

Nursery Committee

St. Mary's Nursery is run by a Board of Directors. Clive Smith has been a director and held the role of Chairperson since the nursery was begun, in 2012. Clive's input has been invaluable but sadly it is time for him to step down and hand over the reins. One of the intentions of the nursery is to maintain positive links with St Mary's Church, as part of its outreach and community activity. We are seeking a replacement for Clive, who will share our vision, and support our work. This may all sound daunting but we are praying that someone will be ready and willing to take up the task. If this could be you, please speak to Jackie Richards, Clive Smith or the Dean.

FLOWERS AT EASTERTIDE – Easter Sunday 27th March

The Flower Guild will be decorating the church for the festival on **Saturday 26th** from 9.00am and we welcome gifts of flowers and foliage on the day. If you would care to make a donation toward the cost of the arrangements which will include lilies and wish to have the name (s) of departed loved ones inscribed on the memorial scroll, will you kindly let me have the details by **Sunday 20th**. After the Easter Festival I will no longer be the flower guild leader. The five years since I took over has just flown by, but now we really do need someone new to head up the team. Help and support will be given by the ladies of the guild if you would like it and I will remain as treasurer if it helps. So please think about this very worthwhile position as part of the worshipping family in St. Mary's and contact Tina either in church or by phone.

Church Electoral Roll

The Annual Revision of the Church Electoral Roll will commence on the **23rd March** and will end on **5th April**. Any additions to, removals from, or amendments to the Electoral Roll should be given, within the revision period to Helen Ormrod the Electoral Roll Officer, to a Church Warden or to the Dean. Many thanks.

Pew Sheet items

Please send any information for the pew sheets by email: pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk no later than 9pm on Wednesday evenings. Many thanks.

Church Website (www.stmarysbattle.org.uk) If you have information to be entered or updated on the website, please forward to webmaster@stmarysbattle.org.uk.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE and CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, TELHAM Fifth Sunday in Lent – 13th March 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

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen

