

### Date for your Diary

There will be a service at 6pm on Thursday 5th May at the Church of the Ascension Telham. All are welcome to come and celebrate with us our Lord's ascension into Heaven.

### Monthly Parish Magazine Article

We are publishing a series of theological articles in our monthly Parish Magazine about real life questions. This month's article is on "How to get to heaven". Why not buy an extra copy to pass on to other family members, your friends or neighbours a way of sharing the Good News and also keep them informed about what goes on in and around our churches.

### St Mary's Nursery

We are again collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. They look a bit different this year and will be printed with your receipt and other vouchers. When asked if you are collecting, please say YES and start saving. The offer runs for another month. Last year we were able to claim some great soft play equipment, worth around £200, so every voucher counts! Thank you.

### Food Bank

This week we would be particularly grateful to receive bottles of squash, dried milk, UHT milk, and dried potato. Many thanks.

### Pew Sheet Notices

All emailed notices for this pew sheet will be acknowledged, if you have not received an acknowledgement from me then I have not received your email!

### Pew Sheet items

Please send any information for the pew sheets by email: [pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk](mailto:pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk) (or by phone 774201) no later than 9pm on Wednesday evenings. Many thanks.

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE and CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, TELHAM Fourth Sunday of Easter – 17<sup>th</sup> April 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

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

*Or*

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

### *Post Communion*

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## READINGS AND HYMNS FOR TODAY

**8.00am Holy Communion**    St Mary's                      Rev. P. Messenger

**9.30am Parish Communion**    St Mary's                      Rev. G. Smith

Readings:    Revelation 7: v9 – end (p.1238)

                  John 10: v22 – 30 (p.1077)

Hymns:        607, 782, 599, 620 and 377 (*Songs of Fellowship*)

*After the service all are warmly invited for refreshments in the adjoining BWC*

**11.00am Modern Service**    St Mary's                      Mrs. A. Hassell

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.

**10.00am Holy Communion**    Telham                      Canon E Bryant

Readings:    Acts 9: v36-end

                  Revelation 7: v9-end

                  John 10: v22-30

Psalm:        23

**Choral Evensong**            St. Mary's                      Mrs. A. Hassell

Readings:    Isaiah 63 v 7-14 (page 749)

                  Luke 24 v 36-49 (page 1062)

Psalm:        114

Hymns:        437, 463, 374 and 394

**Prayer List:** Please pray for:

All on our list, together with those in nursing homes who are not able to attend church, those known to us 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.

## Services next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016

8.00am Holy Communion

St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion

St. Mary's

10.00am Holy Communion

Church of the Ascension

11.00am Modern Service

St. Mary's

### 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.

### Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Tea party – 17<sup>th</sup> April – TODAY!

To celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday there will be a tea party at 2.30pm in the Benedicta Whistler Centre with a fun quiz. See notice board at back of Church for further details. Vikki Cook

### Environment Group – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

As some of you know, I am seeking signatures in support of a Viable Future for Our Children which, I believe, lies in the power of our Church, if she can become sufficiently organised.

Many Christians are already very concerned. We'll look at the provisional letter (& other things). I would like to have a list of those who are concerned and would be willing to sign, with phone and email contacts. We will meet at **7pm** in the Benedicta Whistler Centre. All very welcome. *David Colquhoun*

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> April

This meeting will take place in the Benedicta Whistler Centre on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016** commencing at **7.30pm**. If you are on the Electoral Roll then this is **YOUR** chance to attend this important annual meeting. If you would like to go on the Electoral Roll please see the Dean or Helen Ormrod for further details. There are a number of PCC vacancies, anyone interested in joining the PCC should initially speak with the Dean or Church Wardens prior to the meeting. Please see the notices at the back of the Church together with a copy of the Minutes of last years APCM.