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

***Sunday 29th May 2022***

***NOTICES and READINGS for …***

**THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**

**(The Seventh of Easter)**

*Both at St Mary’s:*

8.00am Communion (1662 BCP; said)

11.00am Communion (Sung Eucharist)

**11am Hymns**: 82, 429, 432, 170.

**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 set up a direct debit or to gift-aid.

**Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Church Events.** We’ll light our beacon at **9.45pm** on Thurs 2nd June. Flower Festival sponsors welcome, but we especially need volunteer stewards to staff it (in pairs): see sign-up lists in church. Suggest a hymn for St Mary’s 11am Songs of Praise! Please use the box in church before 31May.

**Wednesday Communion** begins again on 8th and 22nd June at 9.30am in St Mary’s Room (CW Trad; said).

***St Mary’s Eco Church Newsletter now out, see website!***

**National Count on Nature, St Mary’s Churchyard**

Family event 5.30-6.30pm on Friday 10 June; our part in the Count itself is at 10-12noon on Saturday 11th .

**5th June – PENTECOST/JUBILEE SUNDAY**

8.00am St Mary’s Communion (1662 BCP; said)

11.00am St Mary’s Songs of Praise

**Acts 16.16–34**  [NRSV]

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, ‘These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.’ 18She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, ‘I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.’ And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. 20When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, ‘These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews 21and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.’ 22The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23After they had

given them a severe flogging, they threw them into

prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. 27When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28But Paul shouted in a loud voice, ‘Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.’ 29The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30Then he brought them outside and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ 31They answered, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ 32They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

**John 17.20–26** [NRSV]

20 ‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 ‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

### **The 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; he who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

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