

### Christmas Tree Festival

Its official this has been our best Christmas Tree Festival ever in the ten years we have been running. A wonderful time of fellowship and outreach for our Church and a marvellous sum raised. A cheque for £500 each will be sent to our two nominated Charities and £650 for our Church funds. A further £200 will also be added to St Mary's Pastoral Care Fund to help them put on events throughout 2018. In total 922 votes were cast for the trees, the results were as follows:

**Adult Section** -1st Battle Floral and Horticulture (Garden of Eden)  
**2nd** The Food Bank (Land of Milk and Honey), **3rd** Battle Fire Station (The Burning Bush).

**Children's Section** - **1st** Battle and Langton C of E Primary School (Jonah and the Whale), **2nd** Vinehall Preprep School (The Lord is my Shepherd) **3rd** 3rd Battle Brownies (Let the little children come to me) All those who took the time and effort to help in anyway can feel very proud of this achievement for our Church. Well done and THANK YOU!

### Food Bank

We are overwhelmed by the generous Christmas food donations we have received. In fact, we have to say that we do not need any more donations of food for our Christmas hampers. It is just amazing that so much has been donated in the last fortnight. In fact, I think we can say 'take a break, donate to your other favourite charities instead, if you wish' We are in a position to give Christmas hampers to all our regular clients. Please let us know of any individual or family who could do with extra Christmas cheer this year, and finally thank you so much for all your support. Gratefully Shelagh and Helen.

### PEW SHEETS

If you have anything you would like included in next week's pew sheet please e-mail [pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk](mailto:pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk), **deadline date for pew sheets 9pm Wednesday evenings please.**

## ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE & CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, TELHAM

**Second Sunday of Advent – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**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

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. Amen

**Or**

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. Amen

### Post Communion

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## READINGS, HYMNS AND PRAYERS FOR TODAY

**8.00am Holy Communion – St Mary's** The Dean

**9.30am Parish Communion - St Mary's** The Dean

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-11 (p.723)

Mark 1: 1-8 (p.1002)

Hymns: 12, 10 408, 499 and 7 (*New English Hymnal*)

*(Between these services all are warmly invited for refreshments)*

**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.

### **3.00pm Lights of Love**

Please see separate order of service.\*

*\*Please join us for refreshments after the service in the  
Benedicta Whistler Centre*

### **Church of the Ascension, Telham**

Mrs A Hassell

**10.00am Matins**

Readings: 2 Peter 3 v 8-15a

Mark 1 v 1-8

Psalm: 85 v 8-end

### **Services next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**8.00am Holy Communion** St. Mary's

**9.30am Parish Communion** St. Mary's

**10.00am Carol Service** Telham

**11.00am Nativity Service** St. Mary's

**6.00pm 9 Lessons and Carols** St. Mary's

### **Midweek Holy Communion – Every Thursday at 10.30am**

Everyone is warmly 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.

We give thanks for the life of Ester Reed. Please remember Brian and Sue and the family in your prayers at this sad time.

If you would like to add a name to the weekly prayer list, please contact Alison Hassell.

### **Churches Together**

Our Advent series of ecumenical early morning services continue this week on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** in the Catholic Church, starting at **8am** followed by breakfast for those who wish to stay. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. (Please note there will be no early morning prayer in St Marys on Tuesdays or Fridays during Advent).

### **Time for Prayer Monday 11th December**

Please join us in our monthly Time of Prayer at **7.30pm** in the Benedicta Whistler Centre. We pray for our church, the world and any prayer requests you may have. *Ian McLeod*

### **Church of the Ascension, Telham**

We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on **Saturday 16 December** from around 10am. All offers of assistance greatly received. Thank you.

### **Recycled Christmas Cards**

The recycled cards are on sale at the back of the Church. All proceeds to Church funds.