

St Mary's Ticehurst and St Augustine's Flimwell

To: Congregation members and those on our circulation list

VICAR'S LETTER/UPDATE as at 26th November 2021



ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR! Sat 4th Dec from 3.30pm to 5.30pm at the church. Stalls & refreshments.

ADVENT is as early as it can be this year, beginning this Sunday, the 28th. Christmas stays where it usually is, but do note that Boxing Day is a Sunday with one Communion service at 11am - *on the Feast of Stephen!* I do hope and pray that this coming season will not be blighted with as many COVID restrictions as were necessary last year (see below the list of services). The services viewable online [@stMarysTicehurst](https://www.facebook.com/stMarysTicehurst) are asterisked.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Communion in 'one kind only' (bread) for the foreseeable. *In St Mary's unless stated:-*

28 Nov: First Sunday of Advent (ADVENT SUNDAY)

9.30am Flimwell Communion (Contemporary)
11am Communion (Contemporary)
6.30pm Evensong (1662 BCP)

5 Dec: Second Sunday of Advent

8am Communion (1662 BCP)
11am Family Service
4.30pm Flimwell Carols by Candlelight

12 Dec: Third Sunday of Advent

8am Communion (1662 BCP)
9.30am Flimwell Christmas Family Service
11am Communion (Contemporary)

19 Dec: Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am Communion (1662 BCP)
11am Morning Prayer (1662 BCP)
6.30pm St Mary's Carol Service*

24 Dec: CHRISTMAS EVE (Friday)

4pm Christingle Service (*see below*)
11.30pm Midnight Communion*

25 Dec: CHRISTMAS DAY (Saturday)

8am Communion (1662 BCP)
9.30am Flimwell Family Communion
11am St Mary's Family Communion

Sun 26 Dec: BOXING DAY (Feast of Stephen)

11am Communion (Contemporary)

Sun 2 Jan: The Epiphany

11am Communion (Contemp) *Fr Robin Tree*

9 Jan: The Baptism of Christ

8am Communion (1662 BCP)
9.30am Flimwell Morning Worship
11am Communion (Contemporary)

The services planned for the rest of January can be seen on our noticeboards and our [website](https://www.stmarysticehurst.org.uk).

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST MARY'S – please note these possibilities and changes to the 'norm' ...

Facemasks may, sadly, have to be worn throughout certain services. TBA nearer the time.

The Christingle Service may have to be held in St Mary's Churchyard in a shortened form. TBA.

The Midnight Communion is at **11.30pm**. We aim to make it available online also, to view live and later.

ST AUGUSTINE'S FLIMWELL. All welcome to the services listed above. Parking in Church Farm next door.

ST MARY'S ECO CHURCH - GOING FOR GOLD! St Mary's applied to *A Rocha* in mid-October for the Eco Church Gold Award. We've heard back from them now and are arranging for their visiting team to come as I type! Please continue to pray for COP26 not to be forgotten, i.e. for more resolve and action to save our planet.

FOREST CHURCH. It takes a break in December, back on Sun 16 Jan at 3pm in St Mary's Churchyard.

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH. The C of E debate about relationships. Give your views by 10 Dec - [survey](https://www.stmarysticehurst.org.uk/survey).

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK. Donate by 15 Dec (target £10k) and it will be match-funded. Go [here](https://www.stmarysticehurst.org.uk/fsw).

Non-perishable food/clean items welcome in St Mary's. Our [FSW](https://www.stmarysticehurst.org.uk/fsw) contact is Sheila Syngé (01580 860164).

ST MARY'S OPENING. Remains variable due to on-going work. Normally 9 – 4 Mon to Thurs, 1.30 – 4pm on Sun (excl. the 4th Sunday). To be reviewed when the local COVID rate is much lower in this part of the world.

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 this Christmas & New Year.

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