

Easter Flowers

The Guild will be preparing the arrangements, which will include lilies, on **Saturday 31st March from 9am**. Will you kindly remember to let me have the names of any departed loved ones by 25th at the latest please if you wish them to be included on the Easter scroll which will be placed at the font. Donations in cash or by cheque (made payable to St Mary's Church flower guild) please. Thank you. Tina.

Crochet Group – 26th March

We will meet again in the BWC from **10am to 12** and **1pm to 3pm** as some can not make the morning session. This group is open to all and if you wish to join us with any other craft you are more than welcome. For more information see Janet Heron.

Electoral Roll Revision

The Electoral Roll of the Parish will be revised this year between **Monday 12th March and Monday 26th March**. Anyone wishing to have their name removed from, or added to, the roll should speak to the Dean or to me. Details of the qualifications for being on the roll are displayed on the church door/ noticeboard. Thank you. Helen Ormrod (Electoral Roll Officer)

'Rewired' Community Choir – Thursdays from 7.30pm to 9pm

'Rewired' has been created to give people, from every walk of life, a chance to sing. All ages and ability are welcome. For a music-making evening with a difference, come along to the Benedicta Whistler Centre. The cost is £1 per week, which goes to St Mary's church to help with heating and lighting costs. Please contact Vince for more details

PEW SHEETS

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

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE & CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, TELHAM **Fifth Sunday of Lent - 18th March 2018**

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

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen

READINGS, HYMNS AND PRAYERS FOR TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion – St Mary’s

The Dean

9.30am Parish Communion - St Mary’s

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Readings: Hebrews 5:5-10 (p.1204)

John 12: 20-33 (p.1080)

Hymns: 482, 544, 488, 542 & 559 (*Songs of Fellowship*)

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

11.00am Modern Service – St Mary’s

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 Service for Passiontide

Mrs Alison Hassell

A service of music and readings

Church of the Ascension, Telham

Revd P Messenger

10.00am Holy communion

Readings: Jeremiah 31 v 31-34

Hebrews 5 v 5-10

John 12 v 20-33

Psalms: 119 v 9-16

Services on Sunday 25th March 2018 – Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

St Marys

9.30am Parish Communion

St Marys

9.30am Holy Communion

Telham

11.00am Modern Service

St Marys

Maundy Thursday 29th March 2018

Holy Communion will be held at St Marys at **10.30am** and **7.30pm**.

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.

The Year of Prayer

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, **18th March, for Hampden Close and Tollgates.**

Churches Together in Holy Week

During Holy Week there will be a series of ecumenical early morning services at St. Mary’s, led by each of the four Battle churches in turn. These will be held in the Lady Chapel at 8.00am on **Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th, Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th March**, followed by a light breakfast in the Benedicta Whistler Centre for those who wish to stay. Everyone is welcome. *(Please note, these services will replace Early Morning Prayer on those days.)*

Easter cards

The recycled Easter Cards are now in the Church on the chest at the back of the Church. All proceeds to Church funds. *Sheila Gerken*

Pastoral Care – Book Sale - TODAY

There will be a book sale **following** the **9.30am** service today in the BWC. Proceeds to St Mary’s Pastoral Care. *Christine Nuthall*

Friday Fellowship – 23rd March

We meet at **7.30pm** at the home of Norman & Christine Nuthall, 3 Starrs Mead, Battle.