

St Mary's Ticehurst & St Augustine's Flimwell

Sunday 5th December 2021

NOTICES and READINGS for ...

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Communion (1662 BCP) in St Mary's

11.00am St Mary's Advent Family Service

4.30pm Flimwell Carols by Candlelight

Facemasks must be worn on entry and on departure. Any wearing required during the service will be announced to you on arrival, in light of what sadly seems to be a fast-moving situation.

Communion is offered 'in one kind' (bread only) until the COVID metrics improve hugely. Should you be unable to donate in the collection plate as you leave, you can make an offering by BACS (see Vicar's Letter on website for 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 please email Treasurer Deborah West deborahwest11@hotmail.com

NOTICES IN OUTLINE

A warm welcome if this will be your first time with us!

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR - Sat 4th Dec from 3.30pm to 5.30pm, in church & churchyard. Stalls & refreshments. **Facemasks to be worn and a one-way system observed, thank you!**

Services in Dec & Jan. See noticeboards, website and the News & Views magazine church page.

St Augustine's Flimwell. For the Carol Service on 5 Dec at 4.30pm **do bring a short reading/poem or carol suggestion.** Parishioners wanting more info, to offer support or visit, do contact Churchwarden Mrs Jaye Hughes (01580 879431; ringden87@gmail.com). Christmas Family Service on the 12th at 9.30am.

SPECIAL SERVICES, EVENTS, MEETINGS

Sat 4th Dec – 3.30pm St Mary's Christmas Fair

Tues 7th Dec – 1pm School rehearsal in St Mary's

Weds 8th Dec – 11.30am Memorial Service (Flimwell)

Thurs 9th Dec – 1pm School Christmas Service, St Mary's

Sunday 12th December: Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am Communion (1662 BCP) in St Mary's

9.30am Flimwell Christmas Family Service

11.00am Communion (Contemporary) in St Mary's

12.30pm Baptism Service (guest-list only)

Baruch 5: 1–9 [NRSV]

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. ² Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; ³ for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. ⁴ For God will give

you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'. ⁵ Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. ⁶ For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. ⁷ For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. ⁸ The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. ⁹ For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Malachi 3: 1–4 [NRSV]

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Luke 3: 1–6 [NRSV]

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of the region of Abilene, ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" '

The (Additional) Collect for the Day

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, he who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

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