

Love in a Box – Christmas shoebox collection

The **deadline** for returning completed shoeboxes is **TODAY**, Sunday 19th November. If you have not yet returned your box and need it collected, please speak to Alison before Tuesday. Thank you.

Church of the Ascension, Telham

Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the celebrations on the 5th November, not only at the special service led by the Archdeacon with our three Deans but at the lunch afterwards. Julia

Food Bank

We are once again asking you to think about contributing to the Christmas hampers we distribute each year. We give hampers to single people, couples and to families, so different sizes are useful. If you know of someone who will be struggling to make ends meet this Christmas, please let us know. Our last opening date before Christmas is 20th December, but we hope to distribute food during the previous few weeks, so that families know what their hamper contains in advance of Christmas shopping. Here is our shopping list Christmas cake, Chocolate log, Christmas pudding, Packets of fancy biscuits/shortbread, Mince pies, Tins crab/salmon, Tins chicken in sauce, Boxes sweets/chocolate, Children's treats/selection boxes etc, Large tins vegetables, Tins potatoes, Large tins of ham, Christmas crackers. Please would you check that the expiry date on items you donate is after 25th December. Very many thanks. Shelagh & Helen.

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 please.**

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE & CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, TELHAM

2nd Sunday before Advent – 19th November 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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Or

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

READINGS, HYMNS AND PRAYERS FOR TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion – St Mary's

The Dean

9.30am Parish Communion – St Mary's

The Dean

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (p.1188)
Matthew 25: 14-30 (p.994)

Hymns: 645, 108, 418, 596 & 607 (*Songs of Fellowship*)

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

11.00am Modern Service – St Mary's

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: 1 Kings 1 vv 15-21,29-40 (page 334)
Revelation 1 v 4-18 (page 1231)

Psalm: 89 v 20-30

Hymns: 443, 416, 418 & 495 (*New English Hymnal*)

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Rev. P. Messenger

10.00am Holy Communion

Readings: Zephaniah 1 v 7+12-end
1 Thessalonians 5 v 1-11
Matthew 25 v 14-30

Psalm: 90 v 108

Services next Sunday 26th November

8.00am Holy Communion

St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion

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9.30am Holy Communion

Telham

11.00am Modern Service

St. Mary's

Midweek Holy Communion – Every Thursday at 10.30am

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.

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

Christmas Tree Festival next weekend!

Next weekend is our outreach project for our Church, a way to welcome and meet others who may not yet come to Church or know our Lord Jesus Christ. You could make a difference and volunteer for an hour or so to help with this event or perhaps you have a talent for baking or enjoy meeting new people. Please remember the Festival in your prayers and sign up to help if you can, notices in Church porch. Thank you. Sue

Recycled Christmas Cards

The recycled cards are on sale at the back of the Church. All proceeds to Church funds.