

### Love in a Box

This year we are again inviting you to support 'Love in a Box' – the annual Christmas project operated by Mustard Seed Relief Mission ([www.msrm.org.uk](http://www.msrm.org.uk)). Leaflets are available at the back of Church explaining how to put together a shoebox of small gifts for an individual child, together with suggestions of items suitable for children of different ages. Shoe boxes must be completed by mid 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)*

### Church of the Ascension, Telham: 5<sup>th</sup> November

There will be a special service to celebrate 140 years of worship on **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> November at 10 o'clock**. The service will be led by the Archdeacon, the Venerable Edward Dowler, plus Dean John and Dean William. At 12.45pm there will be a buffet lunch held at the Benedicta Whistler Centre in St. Mary's. Please put your name on the sheet at the back of Telham Church or in St. Mary's porch if you would like to come to the lunch. All welcome!

### Pickles and Jams

We are having a preserves stall at the **Christmas Tree Festival on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<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 Brenda Cox. Many thanks for your support!

**Note for your diary – St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival** will be on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Theme – The Bible**  
If you would like to enter a tree please contact Sue Blackman.

### PEW SHEETS

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

## **ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE & CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, TELHAM** **18th Sunday after Trinity 15<sup>th</sup> October 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 and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints forever. Amen

## READINGS, HYMNS AND PRAYERS FOR TODAY

### 8.00am Holy Communion

### 9.30am Parish Communion

The Dean

Readings: Psalm 23 (p.555)  
Matthew 22: 1-14 (p.990)

Hymns: 1418, 53, 780, 596 & 551 (*Songs of Fellowship*)

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

### 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.

### 6.00pm Choral Evensong

The Dean

Readings: Proverbs 3: 1-12 (p.637)  
1 John 3: 1-15 (p.1226)

Psalm: Psalm 139: 1-12

Hymns: 349, 64, 341 & 339 (*New English Hymnal*)

### 10.00am Holy Communion - Telham

Canon Edward Bryant

Readings: Isaiah 25 v 1-9  
Phil 4 v 1-9  
Matthew 22 v 1-14

Psalm: 23

### Services next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

8.00am Holy Communion

St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion

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9.30am Holy Communion

Telham

11.00am Modern Service

St. Mary's

### Midweek Holy Communion – Every Thursday at 10.30am

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

### 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.

### United Churches Prayer for Battle (UCPB) – 18<sup>th</sup> October

Christians from Battle Baptist, Emmanuel Methodist, St Mary's Anglican, and Our Lady Immaculate and St Michael Roman Catholic Churches, meet together each month, to pray for Battle: it's people, places, infrastructure, events, and our witness and involvement in our lovely town. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 12.30 – 1.30pm, (please bring your own packed lunch) in the prayer room at Battle Baptist Church. Everyone welcome.

### Alpha Course - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2.00pm & 7.30pm

We meet very Thursday in the Benedicta Whistler Centre at **2.00pm** for tea and cake followed by our Alpha meeting which finishes at **3.30pm** and then again at **7.30pm** finishing at **9.00pm**. Further details from Vikki Cook or just come along, you will assured of a warm welcome.

### Telham Bible Group – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

We will meet at **3pm** at Tom Long's house Virginia, Whatlington Road, Battle and will be looking at Zephaniah - the day of the Lord. Come and join us!

### Friday Fellowship - 20<sup>th</sup> October

We meet at **7.30pm** at Parkmill, 40 Virgins Lane, Battle

### Christmas Tree Festival Meeting – 22<sup>nd</sup> October (Sunday) 11.30am

We will be having a short meeting once refreshments have stopped being served in the Benedicta Whistler Centre. Everyone welcome.