

Christian Aid Lunch – Sunday 21st May

Sue and Vikki are hosting a Parish Lunch in the Benedicta Whistler Centre at 12.30pm to raise funds for the amazing work that Christian Aid does around the world in response to natural and national disasters. We have 40 tickets at £10 each so if you would like to support this please sign up in the porch or contact Vikki via e mail cvcook26@gmail.com to order your meal.

Ascension Day – 25th May

There will be a special Evensong service at **Church of the Ascension, Telham** at **6pm** with refreshments afterwards. Everyone welcome.

THANK YOU so much to everyone who helped, baked and contributed to Wilma and Michael 's coffee morning last week. Special thanks to Wilma and Michael for their hospitality and for hosting such a successful and happy morning. The total raised was £310.00. A wonderful result!

Food Bank...help!

Once again a very heavy week for Food Bank. Half of our clients this week were new, others are in a situation that just is not changing. Nine children were included in the families fed this week. Many clients come to us because changes and delays in their benefits leave them without money for food. All of them express gratitude for the help given. The volunteers pray each week that God's love for us all will become clear to our clients through the gifts of food and a listening ear. We are asking this week for everything on our shopping list (in the west porch) The cupboard is not far from being bare once more! Thanks to your generosity we were able to give out Easter eggs to all who came in the last three weeks. Yesterday we took our spare eggs (about 10) to the Children's Centre in Battle, who were delighted. One social worker there said, "I can't wait to see the children's faces." Thank you all. Shelagh and Helen

Dead line date for pew sheets 9pm WEDNESDAY evenings
pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk (or by phone 01424 774201)

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter – 7th May 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 is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Or

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Post Communion

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS AND HYMNS FOR TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

8.00 Holy Communion

Revd P Messenger

9.30am Parish Communion

Canon E Bryant

Readings: Acts 2:42-end (p.1094)
John 10: 1-10 (p.1076)

Hymns: 486, 463, 457, 374 & 415 (*New English Hymnal*)
(*After the service all are warmly invited for refreshments in BWC*)

11.00am Modern Service

St Mary's Team

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: Ezra 3. 1-8, 10-11 (page 475)
Ephesians 2. 11- end (page 1174)
Psalm: 29
Hymns: 103, 463, 206 and 485

10.00 Holy Communion, Telham

Rev. I. Morrison

Readings: Genesis Ch 7
Acts 2 v 42-end
John 10 v 1-10
Psalm: 23

Services next Sunday 14th May 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

6.00pm Healing Service*

St. Mary's

Prayer List:

Please pray for: Syd Askin, Jill Barham, Cliff Crofts, Jodie Gray, Mary Hough, Ralph Kirby, Hilda Laird, Sam Middleton, Carol Mullarkey, Robert Parsons, Peggy Satchell, Murray Stevenson, David Richards, Wendy Roberts, Jayne Verity, Richard Wallace, Janet Wynn, Ann, Gary, Joy, and Sybil 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 on 774737 or email: alihassell@hotmail.com

Time for Prayer Monday 8th May

We meet in the Benedicta Whistler Centre at **7.30pm** and we would love for you to join us in this informal prayer session. There is no pressure for you to pray aloud but your support would be greatly valued. We pray for our church, the world and any prayer requests you may have. Ian McLeod

Friday Fellowship – 12th May

We next meet at 3 Starrs Mead, Battle starting at **7.30pm**. Any enquiries please phone Norman Nuthall 773054

*Healing Service -14th May

This service will take place at St Mary's at **6pm** in the Lady Chapel, When the preacher will be the **Reverend Graham Atfield** who is Chaplain to the Conquest Hospital. There will be refreshments served after the service in the Benedicta Whistler Centre. Do take this opportunity to come along and meet Graham and find out more about his role as Hospital Chaplain.

Christian Aid Week, May 14 - 20

Christian Aid gift envelopes and devotional booklets for use in Christian Aid Week are now available at the back of Church. Please help yourself. Filled envelopes should be returned to church and placed in the collection basket at one of the Sunday or weekday services during the month of May.