

Harvest and Confirmation Service – 2nd October

There will be a Parish bring and share lunch following a Harvest Confirmation service. This is a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship throughout all the congregations of St Mary's and the Church of the Ascension. Please sign up in the Church porch if you would like to attend and speak to Vikki Cook (01424 773720) about what you are able to bring.

Battle of Hastings Commemorative Service – Friday 14th October

There will be a special service at 3.30pm to commemorate the 950th Anniversary of the Battle of Hastings. The Bishop of Chichester will speak and a number of special guests representing both Normans and Saxons will be present. Entry will be by ticket available from Tracy Dixon. Please let Tracy know as soon as possible if you would be interested in attending.

Love in a Box – Christmas shoebox collection

This year we shall again be supporting 'Love in a Box' - the annual Christmas project operated by Mustard Seed Relief Mission (www.msrm.org.uk). There are leaflets at the back of church explaining how to put together a shoebox of small gifts for an individual child, with suggestions of suitable items for children of different ages. Shoeboxes must be completed by the beginning of November. *(Please supply your own empty shoebox. The local shoe shops are usually very cooperative and will let you have one if you ask them.)*

Christmas Tree Festival Music Concert – Saturday 26th November

Please make a note of the date in your diary for this very special concert which will be fund raising for **St Michael's Hospice and The Barnabas Fund for the relief of Christian refugees in Syria and Iraq**. Tickets will be available shortly from CTF members at £2 each, yes that's right £2 each! However if you are able to give more a donations plate will be available on the night! Please support this event by coming along or perhaps give a donation if you are unable to attend?

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

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity 25th September 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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. Amen

READINGS AND HYMNS FOR TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion St. Mary's Canon Edward Bryant

Readings: 1 Timothy 6: 6-19 (p.1194)

 Luke 16: 19-end (p.1050)

Hymns: 13, 27, 357, 519 and 42 (*Songs of Fellowship*)

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

11.00am Modern Service St. Mary's Rev. Gareth Smith

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

Due to the re-plastering and redecoration works, the Church will be temporarily closed from **Monday 5 September to Sunday 16 October** inclusive.

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 2nd October 2016

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Harvest & Confirmation

6.00pm Harvest Evensong

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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.

Harvest Supper and Quiz – Friday 30th September

Ron and Vikki are planning another quiz evening starting at **6.30pm**. Tickets are £6.00 which includes a ham and cheese ploughman's supper, please sign notice board in Church porch if you wish to come. Monies raised will be used for the provision of carpet pew runners particularly in the Abbot's Stalls.

Harvest Thanksgiving - 2nd October

The Flower Guild will be decorating the Church with harvest displays on **Saturday 1st. October** starting at **9am**. Donations and gifts of flowers and foliage on the day will be greatly appreciated.
Tina Staton

Food Bank

All supplies of food from the south porch are being taken down to the cellar in preparation for the big celebration service on October 14th. Please could you suspend food donations until we insert a notice in this pewsheet. Many thanks Shelagh & Helen.