

Nursery Committee

St. Mary's Nursery is run by a Board of Directors who oversee all aspects of its operation, and provide support and guidance to staff. More importantly, the directors form the 'registered body' and are responsible to Ofsted for all nursery activity, to ensure current legislation is met and maintained. Clive Smith has been a director and held the role of Chairperson since the nursery was begun, in 2012. Clive's input has been invaluable but sadly it is time for him to step down and hand over the reins. One of the intentions of the nursery is to maintain positive links with St Mary's Church, as part of its outreach and community activity. We therefore need to seek a replacement for Clive, who will share our vision, and support our work. This may all sound daunting but we are praying that someone will be ready and willing to take up the task. If this could be you, please speak to Jackie Richards, Clive Smith or the Dean.

FLOWERS AT EASTERTIDE

Easter Day this year falls **on 27th March**. The flower guild will be decorating the church for the festival on **Saturday 26th** from 9.00am and we welcome gifts of flowers and foliage on the day. If you would care to make a donation toward the cost of the arrangements which will include lilies and wish to have the name (s) of departed loved ones inscribed on the memorial scroll, will you kindly let me have the details by **Sunday 20th**. Should you prefer to pay by cheque please make it payable to St. Mary's Church Flower Guild. We thank you for your continuing support, so enabling us to have fresh flower arrangements throughout the year.
Tina Staton, 24a Mount Street. TN33 OEG

Food Bank

This week we are particularly asking for treats (chocolate etc.) tins of soup, dried potatoes, dried milk, UHT milk, and coffee. Many thanks.
Shelagh Franks, Helen Ormrod.

Pew Sheet items

Please send any information for the pew sheets by email:
pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk no later than 9pm on Wednesday evenings. Many thanks.

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.

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent – 6th March 2016

Mothering Sunday

Welcome to all – especially visitors and newcomers

PARISH PRAYER FOR 2016

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

God of compassions, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS AND HYMNS FOR TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's The Dean

9.30am Parish Communion St Mary's The Dean

Readings: Galatians 4: verses 1-7 and 21-28 (p.1170)

Luke 7: 11-17 (P.1035)

Hymns: 112, 54, 780, 40 and 127 (*Songs of Fellowship*)

After the service all are warmly invited for refreshments in the adjoining BWC

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 A Hassell

Readings: Exodus 2 v 1-10 (page 58)

John 19v 25-27 (page 1088)

Psalm: 127

Hymns: 186, 285, 77 and 413

10.00am Holy Communion Telham Reverend I Morrison

Readings: Exodus 2 v 1-10

2 Corinthians 1 v 3-7

Luke 2 v 33-35

Psalm: 127 v 1-4

Prayer List: Please pray for:

All on our list, together with those in nursing homes who are not able to attend church, those known to us and those known only to our Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks for the life of **Stanley Perry** and remember his family in our prayers. Stanley's funeral will take place at Hastings Crematorium on **Monday, 14th March at 1:15 pm.**

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

Services next Sunday 13th March 2016

8.00am Holy Communion St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion St. Mary's

10.00am Holy Communion Church of the Ascension

11.00am Modern Service St. Mary's

Every weekday morning at 8.00 am to 8.25am

If your Lenten discipline is to spend more time in Prayer and Bible study rather than to give up chocolate why not join the early morning prayer group who meet each weekday morning in the St Catherine Chapel.

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.

Mothering Sunday Afternoon Tea – TODAY 6th March

The Nursery will be serving afternoon tea between **2 – 4pm**. All Mothers, Grandmothers and families are invited to join us for tea and help us raise funds to improve the outdoor area.

Taize Evening – 10th March at 7pm

This service will take place at the Catholic Church, Battle. All welcome.

Lent Lunch – Wednesday 16th March 12.00 to 2pm

The Baptist Church will host this lunch in the Manna House.

(Please note there are no Lent lunches on Wednesday 9th March)

Church Electoral Roll

The Annual Revision of the Church Electoral Roll will commence on the **23rd March** and will end on **5th April**. Any additions to, removals from, or amendments to the Electoral Roll should be given, within the revision period to Helen Ormrod the Electoral Roll Officer, to a Church Warden or to the Dean. Many thanks.