

St Mary the Virgin, Ringmer
20th September 2026
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am Eucharist for Ordinary Time. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please see the sidespeople.	
Readers:	Garry Clark and Jo Harper
Readings:	Jonah 3.10-4.11, Philippians 1.21-30, Matthew 20.1-16
Intercessions:	Sue Howes
Chalice:	Sue Howes and Revd Pat Brenton
Sidespeople:	Garry and Jill Clark
Hymns:	489, 284, 629, 652
Taize chants being sung during the Communion	
Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry, Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst. Come and fill our hearts with your peace, You alone O Lord are Holy, Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia! My soul is at rest in God alone, my salvation comes from him.	
Organ Voluntary:	Sinfonia from Handel's oratorio 'Solomon'
6.30pm Evensong	
Music before the service:	Andante from Trio Sonata no.4 by J S Bach
Readers:	Ray Brenton and Murray Bricknell
Readings:	Ezekiel 33.23,30-34.10; Acts 26.1, 9-25
Hymns:	783i, choir anthem, 455, 715,
Anthem:	God of all creation by Totney
God of all creation, for whom the church, in liturgy and song, has borne faithful witness through the centuries, let us be your instruments of praise, that in us may be found that new dimension of sound which tunes our souls and bodies to the infinite beauty of your truth, and the profound glory of your eternal light. Amen	
Psalm:	119.113-136 Mag & Nunc: 49, 63
Sidespeople:	Murray Brickell and Anne Franklin

*Before the service talk to God.
During the service God will talk to you.
After the service talk to everyone else.
(Don't forget to listen to the music too)*

Collect

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around
and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you
with reverence
and know your peace
at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you have taught us
through your Son
that love is the fulfilling
of the law:
grant that we may love
you with our whole heart
and our neighbours
as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Please pray for

All who care for loved ones
Local farmers and the farming community
People living in Green Lane and Harvey's Lane
In Memory: Malcolm Lyon (21/9), Horace Parker (22/9)

Floodlighting

25 th September	Keith Hart	In loving memory
27 th September	Albert and Grace Sheppard	In loving memory

If you would like the church floodlit on a specific evening in memory of a loved one please contact Shirley. A donation of £15 will be gratefully received.

St Mary's is open daily between 8.30am and 4.00pm. Morning Prayer is said most mornings Monday – Saturday at 8.30am and the daily set psalms and readings for next week are:

Monday (Matthew) – Psalm 49; 1 Kings 19.15-end, 2 Timothy 3.14-end
Tuesday – Psalm 48; 1 Kings 13.11-end, Acts 19.21-end
Wednesday – Psalm 119.57-80; 1 Kings 17, Acts 20.1-16
Thursday – Psalm 57; 1 Kings 18.1-20, Acts 20.17-end
Friday – Psalm 51; 1 Kings 18.21-end, Acts 21.1-16
Saturday – Psalm 68; 1 Kings 19, Acts 21.17-36

Items for newsheets on 27th September – If you have extra items to be included in this newsheet please send them to Revd David on vicar@ringmerchurch.org.uk by Wednesday lunchtime.

On Friday 9th October the Mothers' Union are having a Coffee Morning in the Church Room – 10-12noon. Paintings that Anne Stamper created for her talks to other MU branches will be on show and anyone who would like one is welcome to give a donation for them. There will also be a raffle. Proceeds will go to MU.

Ringmer Village Hub - St Mary's are having a stand at the Village Hub event being held in the village hall on Saturday 3rd October 10am to 1pm. We would very much like some volunteers to talk to visitors and promote the church to the village. If you are able to help for half an hour please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

Bible Study – On Thursday 24th September we continue our Bible Study series entitled 'A Psalm for All Season'. Usual time and place – Church Room at 3.45pm (tea and biscuits from 3.30pm) Each week stands alone so do come whenever you can. The psalm this week is Psalm 37 (Summer: How the Meek inherit the Earth).

Ringmer Climate Support Group is meeting in the Church Room on Thursday 24th September at 7.00pm to gather together a steering group. Our Eco team is supporting this community group, so do please contact Rosemary Colebourn if you would like to be part of it or to find out more. 07552487694



Season of Creation and beyond.....Are you a Zero Waste Hero?

The St Mary's Eco Church team would like us all to focus, week by week, on checking what we do to reduce waste, landfill and precious resources....including cost!

- Swapped to darker-coloured bathroom towels so they need washing less often
- Use soap bars rather than liquid soap
- Used a refill service for foods (eg nuts, seeds, deli) or cleaning liquids
- Stopped using a product because it has too much packaging/waste
- Complained to a company/campaigned about overpackaging

Harvest Festival: 4th October Can we remember Family Support Work at this time and fill our basket once again with goodies - no fresh items, as you know - food of course and also stuff to keep bodies and homes clean. They are always so appreciative of our gifts. With thanks, Martine Bailey. You can leave bags on our doorstep if more convenient, at 7 Penn Crescent. Tel 01273 812 432.

Monetary donations will go to support the diocese nominated charity this year who work with Christians that are persecuted across sub-Saharan Africa and strengthening local churches as they provide practical assistance, encouragement and hope. The charity is

www.opendoorsuk.org

Please support the **Village Market on September 29th 10am – 12noon** in The Village Hall. Lots of stalls, and tea and coffee money goes to the church.

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Monday	10.00am	Social Prescribers in the Church Room
Tuesday	10.00am	Art Group meets in the Church Room
	12.30pm	AA meet in the Church Room
Wednesday	10.00am	Art Group 2 meets in Church Room
	10.00am	Coffee Break in Alan West Room in VH
	10.30am	Toddlers in the Symons Room in the VH
	2.30pm	<i>Singalong</i> meets in the Church Room
	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Thursday	10.00am	Said Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
	10.00am	Social Prescribers in the Church Room
	3.45pm	Bible Study in the Church Room
	7.00pm	Ringmer Climate Support Group CR 7.00pm
Friday	2-4pm	Churchyard gardening
	6.30pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	10.00am	Eucharist for Ordinary Time with the Ministry of Prayer

First Reading – Jonah 3.10-4.11

When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Second Reading - Philippians 1.21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by

your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said; 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'