

St Mary's Ticehurst and St Augustine's Flimwell

To: Congregation members and those on our circulation list

VICAR'S LETTER/UPDATE as at Wednesday 1st September 2021

Creationtide begins today, 1st September; this coming Sunday is *Climate Sunday* and we are organising for Ticehurst and Flimwell local events for the national Great Big Green Week (18th -26th). Yes, looking towards the COP26 conference the UK will chair in Nov., we focus this month on our planet's endangered environmental future. More below. We have special services throughout Creationtide as well as a number of baptisms and weddings! And our Open the Book team hope to be back in our local school for assemblies this month.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Some hymn-singing and Choir-singing has returned. Facemask-wearing is requested out of consideration for others. Communion is in 'one kind only' (bread) only for now. Coffee after most 11am's. *In St Mary's unless stated otherwise:-*

5 Sept: Climate Sunday

8am Communion (1662 BCP)
11am CLIMATE SUNDAY SERVICE*

12 Sept: 15th Sunday after Trinity

8am Communion (1662 BCP)
9.30am **Flimwell** Morning Prayer (Contemp.)
11am Communion (Contemporary)
12.45m Baptism Service (guest list only)

19 Sept: 16th Sunday after Trinity

8am Communion (1662 BCP)
11am Morning Prayer (1662 BCP)*
3pm FOREST CHURCH (in the churchyard)

26 Sept: 17th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am **Flimwell** Communion (Contemp.)
11am HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE
6.30pm Evensong (1662 BCP)

3 Oct: 18th Sunday after Trinity & Animal Welfare Sunday

8am Communion (1662 BCP)
11am PET SERVICE!!



* These services are also **livestreamed**, viewable on Facebook Page [@stMarysTicehurst](https://www.facebook.com/stMarysTicehurst)

The service sheets for online worship are on our [website](https://www.achurchnearyou.com) and also on [achurchnearyou](https://www.achurchnearyou.com)

ECO CHURCH – OUR GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK! (18th to 26th September) ... SEE NEXT PAGE! And [website](https://www.achurchnearyou.com) !

CLIMATE SUNDAY SERVICE (5th Sept at 11am). We begin our Creationtide worship on this countrywide day, praying for COP26 in Nov, i.e. for greater international commitment to arrest climate change. It includes ...

Green Choices Lifestyle Survey: questionnaire in church and attached to the Notices/Readings sheet.

FOREST CHURCH (19th Sept at 3pm). For people (children and adults) who find it easier to connect with their spiritual side outside in nature. In St Mary's churchyard, wet or dry! Come and give it a try!

ST MARY'S HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE (26th Sept at 11am; PICNIC at 12.30pm). Gareth Martin (*A Rocha*) will be our guest speaker. PLEASE BRING FOOD BANK ITEMS which we'll deliver to Family Support Work's foodbank (serving E.Sussex). The collection will be shared equally between the foodbank and [Tree Aid](https://www.treeaid.org.uk)

The Picnic at 12.30pm - bring rug/chair (& food) to mark the end of the GBGW! Try to make it plastic free!

Family Support Work. Sheila Syngé can be contacted (01580 860164) about foodbank/household items.

St Augustine's Flimwell's Harvest Service will be on Sun 11th Oct at 9.30am. More info to follow.

C of E's Living in Love and Faith Project (LLF). The short LLF course offered by the Deanery for parishioners is likely to be held via Zoom on five Monday evenings from 13th Sept. Contact me if you'd like more details.

CHURCH FINANCES. Your continued giving, contactless or otherwise, is very welcome. BACS details: Nat West Bank 60-22-15: Ticehurst PCC 71164383 or Parochial Church Council of Flimwell 35098651.

God bless you all. *Ashley Evans*

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CREATION CARE and THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

The Bible is framed around the story of God's creation – God's love for all that he has made and the ultimate plan for the final redemption of creation in the book of Revelation. We humans are made in God's image for this very purpose – to partner with God in the redemption of the created order. At the heart of this is love, love for people and love for creation. Jesus models how this is to be lived out – he steps out of the synagogue and into the community. He asks people 'what is it that you need', and each generation will answer that in different ways. In our generation, the physical effects of climate change (most especially amongst the poorest people on the planet) along with anxiety about climate change are intense – 98% of young people cite it as a major concern. So our action on climate change is intimately connected with God's call to serve those in need and to seek justice for all. This lies at the heart of mission and how we live out our faith in today's world.

The Great Big Green Week is an opportunity to get out into the community, to reflect together on how we can create a better world for future generations, playing our small part in the redemption of creation. We hope also that this will bring people together and help form new friendships. We hope you will join in with the events (some hosted by the Eco Church group, some by community groups). A full programme will be available very soon, on our website, with next week's Friday email circular and in local shops. However, you might like to note some dates and times in your diaries now:

Saturday 18 th Sept,	10am-12noon:	WI Sale of cakes and preserves
	4.00-5.30pm:	Film: My Octopus Teacher
Sunday 19 th Sept,	3.00-3.45pm:	Launch of Forest Church
Tuesday 21 st Sept,	6.00-7.30pm:	Talk: An Exploration of Plant Medicine
Weds, 22 nd Sept,	10am – 12 noon:	Coffee and conversation
	Evening (time tba):	Talk: Hands of Hope
Thurs 23 rd Sept,	10am-12noon:	Swap Shop
	1.30-4.00pm:	Painting in the churchyard
Friday 24 th Sept,	10.00-11.30am:	Yoga in the community with Beanie
	4.30-6.00pm:	Discussion with Huw Merriman, MP
	5.00-6.30pm:	Get Creative – Animal and Insect Sculptures
Saturday 25 th Sept,	10am-12noon:	Tree Planting
Sunday 26 th Sept,	11am-12noon:	Harvest Festival
	12.30-3.00pm:	Picnic in the Churchyard

It's promising to be a busy week! **If anyone is able to help in the following ways please let us know:**

- Donations of preserves for the WI stall on the 18th
- Donations of cakes and biscuits for the Coffee morning on the 22nd
- Sponsors for the trees to be planted on the St Mary's Lane plot

Many thanks for your generosity, and we hope to see you there!

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