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

***Sunday 19th June 2022***

**NOTICES and READINGS for …**

***The First Sunday after Trinity***

8am St Mary’s Communion (1662 BCP; said)

11am St Mary’s Morning Prayer (1662 BCP, Sung)

3pm FOREST CHURCH in St Mary’s Churchyard

**Hymns at 11.00am**: 277, 174, 371, 304; Ps 42/43.

Facemasks are optional. Communion continues to be administered either by *intinction* (my dipping the wafer into the wine to place it in your open palm/s) or in *one kind only* (the wafer).

**Giving** – there is a collection plate as you depart, or do consider a BACS payment. The Vicar’s Letter on our website gives our bank account details. Regular giving envelopes/gift-aid declarations are available. **St Mary’s needs a new gift aid declaration form from all** **who’ve previously given us permission.** Do email cathhen.ch@gmail.com (St Mary’s Treasurer, Catherine Hennessey) if you want to ‘direct debit’ or to gift-aid, or deborahwest11@hotmail.com for St Augustine’s.

**Wednesday Communion** (CW Trad.Lang.) on 22 June at 9.30am in St Mary’s Room.

**Crematorium Funeral** for Malcolm Slack, Weds 22 June at 1.45pm, Tunbridge Wells.

**Service of Thanksgiving** in St Mary’s for the life of Trevor Harris, Thurs 23 June at 10.30am.

Arrangements for John Poole’s funeral TBA.

**National Count on Nature** in the churchyard: the bug hotel was superbly constructed on the Friday with the Beavers group; the Eco Church Group (with visitors) accumulated a sizeable nature count the next morning!

**FOREST CHURCH RETURNS!!!** In St Mary’s Churchyard on this Sunday at 3pm, for those of any

age who might find God more easily outdoors! Offers to help with Forest Church to Penny please (Vicarage).

**26th June – The Second Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Flimwell Communion (Contemporary)

11am St Mary’s Communion (Contemporary)

6pm Evensong (1662 BCP, Choral)

**Galatians 3: 23-29** (NRSV)

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. 25But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

**Luke 8: 26-39** (NRSV)

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. 28When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, ‘What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me’ - 29for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30Jesus then asked him, ‘What is your name?’ He said, ‘Legion’; for many demons had entered him. 31They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

32Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

34When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 35Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. 37Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39‘Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had

done for him.

**The Collect for the Day (Trad. Lang.)**

O God,

the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers and,

because through the weakness of our mortal nature

we can do no good thing without thee,

grant us the help of thy grace that,

in keeping of thy commandments,

we may please thee, both in will and deed;

through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,

who liveth and reigneth with thee,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

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