

Food Bank

The situation has vastly improved with regard to stock at the Food Bank. We are so grateful. We are not really short of anything at this moment except perhaps pet food, baby food and nappies.

We don't need to give these out very often, so only a small supply is needed. Otherwise we are happy to receive anything on our regular shopping list. Thank you to those who have given individual donations over the past month, as well as to all the churches.

Shelagh Franks and Helen Ormrod.

Friday Fellowship – 24th March

Our next meeting will start at **7.30pm** at 14 Bowmans Drive, Battle. Norman Nuthall

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Wednesday 26th April

Please make a note in your diary of this important Church Meeting starting at **7.30pm** in the Benedicta Whistler Centre.

Revision of the Electoral Roll

The Electoral roll of the Parish is about to undergo revision, prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. If you believe you should already be on the roll, please check that your name is on the copy in the porch. If you would like your name to be added to the roll, please take an application form and return it to the Dean or to me. Please ask if there appear to be no forms remaining.

Helen Ormrod, Electoral Roll Officer.

Easter Cards

The re-cycled Easter Cards will be in the church shortly, please have a look and hopefully, buy! All proceeds to St Mary's Church. Thank you. *Sheila Gerken.*

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

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

Third Sunday of Lent 19th March 2017

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

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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 5: 1-11 (p.1132)
John 4: 5-30 and 39-42 (p.1067)

Hymns: 32, 27, 1187, 593 and 738 (*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.

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Mrs A Hassell

Readings: Hosea 11: 1-9 (page 907)
Luke 2: 41-end (page 1029)

Psalm: 112

Hymns: 408, 73, 365 & 297

10.00am Holy Communion, Telham

Canon Dr E Bryant

Readings: Exodus 17 v 1-7
John 4 v 5-42
Romans 5 v 1-11

Psalm: 95

Services next Sunday 26th March 2017 (*Mothering Sunday*)

8.00am Holy Communion

St. Mary's

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Telham

11.00am Modern Service

St. Mary's

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.

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 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.

LENT LUNCHESES – 12 noon to 2pm

WEDNESDAY 22nd March - The Roman Catholic Church, Church Parish room, Mount Street, Battle.

WEDNESDAY 29th March - Battle Baptist Church
In the Manna House, Mount Street, Battle.

Donations received are distributed to charities nominated by each group

Lent Study Group – Every Wednesday to 12th April

There will be a weekly Lent Study Group starting at **7.30pm** in the Benedicta Whistler Centre. All are welcome.

St. Mary's Nursery Open Morning - Saturday 25th March

Everyone is invited to join us for refreshments from **11.30am to 1pm**, to meet staff and to take a look around the nursery. Children and grandchildren welcome to come and play.

St Mary's welcomes new Archdeacon of Hastings

The Ven. Dr. Edward Dowler will be our guest speaker at both our 9.30am and 11 o'clock services on **Sunday 2nd April**. Do come and meet our new archdeacon at this, his first Sunday visit to us. Refreshments will as usual be served between the services – so hopefully plenty of time to chat!