

Food Bank

I think our only comment on last week's generous giving is "wow!" We were able to fill the cupboard up with your donations. Thank you for your quick response. However, we also had another very busy day on Wednesday, and so we are nearly, but not quite, back to square one! As changes to the benefit system creep in, we are told to expect more and more clients. We hear there is a gap of between 6-8 weeks between stoppage of individual benefits and receiving Universal Credit. So please, if you are able, keep up the good work. Simon Earl (Manager of Bexhill Food Bank, of which we are part) has printed out some standing order forms for anyone who would like to donate financially on a regular basis. There are a few in the West Porch at St. Mary's, please ask if you can't find one.
Shelagh Franks and Helen Ormrod.

Computer Operators Wanted for the 11 o'clock Service

If anyone would be interested in operating our service laptop from time to time, please speak to Gaby or Tony. Training will be given.

Drivers on Sunday at 9.30 am !

We usually have enough volunteers to give lifts to all church services, but we need a couple more drivers who could occasionally (when others are away) give lifts to those wishing to attend the 9.30am service on Sundays. If you could help, or would like a lift (to any service or event), please contact: David Ormrod

Can you help?

We need someone to temporarily take over the pew sheet for the months of **June, July and August**. The pew sheet takes approximately 2 hours per week to produce and print off. If you can help please speak with Sue Blackman. Thank you!

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

Sunday next before Lent 26th February 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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

OR

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

READINGS AND HYMNS FOR TODAY AT ST. MARY'S

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

Canon Dr E Bryant

**Readings: 2 Peter 1: 16 – end (p.1222)
Matthew 17: 1-9 (p.984)**

Hymns: 146, 407, 297, 410 &475 (New English Hymnal)

(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.

9.30am Holy Communion, Telham

The Dean

**Readings: 2 Peter 1 v 16-end
Matthew 17 v 1-9**

Psalm: 2

Ash Wednesday Service

7.30pm Wednesday 1st March 2017– St Marys

The Dean

Services next Sunday 5th March 2017

8.00am Holy Communion

St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion

St. Mary's

10.00am Holy Communion

Telham

11.00am Modern Service

St. Mary's

6.00pm Choral Evensong

St. Mary's

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.

Prayer List:

Please pray for: Syd Askin, Jill Barham, Cliff Crofts, Lin Graham, Jodie Gray, Mary Hough, Sam Middleton, Carol Mullarkey, Christopher Nugent, Robert Parsons, Margaret Pratt, Murray Stevenson, David Richards, Wendy Roberts, Diana Upton, Jayne Verity, Richard Wallace, Ann, Brian, Gary, Joy and Sybil, 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 on 774737 or email: alihassell@hotmail.com

Every Thursday 10.30 am St. Mary's

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

Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday 3rd March

The service this year has been prepared by the Christian women of the Philippines and will take place in the Battle Baptist Church, Mount Street at 2p.m. All the people of the Philippines earnestly need our prayers so please come along and join us in this interdenominational service for a colourful and musical meeting.

Tina Staton

Lent Study Group – starting 8th March to 12th April

There will be a weekly Lent Study Group on Wednesdays at 7.30pm commencing on the 8th March until the 12th April. This will replace the usual twice monthly Bible Study Class. All are welcome.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Please make a note in your diary of this important Church Meeting **26th April 2015 at 7.30pm** in the Benedicta Whistler Centre. All welcome.