

**St Mary's Ticehurst & St Augustine's Flimwell**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**NOTICES and READINGS for ...**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF CREATIONTIDE**  
**(17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity)**

**9.30am Flimwell Communion (Contemporary)**

**11am - St Mary's Harvest Festival Service:**

Guest speaker Gareth Martin (*A Rocha*, from Forest Row). Do bring Foodbank items for Family Support Work's foodbank. Collection divided equally between FSW (*servimg Sussex*) and Tree Aid. Picnic after ...

**12.30pm Picnic in the Churchyard** to end the GBGW!

Bring your lunch (try it without plastic)! And rug/chair.

**6.30pm Choral Evensong (1662 BCP)**

Please wear facemasks in church out of consideration for others. Communion is offered 'in one kind' (bread) for now. There is hymn-singing at these services.

The collection plate is not passed round, but offerings in the 'retiring collection' are appreciated. 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! (Perhaps that should be said before the donation info.)

**St Mary's Opening.** 9am to 4pm Mon to Thurs; 1.30pm to 4pm on Sundays (excludes 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays).

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

**Weddings:** Sat 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, Fri 1 Oct at noon (St Mary's).

**Eco Church: GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK (18-26<sup>th</sup>)**

In case you read this before the 26<sup>th</sup>, it's organised by our Eco Church Group who have drawn in community involvement. The programme link is on our website homepage and in church & local shops.

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

**Next Sunday, 3rd October at St Mary's**

8.00am Communion (1662 BCP)

11.00am Pet Service (Animal Welfare Sunday)

**COMMUNION AND EVENSONG READINGS**

**James 5.13-20**

[NRSV]

<sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. <sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup> you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**Mark 9.38-50**

[NRSV]

<sup>38</sup> John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' <sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup> Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup> 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup> 'For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

**HARVEST FESTIVAL READINGS**

**Joel 2.2-26**

<sup>21</sup> Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! <sup>22</sup> Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

<sup>23</sup> Children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. <sup>24</sup> The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. <sup>25</sup> I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. <sup>26</sup> You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

**Matthew 6.25-33**

<sup>25</sup> 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" <sup>32</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed you heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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