

Christmas Tree Festival Music Concert – Saturday 26th November

Please make a note of the date in your diary for this very special concert which will be fund raising for **St Michael's Hospice and The Barnabas Fund for the relief of Christian refugees in Syria and Iraq**. Tickets will be available shortly from CTF members at £2 each, yes that right £2 each! However if you are able to give more a donations plate will be available on the night! Please support this event by coming along or perhaps give a donation if you are unable to attend? Thank you!

Pickles and Jams

We are having a stall at the **Christmas Tree Festival on 26th & 27th November** and need some more homemade jars of jam or chutney for the stall. If you are able to donate any please contact Tracy Dixon. Many thanks for your support!

Stalls for Christmas Tree Festival

It is now time to start sorting your cupboards out as we will be having our usual array of stalls on Saturday 26th November and would be grateful for donations of recycled gifts and good quality bric a brac. Of course we will be having the usual cake stall and christmas floral table decorations stalls as well, which can be brought to the Church the day before the event. Donation boxes are at the back of the Church. Many thanks for your kind support.

The Snowflake Night Shelter winter 2016/17

The trustees are now recruiting volunteers for the night shelter which provides a warm welcome, meals, interaction and supervised overnight accommodation for locally homeless people in Hastings & St Leonards. Full details and times of volunteer recruitment and training meetings may be found at www.snowflake-nightshelter.org.uk.

Information for pew sheets to pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk no later than **9pm Wednesday** evenings.

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

Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity 16th October 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

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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

Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READINGS AND HYMNS FOR TODAY AT ST.MARY'S

8.00am Holy Communion **The Dean**

9.30am Parish Communion **The Dean**

Readings: **Genesis 32: 22-32 (p.36)**

Luke 18: 1-9 (p.1052)

Hymns: **352, 359, 353, 333 and 362** (*New English Hymnal*)

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

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 **Mrs A Hassell**

Readings: **Nehemiah 8 v 9-end (page 493)**

John 16 v 1-11 (page 1084)

Psalm: **149**

Hymns: **362, 407, 367 and 361** (*New English Hymnal*)

Temporary closure of Church of the Ascension, Telham

Unfortunately the Church will **not** now be open on the **23rd October**.

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.

Services next Sunday 23rd October 2016

8.00am Holy Communion **St. Mary's**

9.30am Parish Communion **St. Mary's**

11.00am Modern Service **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.

Christmas Tree Festival - 19th October

Our next meeting will commence at **7.30pm** in the Benedicta Whistler Centre.

Friday Fellowship – 21st October

We next meet at Alison's home, 14 Bowmans Drive, Battle at **7.30pm**

Telham Bible Study/Discussion Group – Thursday 27th October

Our next meeting will be by kind invitation of Tom Long at his house 'Virginia', Whatlington Road, Battle at **3pm**.

Love in a Box – Christmas shoebox collection

Leaflets are available at the back of church explaining how to put together a shoebox of small gifts for a child, with suggestions of suitable items for children of different ages. Filled shoeboxes should be brought to the church for collection by Mustard Seed Relief Mission, no later than **Sunday 20th November** please. (Please supply your own empty shoebox. The local shoe shops are usually very cooperative and will let you have one if you ask them.)