

## Dates for your 2018 Diary

### Food Bank – 3<sup>rd</sup> January

The Food Bank reopens at **1pm to 3pm** in the Lady Chapel, St. Marys.

### Busy Bees – 8<sup>th</sup> January

The play group resumes again on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** and on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January**. Thereafter every Monday and Wednesday during term time, 9.15am to 11.30am in the lower Church Hall.

### Friday Fellowship – 12<sup>th</sup> January

We meet at the home of David and Helen, 40 Virgins Lane, Battle at 7.30pm

### Healing Service – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018

This is a lovely, peaceful and reflective service held in the Lady Chapel at 4pm. It is a time when you can bring your needs and concerns prayerfully before God, lay your burdens at our Lord's feet and ask for his blessing. For those who wish there is an opportunity to receive individual prayer and healing ministry. You are warmly invited to join us for this service. All welcome.

### Pew Sheets

There will be no pew sheet next week, **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December** however details of this service and those of Christmas Day are on a separate order at the back of the Church. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and help with the pew sheet production this year and to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and healthy New Year. The next pew sheet will be for **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. Sue

### 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 **Christmas Eve – 24<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

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

*Or*

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Post Communion

Eternal God, for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life: keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## READINGS, HYMNS AND PRAYERS FOR TODAY

8.00am Holy Communion – St Mary's                      Revd.Paul Messenger

9.30am Parish Communion - St Mary's                      The Dean

Readings:     Isaiah 7: 10-14 (p.6920)

                  Luke 1: 26-38 (p.1026)

Hymns:        18, 22, 1, 2967, 7 & 17\* (*\*omit last verse*)  
                  (*Bethlehem Carol Sheet*)

4.00pm Christingle - St Mary's                      The Dean

See separate order of service

11.30pm First Communion of Christmas                      The Dean

Readings:     Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 (p.693)

                  John 1: 1-14 (p.1063)

Hymns:        19, 15, 8, 17 and 13     (*Bethlehem Carol Sheet*)

Church of the Ascension, Telham                      Revd Simon Earl

10.00am       Holy Communion

Readings:     2 Samuel 7 v 1-11, 16

                  Romans 16 v 25-end

                  Luke 1 v 26-38

Psalm:        89 v 1-8

### Midweek Holy Communion

There is no midweek Holy Communion service on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December, next one will be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 10.30am In the Benedicta Whistler Centre.

## CHRISTMAS DAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

10.00am Family Communion

St Mary's

10.00am Holy Communion

Telham

## SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

10.00am Family Communion

St. Mary's

(Please note there will be no service at Church of the Ascension, Telham)

## Services on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

8.00 am Holy Communion

St Marys

9.30am Parish Communion

St Marys

10.00am Holy Communion

Telham

11.00am Modern Service

St Marys

6.00pm Choral Evensong

St Marys

### 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. The aim is to cover the whole town in Prayer between the start of Advent in 2017 to the start of Advent in 2018.

You are invited to join us as we pray for this week (**24th December**) for **Battle Gates** and (**31<sup>st</sup> December**) **Battle Hill**

### Early Morning Prayer

We shall not be meeting for Early Morning Prayer in St Mary's between Christmas and New Year. This daily service will resume on Tuesday **2nd January** in the St Catherine's Chapel at **8.00am**.

### Christmas Home Communion

If you, or someone you know wishes to receive Holy Communion at home this Christmas, please speak to Ron Cook or Alison Hassell asap, so that it can be arranged.