

Would you like a lift to Church? We now have some volunteers, (and more would be very welcome!), who can provide a lift to any newcomer or to anyone who cannot get to Church by their usual means. This offer includes all services. If you think we might be able to help, please contact David Ormrod

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
Sunday 31st January 2016
Candlemas
Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Welcome to all – especially visitors and newcomers

Collect For Today

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

9.30am Parish Communion

The Dean

Readings: 1 Cor 1: 18-25 (p.1144)
Luke 2: 22-40 (p.1028)

Hymns: 301, 289, 1346, 278 and 77 (*Songs of Fellowship*)

After the service all are warmly invited for refreshments in the adjoining Benedicta Whistler Centre

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.

Early Morning Prayer

Every weekday morning at **8.00 am** in St Catherine's Chapel.

Midweek Holy Communion

Every Thursday at 10.30 am in The Lady Chapel followed by Coffee and Fellowship in the Benedicta Whistler Centre. All welcome.

Services on Sunday 7th February 2016

Sunday next before Lent

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

Ash Wednesday – St Mary's

Wednesday 10th February at 7.30pm Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes for those who wish.

Prayer List: *Please pray for:*

All on our list, together with those in nursing homes who are not able to attend church, those known to us 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.

Special Prayer for 2016

The PCC invite you together with them, to use this special prayer for St Mary's & Church of the Ascension, Telham.

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.

Mothers' Union

Members meet for their **AGM on Thursday 4th February at 10.30am** for Midweek Communion. The meeting begins after refreshments at 11.30am, if you are unable to attend please let either Vikki on 773720 or Valerie on 772671 know. Thank you looking forward to seeing you all.

Friday Fellowship

The next meeting will be on **5th February at 7.30pm** at 3 Starrs Mead, Battle. Any problems please phone Norman 773054 or Alison 774737

Food Bank

Very many thanks to all who contributed to such a generous range of Christmas goodies. As well as giving out our usual crisis food, we were able to add a real festive note to our Battle clients' Christmas. We also gave 13 carrier bags full of our usual range of food to the Salvation Army in Hastings for "Crisis at Christmas." We are now needing to build up our diminished stock, and the following are the items we need most: UHT milk, squash, dried potatoes, cold meat, jams & spreads, coffee, cereals, steamed puddings, pasta sauce, baked Beans and tinned fruit. We currently **do not need:** Tinned vegetables, hot meat or tinned potatoes.

Church Breakfast Rota

Do you enjoy fellowship with others over a cup of coffee after the 9.30am service and before the start of the 11am service? We have some Sundays that are not currently covered on the rota. Please speak with Jill Edmondson if you could cover a Sunday serving tea and coffee with a biscuit or something more adventurous if you preferred! 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!

Pew Sheet items –Any information for pew sheets to be received no later than 1pm on a Thursday by email pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk with information no later than 6pm on Wednesday evenings. Many thanks.

Church Websitewww.stmarysbattle.org.uk If you have information to be entered or updated on the website, please forward to webmaster@stmarysbattle.org.uk