

St Mary's Ticehurst and St Augustine's Flimwell

Dear Congregation members and those on our circulation list

VICAR'S LETTER/UPDATE as at Friday 29th April 2022

Our Holy Week and Easter devotions went very well. It was good to see so many. There's lots going on this next six weeks, so let's get straight down to it ...

Annual Meetings (APCMs). St Mary's is on Thurs 12 May at 7.30pm. Flimwell St Augustine's is on Tues 31 May at 7pm. Both are in the respective church. Do come along if you are on the church's electoral roll and join in the closing discussion item.

ECO CHURCH - GOLD AWARD PRESENTATION - Sun 15th May at 3.30pm.

This will be made to St Mary's by the Bishop of Lewes, Rt Revd Will Hazlewood, with sandwiches & cake after, hopefully outside! All welcome. The *A Rocha* Eco Church article on our Gold Award can be seen, click [here](#) (Forest Church next meets 19 June.)

ROGATION SUNDAY, 22 May - Service, Walk & Picnic! The 11am service at St Mary's will include prayers in the churchyard. All are invited to a walk to Bewl Water c.12.15pm from the church. Do bring a picnic lunch!

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE – Thurs 2nd to Sun 5th June. St Mary's beacon will be lit at 9.45pm on Thurs 2nd with others nationally. FLOWER FESTIVAL in St Mary's throughout. 'Memories' board for your photos or anecdotes of HM. Junior art competition (see website/News & Views for info). **11am Songs of Praise** on Sun 5th in St Mary's - hymn suggestions can be put in the box in church using the slip provided! Both churches will be helping with stalls at the Celebration at Ticehurst Village Hall and Rec on the Saturday afternoon.

SUNDAY WORSHIP: *St Mary's unless stated.*

1 May: The Third Sunday of Easter

8am Communion (1662 BCP)
11am Morning Worship (All-age)

8 May: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8am Communion (1662 BCP; said)
9.30am Flimwell Morning Prayer (Contemporary)
11am Communion (Sung Eucharist)

15 May: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8am Communion (1662 BCP; said)
11am Morning Prayer (1662 BCP, Sung Matins)

[3.30pm Eco Church Gold Award Celebration/Tea]

22 May: Rogation Sunday/Sixth of Easter

9.30am Flimwell Communion (Contemporary)
11am Rogation Service (incl c/yard prayer circuit, then c.12.15pm walk to Bewl Water)
6.00pm Evensong (1662 BCP)

29 May: Sunday after Ascension (7th of Easter)

8am Communion (1662 BCP; said)
11am Communion (Sung Eucharist)

5 June: Pentecost/Platinum Jubilee Sunday

8am Communion (1662 BCP; said)
11am 'Jubilee' Songs of Praise (see above)

ASCENSION DAY - Thurs 26th May - 9.30am Communion (CW Trad Lang; said) in St Mary's Ticehurst.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS. Please still bring your facemasks, to wear until seated and on departure. We're not ready yet to share the chalice again, but intinction (the wafer dipped in the wine) is being offered.

ST AUGUSTINE'S FLIMWELL. All welcome to our 9.30am services on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. The former is generally a non-eucharistic service. Parking in Church Farm next door. Refreshments afterwards.

ST MARY'S ECO CHURCH. Before our Gold Award Celebration on the 15th it's **Hedgehog Awareness Week 1st – 7th May.** See our posters/leaflets with tips to help care for this beloved yet endangered animal.

The Big Plastic Count 16th - 22nd May. Government are starting the process of deciding on legal targets for reducing plastic waste, and they need more information. Do make a list of all the plastic you throw away in this one week and sign up at <https://thebigplasticcount.com/>

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK – click [here](#) . Supporting the poorest families (incl refugees) in our Diocese. Contact Sheila Synge (01580 860164). Donations, non-perishable food and clean household items welcome.

PILGRIMAGE FUNDRAISER, Weds 11th May at 11.30am, Etchingham's Philip Hinde will call at St Mary's on his walk to Rochester Cathedral for Christian Aid. Do come along to hear him. His Justgiving page is [here](#) .

CHURCH FINANCES. Your continued giving in 2022, contactless or otherwise, is very welcome. BACS details: Nat West Bank 60-22-15: Ticehurst PCC 71164383 or Parochial Church Council of Flimwell 35098651.

FINALLY, IF YOU GIFT AID (or wish to) we need a fresh declaration form from you. Forms in church or ask.

God bless you all.

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