

### **Busy Bees – 8<sup>th</sup> January**

The play group reopens after the Christmas and New Year break. Sessions run every Monday and Wednesday during term time, 9.15am to 11.30am in the lower Church Hall.

### **Friday Fellowship – 12<sup>th</sup> January**

We meet at the home of David and Helen, 40 Virgins Lane, Battle at **7.30pm**. Any enquiries Norman Nuthall

### **Telham Bible Study Group – 18<sup>th</sup> January**

We will be meeting at the home of Tom Long, Virginia, Whatlington Road, Battle starting at **3pm**. All welcome to come along.

### **Food Bank**

A Happy New Year to all Food bank volunteers and contributors. Our thanks to all volunteers who worked extra unscheduled shifts in December, & especially those who came in on 20th to wrap hampers. We received financial and food contributions that will have made a big difference to many Christmas celebrations! During December 19 adults, with 21 children between them, came to the Food Bank and received Christmas goodies as well as the usual food items. In addition we distributed 12 Christmas hampers to individuals and families as requested by the Battle churches. 7 big emergency boxes were packed for the Battle Children's Centre, and 5 large carrier bags stuffed with any remaining Christmas Food were taken To "Surviving Christmas" at the Salvation Army Centre in Hastings. Well done everyone.

We are now needing more supplies, including basic toiletries, especially soap, toothpaste, toilet rolls, shower gel and shampoo.

(We still have shaving foam & razors.) Supplies of the following food items in particular are really low: Tinned tomatoes, cold meat, fish, fruit, rice pudding, steamed puddings, custard, tinned potatoes, coffee, pasta sauce, squash, UHT milk and jam. We cannot say "thank you" too often! Shelagh & Helen.

### **PEW SHEETS**

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

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

**Baptism of Christ, First Sunday of Ehipany  
7<sup>th</sup> January 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**

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

### **Post Communion**

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; 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’s** The Dean

Readings: Acts 19: 1-7 (p.1115)

Mark 1: 4-11 (p.1002)

Hymns: 457, 156, 150, 40 & 42 (*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: Isaiah 60: 1-6 (page 746)

Matthew 2: 1-12 (page 966)

Psalm: 98

Hymns: 47, 52, 49 & 28 (*New English Hymnal*)

**Church of the Ascension, Telham** Revd I Morrison

10.00am Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 60 v 1-6

Ephesians 3 v 1-12

Matthew 2 v 1-12

Psalm: 72 v 10-15

### Services on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018

8.00 am Holy Communion St Marys

9.30am Parish Communion St Marys

10.00am Matins Telham

11.00am Modern Service St Marys

4.00pm Healing Service\* St Marys

*\*This service is held in the Lady Chapel and all are warmly invited.*

### 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 warmly 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 for **Bowman’s Drive**.

### Time for Prayer Monday 8th January

We meet in the Benedicta Whistler Centre at **7:30 p.m.** 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

### Service Times at Church of Ascension, Telham

All services in January will commence at **10.00am** and not as advertised in the Parish Magazine.