

CHURCH NEWS & VIEWS

for September 2009

St. Mary's, Ticehurst and St. Augustine's, Flimwell
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Nearly two years ago we came to Ticehurst and Flimwell and now feel very much part of the community. I'm often asked what I get up to.

Sharing my diary

What does a Vicar do? I've resisted sharing my diary but after two years perhaps it is time to go back over the last week for you to see my involvement in the community. Monday 3rd August started with prayer in the church with our Reader David Bowles. Then at 8.45am I met with the Wardens, Jacky Ward and Sheila Minet, to go through the week and plan ahead. I also met with Di Freeman our Parish Administrator, just to review the week. Holiday Club started at 10am and so it was great to welcome the youngsters into the church. At 2pm we had a meeting with Roger Simmons from East Sussex County Council to get an update on the Children's Centre progress and check the details of the arrangements. It was decided to have an open meeting in September in the village hall so folk could really have a chance to understand all that will happen in this centre.

Lights of Love

At 5pm I met Geoff Driver, Chaplain of St. Michael's Hospice to work with them on setting up a 'Lights of Love' service in St. Mary's Church on 6th December 2009. I then visited to talk through the details of a funeral service. At 8pm that evening I met relatives to discuss a burial service. Tuesday started with our monthly prayer meeting in the church at 9am and then it was my turn to talk to the holiday club youngsters about *St. Mary*. I got a brief update from Scott and Kevin from *Paynes* on the building project - all going well! On to a meeting with the new Church Warden at St. Augustine's, Flimwell, Peter Johnson, and back to take the burial of John Joyce.

Motorcycle and sidecar

A first for me as the coffin arrived on a motorcycle and sidecar, don't know if this is a first for Ticehurst? Then off to the dentist and hygienist - help!!! In the evening a local couple came to see me about getting married in the church - a date was fixed. Wednesday started again with prayers in the church with David and then on to the Holiday Club. In the afternoon we had a tennis tournament at the Old Vicarage in aid of the building project, at the invitation of the Swifts. It was indeed a gorgeous afternoon and great fun. In the evening I did a baptism visit. On Thursday we had the Holy Communion service that usually happens on the Wednesday in the church and then off to Cross Lane House for a communion service there. Back for a pub lunch with a member of the congregation at Flimwell. In the evening we had our St. Mary's PCC meeting at the Minet's home. Friday we had a lovely rehearsal for the wedding of Katharine Howitt to Philip Harrison and then Sheila Minet and I met Richard Upton (The Bell pub) to look at the shop in the high street. Saturday I visited someone and took the wedding and enjoyed the reception. It is indeed a vibrant community we live in with a lot happening.

All the very best. **Tim Mills**

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SERVICES AT ST MARY'S IN SEPTEMBER

Sundays 8.00 am: Holy Communion
Wednesdays 10am: Holy Communion
Tuesday 1st 9.30 a.m. Informal Prayer Meeting
Sunday 6th Sept: 9.30am All Age Informal Service
11am Holy Communion & Junior Church (Patronal Festival of St.Mary the Virgin, Ticehurst)
Sunday 13th Sept :
11am Morning Prayer & Junior Church.(Hot Potato Sunday) "What happens when you die?"
Sunday 20th Sept :
11am Holy Communion & Junior Church:
4.30pm. Café Church at the school, (games from 3.30 pm)
Sunday 27th Sept:
11am Harvest Festival All-Age Service followed by Harvest Festival lunch (Sign-up required)
6.30pm Special Healing Service
Thursdays 9.45/11am Tots Time (for the U5's in term time)

SERVICES AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday 13th Sept: 9.30am
All-Age Informal Holy Communion
Sunday 27th Sept: 9.30am
Holy Communion

FROM THE REGISTERS

Cremation: John Hardcastle - 10th August 2009
Thanksgiving for the life of John Hardcastle - 11th August 2009
Funeral Service and Burial Don Wild - 22nd July 2009
Burial: John Joyce - 4th August 2009
Interment of Ashes John Hudson - 2nd July 2009
Weddings
David Sequeira and Elizabeth Newington - 4th July 2009
David Arnold and Melissa Janes - 18th July 2009
Graham Payne and Lauren Copp - 25th July 2009
Philip Harrison and Katherine Howitt - 8th August 2009

ST.MARY'S CHURCH HOLIDAY CLUB

A big thank you to *News and Views* and all of you who contribute generously each month. Our holiday club was very grateful for a £200 contribution which enabled us to buy stationery, art supplies, prizes etc. which will also provide Junior Church and Café Church with materials for months to come. There was a surplus which is being held in church funds. The holiday club ran successfully for three mornings at the beginning of August and we averaged twenty children each day. The theme was *Superheroes* – Daniel, Mary and Jesus. The children made lion masks and mobiles with Daniel and the Lions. The following day they made special greetings cards for an important lady in their lives and shields and door plates for their bedrooms. The final day we all worked outdoors on a collage of Jesus in the fishing boat casting the net and catching loads of fish. This is hanging up in the Church. Several of the older children did a medieval wood panel painting on hardboard of the Madonna and Child or the Angel Gabriel and these will be displayed at the Art Exhibition in October. We had a great team of helpers who worked really hard for the children and I am greatly indebted to them and also my dear husband who spent a whole weekend in the garage making mobiles and cutting out hardboard.

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