

Parish Outing – Saturday 23rd June

There will be a Parish outing to see the Life Of Christ at Wintershall leaving St Mary's at 7am and return about 6.30pm, cost including coach £30- £35 depending on numbers. Please sign up in the porch to join us watching this amazing production.

Food Bank

We are not currently in need of donations, due to a gift of vouchers. However, please watch this space!
Thank you. Shelagh and Helen

Next Beginner's Bible Study Group Thursday 17th May

Our next bible exploration session is on Thursday 17th May at 7:30pm in the BWC. For anyone who would you like to get to know the bible. We generally meet fortnightly and you are welcome to join in any time. Together we explore both the Old and New Testament over a cup of tea or coffee. Any enquiries to the Dean, Gaby Betts or Ian McLeod.

Christian Aid Week 13 - 19 May 2018

Christian Aid gift envelopes and devotional booklets are now available at the back of church. If you wish to make a donation in this way, place your filled envelope into the collection basket during a church service or return it to Alison Hassell.

Pew Sheets

We urgently need someone to take over the preparation and copying of the pew sheets from **Sunday 3th June to Sunday 2nd September**. If you want to have a chat to find out what is involved please contact me Sue Blackman. Thank you.

PEW SHEETS

If you have anything you would like included in next week's pew sheet please e-mail pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk: **deadline date for pew sheets 9pm Wednesday evenings.**

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE & CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, TELHAM **Sunday after Ascension – 13th May 2018**

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

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Or

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS, HYMNS AND PRAYERS FOR TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion – St Mary’s

The Dean

9.30am Parish Communion - St Mary’s

The Dean

Readings: Acts 1, 1-11 (p1092)1085)
John 17, 1-19 (

Hymns: 130, 134, 338, 271, 443 (*New English Hymnal*)

(Between these services all are warmly invited for refreshments in the Benedicta Whistler Centre)

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.

10.00 Matins – Telham

Mrs Alison Hassell

Readings: Acts 1 v 15-17, 21-end
John 17.6-19

Psalm: 1

Services on Sunday 20th May 2018

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
5.00pm	Ecumenical Service	Market Square, Battle

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.

The Year of Prayer

As a part of the Global 24/7 Prayer initiative during 2017/2018 members of St Mary’s Church will be praying for the people, businesses and community throughout the town. You are invited to join us as we pray for this week, **13th May, London Road.**

Every weekday morning at 8.00 am to 8.25am St Mary’s

The early morning prayer group meet each weekday morning in the St Catherine Chapel. Everyone is welcome to join with us.

Midweek Holy Communion – Every Thursday at 10.30am

Everyone is invited to share communion with this small friendly congregation in the Lady Chapel followed by Coffee and Fellowship in the Benedicta Whistler Centre.

Battle Churches Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018

Beginning Monday 14th May, there will be a series of ecumenical early morning services held at the Roman Catholic Church in Mount Street on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (not Wednesday) of this week. The services start at **8.00am**, followed by breakfast at 8.30am for those who wish to stay. The week will culminate with an open-air service of praise and worship in the Market Square on **Pentecost Sunday 20th May at 5.00pm**. All are welcome. *(You may wish to bring your own chair.)*

Please note, there will be no early morning prayer at St Mary’s this week except on Wednesday.