

Sunday 19th September 2021

NOTICES and READINGS for ...

THIRD SUNDAY OF CREATIONTIDE
(Sixteenth after Trinity)

8.00am Communion (1662 BCP)

11.00am Choral Matins (1662 BCP)

3.00pm – new – **FOREST CHURCH** (in St Mary's churchyard, so be prepared for any weather!) New monthly 'service' - *Church for all who feel closer to God outdoors* – children and adults welcome!

Please wear facemasks in church out of consideration for others. Communion is offered 'in one kind' for now. Hymn-singing at the 11am, and coffee afterwards.

The collection plate is not passed round, but offerings in the 'retiring collection' are appreciated. Contactless payment is possible at St Mary's. Our bank details are detailed in the Vicar's Letter (see our website). Regular giving envelopes and gift-aid declarations are available.

NOTICES

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

St Mary's Opening. 9am to 4pm Mon to Thurs;

1.30pm to 4pm on Sundays (excludes 4th Sundays).

Services upto 14th November. A list is up in St Mary's Porch and on our website's homepage.

Eco Church: GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK (18-26th)

Organised by our Eco Church Group for Ticehurst and Flimwell drawing in community involvement: Posters are up, the programme is out (in church, local shops, on our website). More help/sponsorship is welcome!

Do consider signing the Climate Coalition's declaration <https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/declaration>

Next Sunday, 26th September at St Mary's

9.30am Flimwell Communion (Contemporary)

11am - St Mary's Harvest Festival:

Guest speaker. Foodbank items please. Picnic after at 12.30pm: bring your lunch, chair/rug ... and no plastic!

6.30pm Choral Evensong (1662 BCP)

Psalm 1

[CW]

- 1 Blessed are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do
not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper.
- 4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in
the judgement, nor the sinner in the
congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

James 3.13 - 4.3, 7-8a

[NRSV]

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

4. ¹ Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ... ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Mark 9.30-37

[NRSV]

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Additional Collect for the Day

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

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