

Food Bank

I think our only comment on last week's generous giving is "wow!" We were able to fill the cupboard up with your donations. Thank you for your quick response. However, we also had another very busy day on Wednesday, and so we are nearly, but not quite, back to square one! As changes to the benefit system creep in, we are told to expect more and more clients. We hear there is a gap of between 6-8 weeks between stoppage of individual benefits and receiving Universal Credit. So please, if you are able, keep up the good work. Simon Earl (Manager of Bexhill Food Bank, of which we are part) has printed out some standing order forms for anyone who would like to donate financially on a regular basis. There are a few in the West Porch at St. Mary's, please ask if you can't find one.
Shelagh Franks and Helen Ormrod.

Computer Operators Wanted for the 11 o'clock Service

If anyone would be interested in operating our service laptop from time to time, please speak to Gaby or Tony. Training will be given.

Drivers on Sunday at 9.30 am !

We usually have enough volunteers to give lifts to all church services, but we need a couple more drivers who could occasionally (when others are away) give lifts to those wishing to attend the 9.30am service on Sundays. If you could help, or would like a lift (to any service or event), please contact: David Ormrod

Can you help?

We need someone to temporarily take over the pew sheet for the months of **June, July and August**. The pew sheet takes approximately 2 hours per week to produce and print off. If you can help please speak with Sue Blackman. Thank you!

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

Second Sunday before Lent 19th February 2017

Welcome to all – especially visitors and newcomers

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 God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen

OR

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS AND HYMNS FOR TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

The Dean

Readings: Romans 8: 18-25 (page 1135)
Matthew 6:25-end (page 971)

Hymns: 301, 559, 1187, 533 & 377 (*Songs of Fellowship*)
(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.

6pm Choral Evensong

Mrs A Hassell

Readings: Proverbs 8. 1, 22-31 (page 641)
Luke 12. 16-31 (page 1045)

Psalm: 148

Hymns: 433 498 499 & 377

10.00am Holy Communion, Telham

Canon Dr E Bryant

Readings: Genesis 1 v 1 to Ch 2 v3
Romans 8 v 18-25
Matthew 6 v 25-end

Psalm: 136 v 1-9, 23-end

Services next Sunday 26th February 2017

8.00am Holy Communion

St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion

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Telham

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.

Every weekday morning at 8.00 am to 8.25am St Mary's

The early morning prayer group meet each weekday morning in the St Catherine Chapel. Everyone is welcome to join with us.

Every Thursday 10.30 am St. Mary's

Midweek Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel followed by Coffee and Fellowship in the Benedicta Whistler Centre. All welcome.

Time for Prayer Monday - Revised date: 20th February

Due to illness, the original date had to be shelved to this coming Monday. Please come along to the Benedicta Whistler Centre at 7.30pm and pray with us for an hour. It is very informal and no pressure to pray aloud but there are lots of things and people to pray for so we welcome anybody that can make it. *Ian McLeod*

Friday Fellowship – 24th February

Our next meeting will be at 40 Virgins Lane, Battle starting at 7.30pm. *Norman Nuthall or Alison Hassell*