

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,
TELHAM
Sunday 6th December 2015
Second Sunday in Advent**

Welcome to all - especially visitors and newcomers.

Collect For Today

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

10.00am Holy Communion

Reverend I Morrison

Readings : Malachi 3 v 1-4
Philipians 1 v 3-11
Luke 3 v 1-6

Canticle Benedictus

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
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Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

8.00am Holy Communion

The Dean

9.30am Parish Communion

The Dean

Readings: Philipians 1: 3-11 (p.1178)
Luke 3: 1-6 (p.1029)

Hymns: 5, 12, 408, 388 and 7 (*New English Hymnal*)

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

3.00pm Lights of Love

The Dean

Please see separate order of service

Refreshments will be served following this service in the Benedicata Whistler Centre, please stay and join us if you can.

Early Morning Prayer

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

Battle Churches Together in Advent

Our Advent early morning prayer meetings with reflection continue this week on **Tuesday 8th** and **Friday 11th December**, in the Catholic Church, starting at **7.30am**, followed by light breakfast in the parish room for those who wish to stay. Everyone is warmly invited.

*(*Please note there will be no early morning prayer in St. Mary's on Tuesdays or Fridays during Advent.)*

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 next Sunday 13th December 2015

Third Sunday in Advent

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

10.00am Matins

11.00am Modern Service

St. Mary's

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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.

Christmas Home Communion

The Pastoral Team is always happy to arrange Home Communion for church members who are sick, elderly or housebound and unable to attend church services. If you, or someone you know wishes to receive Holy Communion at home this coming Christmas, please speak to Ron Cook or Alison Hassell, so that it can be arranged.

Christmas Cards

Recycled cards are on sale at the back of the Church. All proceeds to Church funds. Thank you for your support. Sheila Gerken.

Foodbank - Out Of Date Food

Occasionally we find OUT OF DATE food items in our donation basket. Unfortunately, we cannot use this food and it has to be binned. Please ensure that any donated food is well **within the sell by or best before dates**. Thank you for your continued support. Elaine Murray

We are now happy to receive Christmas goodies to go to our clients & in food parcels. Here are some suggestions: **Christmas cake, Chocolate log, Christmas pudding, Fancy biscuits/shortbread, Mince pies, tins of crab/salmon, tins chicken in sauce, tinned sponge pudding, boxes of sweets/chocolate, Children treats/selection boxes etc., large tins of vegetables, large tins of ham.**

Please let us know if you can think of someone locally who would welcome a little extra at Christmas. Helen Ormrod & Shelagh Franks

MANAGER required for the **Battle Centre of Bexhill Foodbank** to start 1st January 2016 or as soon as possible after that date. Details can be found on church notice boards or by contacting Simon Earl or Elaine Murray on or by Emailing – manager@bexhill.foodbank.org.uk. The closing date for applications is 8th December.

Electoral Roll

If you have recently filled in a form to join the electoral roll, but have not seen me to return it, you can give it to the Dean or put it in an envelope in the "O" pigeonhole. If you would like to be added to the electoral roll, please speak to me (or the Dean) and we will explain the qualifications to you. Many thanks! Helen Ormrod

Mothers' Union

Members meet on **Thursday December 10th at 2pm** (please do note the different time to the usual time) We will start with a Service of Carols, Readings and Poems around the Christmas Crib in the Lady Chapel, followed by afternoon tea. Any queries phone Valerie on 772671

Christmas Tree Festival

Despite the wind and rain last weekend we made raised over £500 from the Events Stalls for the Parish Contribution and around £250 each for The Salvation Army and St Mary's Pastoral Care. Many thanks to everyone for their support and hard work to bring this event together. The displays will remain in place until after late night shopping on the **10th December**.