

Dates for your Diaries - Lent Lunches

These will be held on **Wednesdays from 12 noon to 2 pm.** as follows:

21st February at the Emmanuel Centre, (Methodist Church)

28th February in the Roman Catholic Room (Roman Catholic Church)

7th March at the Manna House (Baptist Church)

14th March at the Benedicta Whistler Centre (St Mary's)

Each Church will decide on the charity it will support with the proceeds.

Christmas Tree Festival 2018

Thank you to all those who took the time to vote for the theme for the 2018 Christmas Tree Festival. The vote was very close this year but the winner is **Favourite Book or Poem**. If you are considering entering a tree this year and would like further details please speak to Sue Blackman 774201.

Food Bank

We have recently received a large quantity of food from the Bexhill Branch, due to a record collection weekend at Tesco Ravenside. Our storage areas are now quite full and there are only a few items we need at present: baked beans, rice pudding, cold meat and fish. We have quite a few small tins of fish (sardines etc.) so some medium/larger tins would be welcome. Thank you. Shelagh and Helen

Drivers needed urgently !

In view of increased numbers of non-drivers, we urgently need more volunteers to give lifts to St Mary's for the 9.30 am service on Sundays. If you think you might be able to help regularly once or twice a month, or just occasionally when others are away, do please contact me: David Ormrod

PEW SHEETS

If you have anything you would like included in next week's pew sheet please e-mail pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk **deadline date for pew sheets 9pm Wednesday evenings.**

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE & CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, TELHAM

Second Sunday before Lent

4th February 2018

Welcome to all – especially visitors and newcomers

Please take this pew sheet home with you!

Parish Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, please grow Your kingdom here in our parish. Fill our worship with Your living presence and help us to experience You touching and transforming our lives. Help us to know You better and give us the confidence to trust You more. Help us to work with You in drawing people into this church, and to welcome them when they come. Especially we pray that new families and children may find the love of Jesus here, and the joy of knowing Him as their Saviour and Lord. Amen

Collects of the Day

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen

Or

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS, HYMNS AND PRAYERS FOR TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion – St Mary’s The Dean

9.30am Parish Communion - St Mary’ The Dean

Readings: Colossians 1: 15-20 (p.1182)

John 1: 1-14 (p.1063)

Hymns: 32, 557, 390, 316 & 738 (*Songs of Fellowship*)

*(Between these services all are warmly invited for refreshments
in the Benedicta Whistler Centre)*

11.00am Modern Service – St Mary’s The Dean

Join us for this relaxed and less formal time of worship for all ages. All words for the service, including both Bible readings and songs, will be displayed on the screen.

6.00pm Choral Evensong – St Mary’s Mrs Alison Hassell

Readings: Genesis 2. 4b-9, 18-25 (page 4)

Luke 8. 22-35 (page 1037)

Psalm: 65

Hymns: 263(*omit *verses*), 377, 467 & 252
(*New English Hymnal*)

Church of the Ascension, Telham Revd I Morrison

10.00am Holy Communion

Readings: Proverbs 8 v 1 & 22-31

Colossians 1 v 15-20

John 1 v 1-14

Psalm: 104 v 26-end

Services on Sunday 11th February 2018

8.00 am Holy Communion St Marys

9.30am Parish Communion St Marys

10.00am Matins Telham

11.00am Modern Service St Marys

Every weekday morning at 8.00 am to 8.25am St Mary’s

The early morning prayer group meet each weekday morning in the St Catherine Chapel. Everyone is welcome to join with us.

Midweek Holy Communion – Every Thursday at 10.30am

Everyone is invited to share communion with this small friendly congregation in the Lady Chapel followed by Coffee and Fellowship in the Benedicta Whistler Centre

Prayer List

Please pray for: All on our list, together with those in nursing homes who are no longer able to attend church, those known to us personally and those known only to our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you would like to add a name to the weekly prayer list, please contact Alison Hassell.

The Year of Prayer

As a part of the Global 24/7 Prayer initiative during 2017/2018 members of St Mary’s Church will be praying for the people, businesses and community throughout the town. The aim is to cover the whole town in Prayer between the start of Advent in 2017 to the start of Advent in 2018. You are invited to join us as we pray for this week, **4th February Chain Lane, Battle**

Time for Prayer Monday 5th February

We meet at **7:30 pm** in the Benedicta Whistler Centre. Our guiding verse for this year is 2 Chron 7:14. Please join us in our monthly Time of Prayer. We pray for our church, the world and any prayer requests you may have. *Ian McLeod*

Lent Taize Evening – 27th February

Please come to this service if you can, it will be held in the Roman Catholic Church starting at **7pm**. Everyone welcome.