

St Mary's Ticehurst & St Augustine's Flimwell

Sunday 30th January 2022

NOTICES and READINGS for ...

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
(Candlemas)

Both at St Mary's ...

8.00am Communion (1662 BCP)

11.00am Communion (Contemporary)

Facemasks to be worn please on entry until seated and on departure (out of consideration for others).

Coffee available after the 11am service.

Communion is offered 'in one kind' (the bread only) for now. **Giving** - should you be unable to add to the collection plate as you leave, do consider a BACS payment. The Vicar's Letter on our website gives our bank details. Cheques to Ticehurst PCC or PCC of Flimwell can be sent to the Vicarage. Regular giving envelopes & gift-aid declarations are available. Do email St Mary's Treasurer Catherine Hennessey if you set up a direct debit cathhenn.ch@gmail.com and/or wish to gift-aid your giving. For St Augustine's, email Treasurer Deborah West deborahwest11@hotmail.com

11am Hymns – 288, 118, 354

NOTICES IN OUTLINE

A warm welcome if this is your first time with us!
St Augustine's Flimwell. Our next service is on 13th Feb: Morning Prayer, also from *Common Worship*. Our PCC meeting was postponed, new date tba. If you'd like more info about the church, or to visit, contact Churchwarden Jaye Hughes (01580 879431).
St Mary's Opening Hours. The church is fully open again, normally from 8am to 4pm. Some closures are however expected in February for various works.

SPECIAL SERVICES, EVENTS, MEETINGS

Sat 29th: 12.30pm Burial of Ashes, St Mary's G of R.

Fri 4th Feb: 2pm Memorial Service (Peter Mulleneux)

Weds 9th Feb: 2.45pm Open the Book Assembly

Sunday 6th Feb - Fourth Sunday Before Lent

Both in St Mary's:

8.00am Communion (1662 BCP)

11.00am Morning Worship (All-Age)

Hebrews 2: 14-18 [NRSV]

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of

the people.¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2: 22-40 [NRSV]

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'),²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;
³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,
³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage,³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day.³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

The Collect for the Day

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son 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.**

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