

Food Bank

The last two weeks have been quieter, so stock is looking much healthier in most areas. This week we are asking particularly for tinned fruit, custard, steamed puddings, coffee, rice pudding and fish. We would also be grateful to receive shampoo, shower gel (just standard size bottles, please) and deodorants for men and women. Thank you. *Shelagh Franks and Helen Ormrod.*

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Wednesday 26th April

Please make a note in your diary of this important Church Meeting starting at **7.30pm** in the Benedicta Whistler Centre.

Easter Cards

The re-cycled Easter Cards will be in the church shortly, please have a look and hopefully, buy! All proceeds to St Mary's Church. Thank you. *Sheila Gerken.*

Can you help?

We need someone to temporarily take over the pew sheet for the months of **June, July and August**. The pew sheet takes approximately 2 hours per week to produce and print off. If you can help please speak with Sue Blackman. Thank you!

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

Church Website(www.stmarysbattle.org.uk) If you have information to be entered or updated on the website, please forward to

webmaster@stmarysbattle.org.uk

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

First Sunday of Lent 5th March 2017

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, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS AND HYMNS FOR TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

Mrs A Hassell & The Dean

Readings: Romans 5.12-19 (p1132)

Matthew 4.1-11 (p967)

Hymns: 67, 49, 439, 294 & 420 (*New English Hymnal*)

(*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

The Dean

Readings: Deuteronomy 6: 4-9, 16-end (p.185)

Luke 15: 1-10 (p.1048)

Psalm: 50: 1-15

Hymns: 333, 464, 376 & 486

10.00am Holy Communion, Telham

Revd I Morrison

Readings: Genesis 2 v 15-17; 3 v 1-7

Romans 5 v 12-19

Matthew 4 v 1-11

Psalm: 32

Services next Sunday 12th March 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

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.

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 Thursday 10.30 am St. Mary's

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

LENT LUNCHEES – 12 noon to 2pm

WEDNESDAY 8th March Battle Baptist Church

In the Manna House, Mount Street, Battle

WEDNESDAY 15th March St Mary's Church

The Benedicta Whistler Centre at St Mary's Church

WEDNESDAY 22nd March The Roman Catholic Church, Church Parish room, Mount Street, Battle

WEDNESDAY 29th March The Methodist Church

The Emmanuel Centre, Harrier Lane, Battle

Donations received are distributed to charities nominated by each group

Lent Study Group – starting Wednesday 8th March to 12th April

There will be a weekly Lent Study Group on Wednesdays at 7.30pm commencing on the 8th March until the 12th April. This will replace the usual twice monthly Bible Study Class. All are welcome.

Friday Fellowship – 10 March

We next meet at 3 Starrs Mead, Battle starting at 7.30pm

Norman Nuthall