

### **Food Bank**

We have just finished a major stock check and would like to ask for contributions to be resumed. This week we would particularly like: pasta sauce, tins of fruit, jam, catfood and treats (chocolate, sweets etc.) There is a list of foods that are given out to clients on the basket in the West Porch. Over the last 3 weeks we have fed over a dozen clients, and have been able to give them time to talk.

We are grateful for your continued support. *Shelagh & Helen*

### **Love in a Box – Christmas shoebox collection**

Leaflets are available at the back of church explaining how to put together a shoebox of small gifts for a child, with suggestions of suitable items for children of different ages. Filled shoeboxes should be brought to the church for collection by Mustard Seed Relief Mission, no later than **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November** please. (Please supply your own empty shoebox. The local shoe shops are usually very cooperative and will let you have one if you ask them.)

### **Stalls for Christmas Tree Festival**

It is now time to start sorting your cupboards out as we will be having our usual array of stalls on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November** and would be grateful for donations of recycled gifts and good quality bric a brac. Donation boxes are at the back of the Church. Many thanks for your kind support.

### **The Snowflake Night Shelter winter 2016/17**

The trustees are now recruiting volunteers for the night shelter which provides a warm welcome, meals, interaction and supervised overnight accommodation for locally homeless people in Hastings & St Leonards. Full details and times of volunteer recruitment and training meetings may be found at [www.snowflake-nightshelter.org.uk](http://www.snowflake-nightshelter.org.uk).

Information for pew sheets to [pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk](mailto:pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk) no later than **9pm Wednesday** evenings.

## **ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE and CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, TELHAM**

**Bible Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016**

**Welcome to all – especially visitors and newcomers**

### **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**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**OR**

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### **Post Communion**

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

## READINGS AND HYMNS FOR TODAY AT ST.MARY'S

8.00am Holy Communion The Dean

9.30am Parish Communion The Dean

Readings: Romans 15:1-6 (p.1141)  
Luke 4:14-21 (p.1031)

Hymns: 559, 50, 1187, 520 and 42 (*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.

### Temporary closure of Church of the Ascension, Telham

The Church is still temporarily closed but will reopen shortly. The re-opening date will be announced shortly

### 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.

## Services next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016

9.30am Parish Communion

St. Mary's

11.00am Modern Service

St. Mary's

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 6pm

A Commemoration of the faithful departed service will be held at St. Mary's. Please arrive at **4.30pm** as Refreshments will be served in the Benedicta Whistler Centre before the service.

### 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.

## Telham Bible Study/Discussion Group – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October

Our next meeting will be by kind invitation of Tom Long at his house 'Virginia', Whatlington Road, Battle at **3pm**.

## Friday Fellowship – 4<sup>th</sup> November

We next meet at David's home, 25 Marley Rise, Battle at 7.30pm.

## Recycled Christmas Cards

Recycled cards will be on sale again at the back of the Church from the end of October. Please keep your eye out for them and have a look. Thank you for your support. *Sheila Gerken*