

Dates for your Diaries - Lent Lunches

These will be held on **Wednesdays from 12 noon to 2 pm.** as follows:

21st February at the Emmanuel Centre, (Methodist Church)

28th February in the Roman Catholic Room (Roman Catholic Church)

7th March at the Manna House (Baptist Church)

14th March at the Benedicta Whistler Centre (St Mary's)

Each Church will decide on the charity it will support with the proceeds.

Lent Taize Evening – 27th February

Please come to this service if you can, it will be held in the Roman Catholic Church starting at **7pm.** Everyone welcome.

REFRESHMENTS

Jill Edmondson would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be willing to join the rota for serving refreshments between the Sunday services, especially during the school holidays when the usual providers are away.

Food Bank

We have distributed a lot of food recently via Battle Children's Centre and would be happy to receive anything from our "shopping list" but especially steamed puddings, large bags of sugar, cat and dog food.

WE DO NOT NEED hot meat, milk, dry rice, pasta, biscuits, fruit, vegetables, treats, tea and custard. If buying cereals, we would prefer 500g packets if possible. Thank you. Shelagh & Helen

Drivers needed urgently !

In view of increased numbers of non-drivers, we urgently need more volunteers to give lifts to St Mary's for the 9.30 am service on Sundays. If you think you might be able to help regularly once or twice a month, or just occasionally when others are away, do please contact me: David Ormrod

PEW SHEETS

If you have anything you would like included in next week's pew sheet please e-mail pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk

CHURCH WEBSITE www.stmarysbattle.org.uk if you have information to be entered or updated on the website, please forward to webmaster@stmarysbattle.org.uk

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

1st Sunday of Lent - 18th February 2018

OUR 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

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.

OR

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. .

AMEN

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

HYMNS, READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR TODAY

If you are a tax payer and are able to put your collection in a yellow envelope our church treasurer will be pleased to claim your tax back for church funds.

9.30am Parish Communion – St Mary's **The Dean**

Hymns Songs of fellowship 1569; 51; 1433; 596: 519

Psalm 25: 1-9 (p.556) David prays to know the ways of God better

Matthew 4: 1-11 (p.967) The Temptations

Refreshments served from 10.30 am in the Benedicta Whistler centre

11.00am Modern Service **The Dean**

You are welcome to join us for this relaxed and less formal time of worship for all ages. Most of the words for this service, including Bible readings and songs, will be displayed on the screen.

10.00am Holy Communion -Telham **Rev Iain Morrison**

Readings: Exodus 24 v 12-18
2 Corinthians 3 v12-18

18.00 CHORAL EVENSONG **The Dean**

NEH 366 ; 376 ; 76; 339 Psalm 119: 17-24

Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-24 (p.4) 'Sin comes into the world through Adam'

Romans 5:12-end (p.1132) 'Death through Adam but life through Christ'

PRAYER LIST:

Please pray for: All 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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

The Year of Prayer 18th – 24th February

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. The aim is to cover the whole town in Prayer between the start of Advent in 2017 to the start of Advent in 2018. You are invited to join us as we pray for this week, **Coronation Gardens, Queen Elizabeth Close**

MONDAY 19th February - FRIDAY 23rd February 8.00 – 8.25AM.

EARLY MORNING PRAYER in the St Catherine's Chapel. Come and join this very friendly group for Bible readings, prayers and fellowship.

MONDAY 19TH AND WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY – 9.30 – 11.30

BUSY BEE (PARENT & TODDLERS) MEETINGS Adults £1 Toddlers 50p

WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 7.30PM

Bible Study in the Benedicta Whistler Centre

THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 10.30

MIDWEEK COMMUNION in the Lady Chapel at St Mary's_

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.

THURSDAY 1st March ALPHA-

There will be NO Alpha on Thursday 22nd February. The next Alpha will be at 2.00 on Thursday 1st March – Why did Jesus die?

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2018

2nd Sunday in Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion BCP

St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion

St. Mary's

10.00 am Holy Communion BCP

Telham

11.00am Modern Service

St. Mary'