says Jesus, is the God of the living. If Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are alive then the Sadducees' argument falls. Perhaps we would not be convinced by such an argument, but it clearly worked in this case.

Some scribes who were listening in were delighted at the refutation of the Sadducees. Most of them were Pharisees and believed in the resurrection. At the same time, after these replies of Jesus to both the Pharisees and the Sadducees, "they no longer dared to ask him anything".

We, of course, believe in the resurrection not so much because of Jesus' arguments here but because of his own resurrection and his promise to share his life with us forever.

### 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, Karen Leese

**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, Sheila Chasser, Aileen Brice

**In our Book of Remembrance** this week we remember: 6th Heather Grant, Shelia O'Donoghue, 7th Elizabeth Vass, 8th Esther Barners, John Beveridge, 9th Charles Binns, Lady Pamela Herbecq, Hele Davidson, 10th Betty Clover-Brown, George Tidd, Catherine Hackett, 11th Patricia Cree, Rosemary Stevens, 12th Betty Earnshaw, Moira Parham, Harry Fry