

St Mary's Ticehurst & St Augustine's Flimwell

Sunday 9th May 2021

NOTICES and READINGS for ...

Sixth Sunday of Easter/Rogation Sunday

8am Communion (1662 BCP) in St Mary's
9.30am Flimwell Morning Worship (Rogation)
11am Rogation Service in St Mary's

Shortened services (c.35 mins), with prayers, short sermon, and some music at the 9.30am and 11am. Facemasks to be worn, and 2m distancing observed.

NOTICES

A warm welcome if this is your first time with us.

Family Support Work. Sheila Synge is willing to collect food/household items, call 01580 860164.

FSW make their local collection on the third Weds.

See new Vicar's Letter for FSW Open Garden info.

Annual Meetings. St Mary's is on 25 May at 7pm in church. Flimwell's is on 18 May at 7.30pm in church.

See website for notices and our revised electoral rolls.

Our COVID vaccinations are free. Do consider giving to help vaccinate more in the poorest countries:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rowanpatterson

Sunday 16th May

(The Sunday after Ascension Day)

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

11am Morning Worship livestreamed in St Mary's with congregation, viewable on our Facebook Page.

Previous **online services** may be viewed there. Do ask me for the service sheet for any of our online services.

COMMUNION READINGS

Acts 10.44–48 [NRSV]

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶ for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

John 15.9–17 [NRSV]

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you

friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

ROGATION READINGS

Psalm 147: 1-12 [CW]

¹ Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

² The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. ³ He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds. ⁴ He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. ⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. ⁶ The LORD lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground. ⁷ Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. ⁸ He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills. ⁹ He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. ¹⁰ His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner; ¹¹ but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. ¹² Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

Mark 12: 1-12 [NRSV]

Then he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watch-tower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

² When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. ³ But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴ And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. ⁵ Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. ⁶ He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ⁷ But those tenants said to one another, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours." ⁸ So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹ What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Have you not read this scripture:

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

¹¹ this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?"

¹² When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

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