

Food Bank

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Battle we have given out parcels and hampers of Christmas goodies to nearly 20 families. Each family has received Christmas cake, mince pies, ham, chicken or salmon, Christmas pudding, Christmas biscuits and chocolates as well as fruit, vegetables and custard. We also donated a good quantity of Christmas food to "Crisis at Christmas." Battle Children's Centre have today reported how grateful they were to have Emergency Boxes to hand over the Christmas period.

We are now happy to receive any items on our basic list (which can be found in the West Porch.) We are particularly in need of custard, squash, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, cereals, fish, cold meat, coffee, small bags of sugar and tinned tomatoes.

Shelagh Franks and Helen Ormrod.

If you would like a lift to Church

We have some volunteers who can provide a lift to any newcomer or to anyone who cannot get to Church by their usual means to any of our Sunday or other services or events. If you think we might be able to help, please contact David Ormrod.

Electoral Roll

If you have recently filled in a form to join the electoral roll, but have not seen me to return it, you can give it to the Dean or put it in an envelope in the "O" pigeonhole. If you would like to be added to the electoral roll, please speak to me (or the Dean) and we will explain the qualifications to you. Many thanks! Helen Ormrod

Photographs of the Christmas Tree Festival and Concert can be viewed on the church website. <http://www.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 Epiphany 8th January 2017

Welcome to all – especially visitors and newcomers

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 AND HYMNS FOR TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

8.00am Holy Communion

The Dean

9.30am Parish Communion

The Dean

Readings: Hebrews 2: 10-end (p.1202)

Matthew 2: 13-end (p.966)

Hymns: 457, 357, 390, 352 and 377 (*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.

10.00 Matins Telham

Mrs A Hassell

Readings: Acts 10 v 34-43

Matthew 3 v 13-end

Psalm: 29

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 15th January 2017

8.00am Holy Communion

St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion

St. Mary's

10.00am Holy Communion

Telham

11.00am Modern Service

St. Mary's

6.00pm Choral Evensong

St. Mary's

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.

Refreshment Team

There are a number of vacant Sunday slots between the 9.30am and 11am services when refreshments are served. The current refreshments team need a few more willing helpers to cover some of the Sunday refreshments. If you enjoy this time of fellowship maybe you could sign up to help on a rota basis. The rota is on the notice board in the BWC or alternatively speak to Jill Edmondson or one of the other team members.

Recycled Gifts

I hope you have all enjoyed a healthy and happy Christmas and New Year and thank you all for your support in 2016 to run our Christmas Tree Festival. So that we can hopefully run another successful Christmas stall for our Church funds we would like to invite anyone who has any unwanted gifts, non perishable items, or too many pairs of socks! to kindly donate them to our 2017 Christmas Stall. Please bring any items to the Church or keep them somewhere you can remember to find them and save for the stall. Many thanks. The theme for 2017 is **BIBLE STORIES OR EVENTS FROM THE BIBLE**. Plenty of time to start thinking of ideas or if you stuck we be producing a list of suggestions.