

Ticehurst & Flimwell Parishes
Sunday 17th January 2021

LOCKDOWN #3 – OUR TWO PCCs DECIDED ON
7th JANUARY THAT WORSHIP SHOULD BE
ONLINE ONLY, SUBJECT TO REVIEW.
See the Vicar's Letter on our website.

NOTICES and READING TEXTS for
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

11.00am Online Morning Worship

A service in contemporary language with hymns/songs, sermon and prayers, c.45 mins. Pre-recorded in the Vicarage Studio. View at www.facebook.com/stMarysTicehurst

Notices

Especial welcome if it is your first time with us. Hoping that this doesn't suggest that I'm really struggling for good news in the new year, it lifted the spirits to see League 2 Crawley Town hammer Premier League's Leeds Utd in the FA Cup. Okay, I'm struggling. Then again, the upload of last Sunday's online service took nowhere near as long to complete as feared, such that it was available about 55 mins early. I'll schedule next Sunday's for precisely 11am! Our Eco Church Working Group will have met via Zoom on Tues 12th at 2pm. And Ticehurst St Mary's PCC also on Thurs 14th at 7pm. Let us pray that there may be some good news to impart after those meetings! Naturally we do hope, and let us pray, that Lockdown #3 is not as extended as some are predicting and that it may be safe to resume public worship in church for Lent. Moreover may lockdown be eased because infection and mortality rates have plummeted.

Sunday, 24th January The Third Sunday of Epiphany
11.00am Online Communion from the Vicarage

1 Samuel 3.1-20

[NRSV]

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall

say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' ¹⁷Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.'

¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

John 1.43-51

[NRSV]

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' ⁵⁰Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' ⁵¹And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

The Collect for the Day

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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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