

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION,
TELHAM
Sunday 13th December 2015
Third Sunday in Advent**

Welcome to all - especially visitors and newcomers.

Collect For Today

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

10.00am Matins

Mr R Clayton-Pearce

Readings : Philippians 4 v 4-7

Luke 3 v 7-18

Psalm: 146 v 4-end

Special Christmas Services at Church of the Ascension, Telham

Sunday 20th December - 10.00am 7 Lessons & Carols

Christmas Day – 10.00am Holy Communion

Pew Sheet items –Any information for pew sheets to be received no later than 1pm on a Thursday, pewsheets@stmarysbattle.org.uk or phone 774201 Many thanks.

**ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BATTLE
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Collect For Today

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

8.00am Holy Communion

The Dean

9.30am Parish Communion

The Dean

Readings: Isaiah 40: 1-5 (p.723)
Luke 3:1-18 (p.1029)

Hymns: 154, 544, 1346, 1202 and 301 (*Songs of Fellowship*)

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

11.00 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 **8.00am** in St Catherine's Chapel.

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

Battle Churches Together in Advent

Our Advent early morning prayer meetings with reflection continue this week on **Tuesday 15th** and **Friday 18th 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.

Midweek Holy Communion

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

Services next Sunday 20th December 2015

Fourth Sunday in Advent

8.00am Holy Communion

St. Mary's

9.30am Parish Communion

St. Mary's

10.00am 7 Lessons & Carols

Telham

11.00am Family Nativity Service

St. Mary's

6.00pm 9 Lessons & Carols

St. Mary's

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

24th December

10.30am Holy Communion

St. Mary's

4pm Christingle

St. Mary's

11.30pm Midnight Communion

St. Mary's

25th December

10.00am Holy Communion

Telham

10.00am Family Communion

St Mary's

First Sunday of Christmas 27th December

10.00am Family Communion*

St. Mary's

**Please note that this will be a joint service with Church of the Ascension.*

Christmas Home Communions

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.

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.

Time for Prayer Monday 14th December at 7.30pm

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

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.**

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