

Food Bank

This week we have once more seen people in really hard circumstances coming into the Food Bank for help with at least one of their problems. They are all so grateful for the food we can give them, and for any time we can spend just listening to their difficulties. We should be especially glad this week to receive cereal, steamed puddings, custard, squash, UHT milk, jam, coffee, sugar (small bags are useful), and toilet rolls. Also tins of: tomatoes, soup, vegetables (vegetables other than sweetcorn and peas would be good), cold meat, fish, hot meat, fruit, and rice pudding, Many thanks. *Shelagh Franks and Helen Ormrod.*

Computer Operators Wanted for the 11 o'clock Service

If anyone is interested in operating our service laptop from time to time so that Jackie can have a break, please speak to Jackie or Tony. Training will be given.

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, 01424 772473 dhormrod@btinternet.com

Electoral Roll

If you have recently filled in a form to join the electoral roll, but have not seen me to return it, you can give it to the Dean or put it in an envelope in the "O" pigeonhole. If you would like to be added to the electoral roll, please speak to me (or the Dean) and we will explain the qualifications to you. Many thanks! Helen Ormrod

*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 Epiphany 22nd January 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, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

READINGS AND HYMNS FOR TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

8.00am Holy Communion Revd P Messenger

9.30am Parish Communion Canon Dr E Bryant

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18 (p.1144)
Matthew 4: 12-23 (p968)

Hymns: 486, 200, 297, 76 & 333 (*New English Hymnal*)

(After the service all are warmly invited for refreshments in BWC)

11.00am Modern Service Mrs Alison Hassell

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.

10.00am Holy Communion Telham Rt Revd N Reade

Readings: Isaiah 9 v 1-4
1 Corinthians 1 v 10-18
Matthew 4 v 12-23

Psalm: 27 v 1-11

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.

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.

Services next Sunday 29th January 2017

9.30am United Eucharist

St. Mary's

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.

Refreshment Team

There are a number of vacant Sunday slots between the 9.30am and 11am services when refreshments are served. The current refreshments team need a few more willing helpers to cover some of the Sunday refreshments. If you enjoy this time of fellowship maybe you could sign up to help on a rota basis. The rota is on the notice board in the BWC or alternatively speak to Jill Edmondson or one of the other team members.

Christmas Tree Festival Meeting – 2nd February 2017

We will be having a short meeting to discuss our forthcoming plans for 2017 and to produce a list of ideas for this years theme – **Bible stories or Bible events**. We are always pleased to welcome anyone who would like to get involved so please come along at 7.30pm in the Benedicta Whistler Centre. Thank you.

Gift Aid

Please remember if you want to increase your regular Church contribution or a one off donation this can be achieved by Gift Aiding your donation. It won't cost you any extra but you do need to be a UK registered tax payer to enable the Church to claim back the tax which means your donation is actually worth 25% more! Please see the Treasurer, Tracy Dixon if you want to register for Gift Aid or simply complete a Gift Aid Declaration and hand to the Dean, Treasurer or Church Wardens. Thank you!