

Parish Outing – Saturday 23rd June

There will be a Parish outing to see the Life Of Christ at Wintershall leaving St Mary's Church at 7am and return about 6.30pm, cost including coach £30- £35 depending on numbers. Please sign up in the porch to join us watching this amazing production.

Retreat to Iona

Our friend Revd Iain Morrison is leading a retreat to Iona in June next year. He has made a provisional booking at the retreat house but needs to make a firm reservation by mid-May 2018. If you are interested in this retreat, please contact Iain.

Food Bank

We have run out of UHT milk, so donations would be very welcome – with as long a “sell by” date as possible, please! We are also getting low on fish, potatoes, custard, pasta sauce, coffee and cold meat. Many thanks, Shelagh and Helen

Flowers at Church of the Ascension, Telham

The altar flower arrangements have been kindly sponsored by Mrs Sussex in remembrance of her Sister and brother in law's Wedding Anniversary.

Pew Sheets

We urgently need someone to take over the preparation and copying of the pew sheets from **Sunday 3th June to Sunday 2nd September**. If you want to have a chat to find out what is involved please contact Sue Blackman. Thank you.

PEW SHEETS

If you have anything you would like included in next week's pew sheet, **6th or 13th May** please contact Tracy Dixon or email pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk: **deadline date for pew sheets 9pm Wednesday evenings.**

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE & CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, TELHAM **Fifth Sunday of Easter – 29th April 2018**

Welcome to all – especially visitors and newcomers
Please take this pew sheet home with you!

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, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Or

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Post Communion

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

READINGS, HYMNS AND PRAYERS FOR TODAY

9.30am Parish Communion - St Mary's

The Dean

Readings: 1 John 4: 7-16 (p.1227)
John 15; 1-8 (p.1083)

Hymns: 559, 629, 315, 596 & 599 (*Songs of Fellowship*)

(Between these services all are warmly invited for refreshments in the Benedicta Whistler Centre)

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.

Services on Sunday 6th May 2018

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

Ascension Day Thursday 10th May

6.00pm Evensong at Church of the Ascension, Telham

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.

Midweek Holy Communion – Every Thursday at 10.30am

Everyone is invited to share communion with this small friendly congregation in the Lady Chapel followed by Coffee and Fellowship in the Benedicta Whistler Centre.

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.

The Year of Prayer

As a part of the Global 24/7 Prayer initiative during 2017/2018 members of St Mary's Church will be praying for the people, businesses and community throughout the town. You are invited to join us as we pray for this week, **29th April for Knights Meadow and Meadow Bank.**

Craft Meeting - Monday 30th April

We will meet again in the BWC from **10am to 12.** The group is open to all and if you wish to join us with any other craft you are more than welcome. For more information see Janet Heron

Mothers' Union – Thursday 3rd May

The Communion services starts at **10.30am** with the meeting starting at **11.30am** in the BWC for lunch. We can expect a very interesting talk by Ron and Vikki who will be telling us all about 'Walking the South Coast of England'. Marian and Elaine are the hostesses. We look forward to seeing all our members there, guests and new member would be most welcome.

Church Wardens

A huge thank you to **Gordon Pickton** for all that he did for the congregation at St Mary's whilst he was Church warden. At the APCM, **Gaby Betts** was elected to the post of Church Warden alongside **Brenda Cox.**