

Food Bank

On Tuesday last we had a most enjoyable gathering of volunteers- an opportunity to get to know each other better, with a talk and video from Simon Earl (Manager of the Bexhill Foodbank, of which Battle and Rye are members.) The cold weather and steadily rising food prices are taking a toll on people in any sort of crisis situation. Numbers of clients coming to the Food Bank are rising, and today we saw our cupboard virtually emptied. In fact we were not able to give our later clients the full allocation of food. This is despite the generosity of the Battle churches and other Battle residents.

We are therefore appealing for donations of all the foods on our list (which is displayed in the West Porch at St. Mary's.) We ask all who are warm and adequately fed this winter to donate to the Food Bank if they can....just one item will make a difference and be gratefully received. To all our volunteers and contributors – be assured that your contribution is very much valued. Thank you.

Shelagh Franks and Helen Ormrod.

Drivers on Sunday at 9.30 am !

We usually have enough volunteers to give lifts to all church services, but we need a couple more drivers who could occasionally (when others are away) give lifts to those wishing to attend the 9.30am service on Sundays. If you could help, or would like a lift (to any service or event), please contact: David Ormrod

Wanted!

We need someone to temporarily take over the pew sheet for the months of **June, July and August**. If you feel you can help please can you have a chat with Sue Blackman and she will give you more details of what the job entails.

*Information for pew sheets to pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk no later than **9pm Wednesday evenings**.*

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE and CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, TELHAM

Fourth Sunday before Lent 5th February 2017

Welcome to all – especially visitors and newcomers

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

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

OR

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS AND HYMNS FOR TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

The Dean

Readings: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-12 (p.1145)

Matthew 5: 13-16 (p.969)

Hymns: 1583, 544, 1346, 596 and 620 (*Songs of Fellowship*)

(After the service all are warmly invited for refreshments in BWC)

11.00am Modern Service

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

Mrs A Hassell

Readings: Amos 2 v 10 - 16 (page 917)

Ephesians 4 v 17 - end (page 1175)

Hymns: 55, 436, 186, 463, 353 & 420 (*New English Hymnal*)

We welcome to this service pupils from Battle Abbey School

10.00am Holy Communion, Telham

Rev. I Morrison

Readings: Isaiah 58 v 1-9a

1 Corinthians 2 v 1-12

Matthew 6 v 30-34

Psalm: 112 v 1-9

Services next Sunday 12th February 2017

8.00am Holy Communion

St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion

St. Mary's

10.00am Matins

Telham

11.00am Modern Service

St. Mary's

4pm Healing Service*

St Mary's

**Please note this service begins at 4pm (not 3pm as listed in the February Magazine)*

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.

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.

Every Thursday 10.30 am St. Mary's

Midweek Communion in the Lady Chapel followed by Coffee and Fellowship in the Benedicta Whistler Centre. All welcome.

Quiz Night – 17th February

The quiz night will now be on Friday 17th February, (apologies for the change of date, the quizmaster had double booked himself!),

6.30pm for a 7pm start, £6 to include a ploughman's supper.

Please sign up in the porch so we know numbers of tables required and how many to feed!