

Food Bank

Food has been flying out of the cupboard over the last month, and we are now very low on many items. We sometimes have clients without transport and for them packets of soup, milk, mashed potato & pasta in sauce would be welcome, as they are lighter to carry. There is a list on the basket in the West Porch of foods that we give out. We are particularly short of sugar, squash, tinned fruit, pasta sauce, sponge puddings, biscuits, sweet treats, coffee, soup, tinned tomatoes, UHT milk, cat food and baked beans. We also give out toiletries if requested, and would be pleased to receive soap, shampoo, shower gel, disposable razors & deodorants. Standard size toiletries are best, if not the most economical, as the large sizes can be very heavy. Thank you. *Shelagh Franks, Helen Ormrod.*

Message from Wendy and Peter Roberts.

We would just like to thank all the parishioners at St Marys for their continued prayers, kind thoughts, cards and gifts. It was a beacon of hope in the three and a half months Wendy was in hospital. Guildford seemed so far away, especially as nobody there seemed to have any idea where East Sussex was, and certainly not Battle. Our family have been fantastic and visited so often despite the journey, and we are very grateful to one of the St Mary's parishioners who drove Peter there about 4 times. Wendy is incredibly lucky to be alive, despite many setbacks, thanks to the doctors in The Royal Surrey County Hospital. It is wonderful to be home, but rather frustrating as a recovery seems to be as many steps back as those forward. Please keep remembering us in your prayers.

With love from Wendy and Peter Roberts

HELP WANTED!

Please take a moment to consider if you are able to lend a hand for an hour or two over the weekend **25, 26 and 27th November** and sign up on the notice boards the times you could help. Many thanks for your support!

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

Third Sunday before Advent 6th November 2016

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

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

OR

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

READINGS AND HYMNS FOR TODAY AT ST.MARY'S

9.30am Parish Communion

The Dean

Readings: Job 19: 23-27 (p.523)

Luke 20: 27-38 (p.1056)

Hymns: 645, 780, 939, 544 and 131 (*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 All Souls' Service

The Dean

There will be tea and cakes served at 4.30pm for those who wish to enjoy some fellowship before the service. Please let the Dean know if you wish to come for refreshments, to help with catering.

All are welcome.

10.00am Holy Communion Telham

Canon Edward Bryant

Readings: Job 19 v 23-27a

2 Thess 2 v 1-5, 13-17

Luke 20 v 27-38

Psalm: Psalm 17 v 1-9

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.

Services next Sunday 13th November 2016

8.00am Holy Communion

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10.50am Remembrance Service

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Telham

Please note there will be no 9.30am or 11am services at St Mary's instead a Remembrance Service commencing at 10.50am. Please arrive promptly and be seated by 10.45am latest, thank you. There will also be a Special Remembrance Service at Church of the Ascension, Telham commencing at 10.00am

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 Elaine Murray or the Dean.

Recycled Christmas Cards

Recycled cards are on sale at the back of the Church. All proceeds to Church funds. Thank you for your support. *Sheila Gerken.*

Love in a Box – Christmas shoebox collection

The final deadline for returning completed shoeboxes to the church is **Sunday 20th November.**

Friday Fellowship – 25th November

Our next meeting will be at the home of David and Helen, 40 Virgins Lane, Battle starting at 7.30pm.

Christmas Concert Tickets – Saturday 26th November, 7.30-9pm

A very special concert celebrating all kinds of music and songs with a Christmas theme will be staged at **St Mary's Church, Battle.** Alice Osborne Brown and her friends will be organising a variety programme of music and songs. **All proceeds to Christmas Tree Festival Charities; St Michael's Hospice and The Barnabas Fund for the relief of Christian refugees from Syria and Iraq. If you are unable to come a donation would be gratefully received!**

Tickets available from: Brenda Cox, Tracy Dixon, Tina Staton, Madge Harris, Gaby Betts, Eleanor Pickton, Gia Selman, Sue Blackman and the sweet shop on the Abbey Green, Spoilt Rotten.