

### **Harvest and Confirmation Service – 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

There will be a Parish bring and share lunch following a Harvest Confirmation service. This is a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship throughout all the congregations of St Mary's and the Church of the Ascension. Please sign up in the Church porch if you would like to attend and speak to Vikki Cook (01424 773720) about what you are able to bring.

### **Battle of Hastings Commemorative Service – 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 and a number of special guests representing both Normans and Saxons will be present. Entry will be by ticket available from Tracy Dixon. Please let Tracy know as soon as possible if you would be interested in attending.

### **Parking**

Due to increased unauthorised parking in the church car park, we are now renewing the car park permits. All old permits will no longer be valid from 1st September. If you need a permit but have not been contacted about a replacement please ask the Dean or Tracy Dixon for details. Thank you.

### **Food Bank**

Please see the "shopping list" on the wire donation basket in the West Porch. Thank you. Shelagh Franks and Helen Ormrod.

### **Lifts to Church**

Available for newcomers or anyone who cannot get to Church by their usual means to any service or event.

More volunteer drivers are also needed. Contact David Ormrod.

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**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 11<sup>th</sup> September 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**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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**

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Post Communion**

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## READINGS AND HYMNS FOR TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion St. Mary's

The Dean

9.30am Parish Communion St. Mary's

The Dean

Readings: Titus 3: 1-8 (p.1199)

Luke 15: 1-10 (p.1048)

Hymns: 1583, 544, 278, 1418 and 738

*(Songs of Fellowship)*

*(After the service all are warmly invited for refreshments in BWC)*

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.

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

Due to the re-plastering and redecoration works, the Church will be temporarily closed from **Monday 5 September to Sunday 16 October** inclusive.

### 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.

### Prayer List:

All on our list, together with those in nursing homes who are not able to attend church, those known to us 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.

## Services next Sunday 18th September 2016

8.00am Holy Communion

St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion

St. Mary's

11.00am Modern Service

St. Mary's

### Busy Bees – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Busy Bees restarts in the Family Room, lower church hall at 9.30am. The group is for all parents, grandparents and child carers with babies, toddlers and children. £1 per adult and 50p per child.

### Christmas Tree Festival Meeting – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September

There will be a short meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the Benedicta Whistler Centre. Anyone who might be interested in joining this very small group would be welcome to attend. We do need more help and suggestions so please come along! We are especially hoping that some individuals may put together a tree this year and if you are interested please complete the form at the back of the church. Thank you!

### Harvest Supper and Quiz – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Ron and Vikki are planning another quiz evening starting at **6.30pm**. Tickets are £6.00 which includes a ham and cheese ploughman's supper, please sign notice board in Church porch if you wish to come. Monies raised will be used for the provision of carpet pew runners particularly in the Abbot's Stalls.

### Harvest Thanksgiving - 2<sup>nd</sup> October

The Flower Guild will be decorating the Church with harvest displays on **Saturday 1st. October** starting at **9am**. Donations and gifts of flowers and foliage on the day will be greatly appreciated.

Tina Staton