

Food Bank...help!

We have been particularly grateful this week to those people who donate financially to the Food Bank, as we have had to go out and buy food again – and this in spite of generous amounts of food coming in. It will probably be easier this week to tell you the foods of which we have a reasonable supply, namely rice pudding, custard dry rice and pasta and tea.

We also have a good amount of “light weight” products...these are items we give to people without transport & include:

dried milk, dried potatoes, packet soups, ready mix custard, single serving pasta meals packet sauces.

Thanks to all who support the Food Bank with money or food.
Shelagh Franks, Helen Ormrod.

URGENT HELP REQUIRED!

We need someone to take over the preparation and copying of the pew sheets from **Sunday 4th June to Sunday 3rd September**. Please pray that someone will be able to take this on as it is a very valuable news sheet for our Churches. If you want to have a chat to find out what is involved please contact me Sue Blackman 774201. Thank you.

Dead line date for pew sheets 9pm WEDNESDAY evenings
pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk (or by phone 01424 774201)

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 14th May 2017

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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Or

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

READINGS AND HYMNS FOR TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

8.00 Holy Communion

Revd P Messenger

9.30am Parish Communion

Revd Gareth Smith

Readings: 1 Peter 2: 2-10
John 14: 1-14

Hymns: 412, 506, 21, 377 and 148 (*Songs of Fellowship*)

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

11.00am Modern Service

St Mary's Team

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.

6.00pm 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 prayer and healing ministry, either for yourself or on behalf of another. Today we welcome the Revd. Graham Atfield, Chaplain to the Conquest Hospital, as our preacher at this service.

(After the service all are warmly invited to stay for refreshments in the BWC.)

10.00 Matins, Telham

Mrs A Hassell

Readings: Acts 7 v 55-end
John 14 v 1-14

Psalm: 31 v 1-5

Services next Sunday 21st May 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.

Christian Aid Week, May 14 – 20

Christian Aid Week begins today. Christian Aid gift envelopes are available at the back of church. If you would like to donate in this way, please place your filled envelope in the collection basket at one of the Sunday or weekday services during May. Alternatively, donate online at caweek.org, or by calling 08080 006 006; or send your donation by post to Christian Aid, 35 Lower Marsh, London, SE1 7RL. (Please do not send cash by post.) If you are a UK taxpayer, please do Gift Aid your donation and make it worth 25% more, at no extra cost to you. Thank you for your support.

Christian Aid Lunch – Sunday 21st May

Sue and Vikki are hosting a Parish Lunch in the Benedicta Whistler Centre at 12.30pm to raise funds for the amazing work that Christian Aid does around the world in response to natural and national disasters. We have 40 tickets at £10 each so if you would like to support this please sign up in the porch or contact Vikki.

Ascension Day – 25th May

There will be a special Evensong service at **Church of the Ascension, Telham** at 6pm with refreshments afterwards. Everyone welcome.