

Ticehurst & Flimwell Parishes
Sunday 20th September 2020

NOTICES and READING TEXTS for the
15th Sunday after Trinity (Creationtide)

In St Mary's Ticehurst:

9.30am Holy Communion (CW Contemporary)

A shortened said service of c.35 mins.

#FACE COVERINGS TO BE WORN#

From the Vicarage:

11.00am Online Morning Worship (Contemporary)

Praise, hymns, address and prayers, c.45 mins,

*viewable on St Mary's Facebook Page**

Notices

Especial welcome if it is your first time with us. Please remember your face covering, and be sure that for tracing purposes we have your name/contact details. The gift aid envelope can be used to give to the retiring collection (leave off the details if you can't gift aid). The distribution of Communion (bread only) will be explained in the service. At the end, please stay seated until invited to depart. Do stick to the 2m distancing and beware 'pinch-points', e.g. the retiring collection and the Vicar/Reader! See our website for the latest Update, COVID-19 Protocols and service sheets. Annual meetings to be held in church: Ticehurst on 1st Oct at 7.30pm, and Flimwell on 8th Oct at 7pm. See notices about this and elections/nomination papers for Churchwardens, Deanery Synod reps and PCC members.

Forthcoming Services

Next Sunday, 27th September:

8am Communion (1662 BCP) in St Mary's

9.30am Communion (Contemporary) at Flimwell

6.30pm Evening Prayer (1662 BCP, Harvest

Thanksgiving) in St Mary's.

Philippians 1.21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For

them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20.1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So, they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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