

### **Christmas Tree Festival Music Concert – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Please make a note of the date in your diary for this very special concert which will be fund raising for **St Michael's Hospice and The Barnabas Fund for the relief of Christian refugees in Syria and Iraq**. Tickets will be available shortly from CTF members at £2 each, yes that right £2 each! However if you are able to give more a donations plate will be available on the night! Please support this event by coming along or perhaps give a donation if you are unable to attend? Thank you!

### **Pickles and Jams**

We are having a stall at the **Christmas Tree Festival on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November** and need some more homemade jars of jam or chutney for the stall. If you are able to donate any please contact Tracy Dixon. Many thanks for your support!

### **Love in a Box – Christmas shoebox collection**

This year we shall again be supporting 'Love in a Box' - the annual Christmas project operated by Mustard Seed Relief Mission ([www.msrm.org.uk](http://www.msrm.org.uk)). There are leaflets at the back of church explaining how to put together a shoebox of small gifts for an individual child, with suggestions of suitable items for children of different ages. Shoeboxes must be completed by the beginning of November. *(Please supply your own empty shoebox. The local shoe shops are usually very cooperative and will let you have one if you ask them.)*

### **The Snowflake Night Shelter winter 2016/17**

The trustees are now recruiting volunteers for the night shelter which provides a warm welcome, meals, interaction and supervised overnight accommodation for locally homeless people in Hastings & St Leonards. Full details and times of volunteer recruitment and training meetings may be found at [www.snowflake-nightshelter.org.uk](http://www.snowflake-nightshelter.org.uk).

Information for pew sheets to [pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk](mailto:pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk) no later than **9pm Wednesday** evenings.

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

**Twentieth Sunday after Trinity 9<sup>th</sup> October 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**

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Post Communion**

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it with stumbling, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## READINGS AND HYMNS FOR TODAY

### 8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's

The Dean

### 9.30am Parish Communion

The Dean

*We welcome Mr Mark Rodger from Christian Aid as our guest speaker today.*

Readings: Luke 10: 25-37 (p.1042)

Hymns: 234, 168, 1346, 780 and 830

*There will be a Christian Aid breakfast following this service in the Benedicta Whistler Centre. Everyone is welcome to attend.*

### 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.

### 4.00pm Healing Service

Mrs A Hassell

Everyone is warmly invited to this quiet Service of Healing and Blessing in the Lady Chapel when, for those who wish, there will be the opportunity to receive Healing Ministry either yourself or on behalf of another

### Temporary closure of Church of the Ascension, Telham

The Church will be open for services again on **23 October** and again on **30 October** with the Dean and Bishop Barham presiding respectively.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016

8.00am Holy Communion

St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion

St. Mary's

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.

### Time for Prayer – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Please join us for our monthly time of prayer at **7.30pm** in the BWC. We pray for our Church, the world and any prayer requests you may have. *Ian McLeod*

### Prayer Canopy - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October

The Cinque Ports Prayer Canopy group will be praying in St Mary's from 12-2pm. This inter-church prayer group pray for God's purposes in the UK and the monarchy and wish to pray in Battle in such an historic week. All are welcome to join.

### Battle of Hastings Commemorative Service – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October

There will be a special service at **3.30pm** to commemorate the 950th Anniversary of the Battle of Hastings. The Bishop of Chichester will speak. Entry will be by ticket only and available from Tracy Dixon.

### Friday Fellowship – 21<sup>st</sup> October

We next meet at Alison's home, 14 Bowmans Drive, Battle at **7.30pm**

### Telham Bible Study/Discussion Group – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Our next meeting will be by kind invitation of Tom Long at his house 'Virginia', Whatlington Road, Battle at **3pm**. This time we will be looking at Micah. Do come along.