

St Mary's Ticehurst and St Augustine's Flimwell

To: Congregation members and those on our circulation list

Dear Friends

CHURCH UPDATE as at Thursday 10th September 2020

Climate Sunday: our online service launching the year of focus/action on the Climate Emergency has proved our most popular so far (400+ views). Penny's important sermon is attached and on our website.

St Mary's News: Building Works. We have just had electrical works undertaken, and we hope that various rain-goods will be repaired soon. We are pursuing the installation of a new audio/video/streaming system and also new noticeboards for the churchyard. Having solar panels remain on the agenda.

Harvest Service. Harvest thanksgiving will feature in the BCP Evening Prayer on 27th Sept. This year's charity will be harvest and Eco Church related: www.wateraid/uk - please donate/gift aid direct. Cheques payable to 'WaterAid'. The PCC will make a donation during October as part of our church's annual charitable giving.

Sad news today – Andrew Vidal passed away yesterday at 10pm. Please pray for Inge and the family.

St Augustine's News: our services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays have resumed, with Communion returning this coming Sunday at 9.30am. We had a positive PCC meeting today albeit with understandable concern over the COVID-19 situation. We look forward to our shortened said harvest thanksgiving service on 11th October. The PCC will donate to the Farming Community Network (FCN) as part of our thanksgiving.

New Bishops. Our Diocese's new suffragan bishops have services of installation on Sunday – Lewes at 2pm and Horsham at 3.30pm. The services can be watched on www.chichester.anglican.org/liveservices

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Shortened said services; subject to changes to the COVID-19 measures required of/assessed by us.

13th Sept: 9.30am St Mary's Morning Prayer (BCP, 1662); also 9.30am Communion at Flimwell (CW 2000)

20th Sept: 9.30am St Mary's Communion (Contemporary); 11am Online Morning Worship.

27th Sept: 8.00am St Mary's Communion (BCP, 1662); 9.30am Communion at Flimwell (Contemporary) and 6.30pm St Mary's Evening Prayer (**Harvest Thanksgiving** using the 1662 BCP).

4th October: 9.30am St Mary's **Animal Welfare Sunday Service** (NB. sorry, no pets: we're deferring the Pet Service to less restricted times). 11.00am Online A.W.S. Communion at 11am.

11th October: 9.30am **Flimwell's Harvest Service**; 11.00am St Mary's Communion (Contemporary).

18th October: **St Luke's Day - Thanksgiving for the NHS & Carers**. 9.30am St Mary's Communion (Contemporary) and 11am Online Morning Worship.

25th October: 8.00am St Mary's Communion (BCP, 1662); 9.30am Communion at Flimwell (Contemporary) and 6.30pm St Mary's Evening Prayer (**Commemoration of the Departed**).

Service sheets/'Pewsheets' (with reading texts) can be found on our website and www.achurchnearyou.com several days in advance of the Sunday and will be emailed to you (you may prefer to bring your own).

COVID-19 Protocols. Besides the wearing of face coverings in church which is now mandatory, other earlier protocols are on our website (for both churches).

Online Worship: currently on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month at 11am. See Facebook Page.

Especially for those of you not on the internet – DAILY HOPE provides C of E worship on 0800 804 8044.

Annual Meetings/Electoral Rolls (ERs). St Mary's: Thurs 1st October at 7.30pm; Flimwell: Thurs 8th October at 7.00pm, both in church. Only church ER members can vote: see notices/website for more info. Deadline for new ER members to apply via the Church ER Officer: Ticehurst 13th Sept and Flimwell 21st Sept.

Church Finances/Charity Giving. Your continued giving, contactless or otherwise, is much appreciated: Nat West Bank 60-22-15: Ticehurst PCC 71164383 or Parochial Church Council of Flimwell 35098651.

Off-duty. Pen and I are off-duty 14th to 19th Sept incl. Please contact a Churchwarden (see website), or Di.

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