***St Mary’s Ticehurst & St Augustine’s Flimwell***

***Sunday 16th May 2021***

***NOTICES and READINGS for …***

***Seventh Sunday of Easter***

***(and the Sunday after Ascension Day)***

**8am Communion (1662 BCP) in St Mary’s**

**11am Morning Worship** **livestreamed in St Mary’s with congregation**, viewable on our Facebook Page.

Shortened services (c.35/40 mins), with prayers, short sermon, and some hymns played for you at the 11am. Facemasks to be worn, and 2m distancing observed.

**NOTICES**

A warm welcome if this is your first time with us.

**Annual Meetings (APCMs)**. Flimwell’s is 18 May at 7.30pm, and St Mary’s on 25 May at 7pm, both in church. Please bring your facemask. See website for the APCM notices, vacancies for which nominations are invited and the revised electoral rolls (voters).

**Thy Kingdom Come**. As will be mentioned in services today the global prayer initiative ‘Thy Kingdom Come extends from 13th to Pentecost. See website [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) for resources.

**Family Support Work**. Sheila Synge is willing to collect food/household items, call 01580 860164. FSW make a local collection on the 3rd Weds (19th). See the Vicar’s Letter (still on our website) for info on the FSW Open Garden on 30 May in Eridge Green.

**Diocesan Magazine ‘Faith in Sussex’**. This is online: <https://online.fliphtml5.com/qmzrd/rppf/>

**Our COVID vaccinations are free**. Do consider giving to help vaccinate more in the poorest countries:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rowanpatterson](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rowanpatterson)

**Sunday 23rd May – Day of Pentecost**

9.30am Flimwell Communion (Contemporary)

11am Pentecost Communion (Contemp) in St Mary’s

6.30pm Evening Prayer (1662 BCP) in St Mary’s

**READINGS**

**Acts 1: 15–17, 21–26** [NRSV]

15 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 16‘Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— 17for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’
21So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ 23So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. 24Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen 25to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ 26And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**John 17.6–19** [NRSV]

6 ‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. 12While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.14I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.16They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 17Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

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