

Food Bank

Today we were able to feed two families, each in crisis, and with ten children between them. We hope this gives our donors a sense of how valuable their giving is. In both cases we needed to give a full range of toiletries, and were able to do so thanks to your response to requests in this pewsheet. This week we would like to request: Baked Beans, Tinned Tomatoes, Coffee, dried milk, and cartons of UHT milk. Thank you Shelagh Franks, Helen Ormrod.

Monday and Wednesday 9.30 – 11.30 am

Busy Bees a group for Parents, Grandparents with their babies and toddlers through the gate next to the lower church hall. (Underneath the nursery).

Friday 10.30 - 11.00 am – Term time only

Sing & Sign at St Mary's - a weekly fun singing & signing class, where you can learn some basic signs to help you communicate and interact with your baby. Ideal for babies aged 4 - 18 months.

Easter Cards

The re-cycled Easter Cards are on sale at the rear of the Church so that you have plenty of time to choose and hopefully, buy! *Sheila Gerken*

If you would like a lift to Church

We have some volunteers who can provide a lift to any newcomer or to anyone who cannot get to Church by their usual means to any of our Sunday or other services or events. If you think we might be able to help, please contact David Ormrod dhormrod@btinternet.com 772473

Parish Magazine Editor Vacancy

We urgently need a new Editor for our monthly Parish Magazine; please have a chat with Tracy Dixon to find out what is involved or check the Parish Magazine for further details.

Pew Sheet items –

Please send any information for the pew sheets to email pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk no later than 6pm on Wednesday evenings. Many thanks.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE and CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, TELHAM Second Sunday in Lent - 21st February 2016 Welcome to all – especially visitors and newcomers

Special welcome to all members of Guiding & Scouting movements

PARISH PRAYER FOR 2016

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 show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Or

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS AND HYMNS FOR TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion St Mary's The Dean

9.30am Parish Communion St Mary's The Dean

We welcome Reverend Gareth Smith as Speaker

Readings: Philippians 3:12-4:1 (p.1180)

Luke 13: 31-end (p.1047)

Hymns: 466, 107, 559, 40 & 42 (*Songs of Fellowship*)

After the service all are warmly invited for refreshments in the adjoining BWC

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 Choral Evensong St Mary's Mrs A Hassell

Readings: Jeremiah 22 v 13-17 (page 781)

Luke 14 v 27-33 (page 1048)

Psalm: 1

Hymns: 73, 64, 76 & 235 (*New English Hymnal*)

10.00am Holy Communion Telham Canon E Bryant

Readings: Genesis 15 v1-12, 17-18

Philippians 3 v17-Ch 4 v1

Luke 13 v 31-end

Psalm: 27

Prayer List: Please pray for:

All on our list, together with those in nursing homes who are not able to attend church, those known to us 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.

Services next Sunday 28th February 2016

8.00am Holy Communion St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion St. Mary's

9.30am Holy Communion Church of the Ascension

11.00am Modern Service St. Mary's

Every weekday morning at 8.00 am to 8.25am

If your Lenten discipline is to spend more time in Prayer and Bible study rather than to give up chocolate why not join the early morning prayer group who meet each weekday morning in the St Catherine Chapel.

Every Thursday 10.30 am – St Mary's

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

WORLD WIDE THINKING DAY – Sunday 21st February

This service will be at 11.00am and the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides senior section, Trefoil Guild and Guide Leaders will be parading flags as a celebration of Worldwide thinking Day. If you were ever a Guide or scout please wear your badge with pride and join us in remembering the birthdays of our Founder Sir Robert and the First Chief Guide Olave Baden Powell. Brownies will be selling Cookies in aid of the Girl Guide Friendship fund to support units in the poorer areas of this country and in the World.

Lent Lunch – Wednesday 24th February 12.00 to 2pm

St. Mary's will host this lunch in the Benedicta Whistler Centre.

Monies raised for Growing Faith in Our Church.

Church of the Ascension, Telham Coffee Morning – 27th February

Please make a note in your diary to support the Coffee morning being held at the home of Wilma and Michael Hodge Kitale, Battle Hill, down rough track lane opposite Glengorse. Coffee and cakes will be served from **10.30am**. Parking is very limited and reserved for those with mobility problems. All Proceeds to Dean Crake's Gift.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Friday 4th March

This service will be held at **2.00pm** at St Mary's.