

Churches Together

During the three weeks of Advent we shall once again be joining with our Christian brothers and sisters from other Battle Churches for a series of ecumenical early morning services of prayer and reflection, on the theme 'See, I make all things new'. These will be held in the Catholic Church in Mount Street every Tuesday and Friday morning at 8.00am, starting on **Tuesday 5th December**, and be 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. Mary's on Tuesdays or Fridays during Advent.)

Friday Fellowship – 8th December

We meet at 3 Starrs Mead, Battle at **7.30pm** the home of Norman and Christine. Any enquiries Norman

Food Bank

We are once again asking you to think about contributing to the Christmas hampers we distribute each year. We give hampers to single people, couples and to families, so different sizes are useful.

If you know of someone who will be struggling to make ends meet this Christmas, please let us know. Our last opening date before Christmas is 20th December, but we hope to distribute food during the previous few weeks, so that families know what their hamper contains in advance of Christmas shopping. Here is our shopping list Christmas cake, Chocolate log, Christmas pudding, Packets of fancy biscuits/shortbread, Mince pies, Tins crab/salmon, Tins chicken in sauce, Boxes sweets/chocolate, Children's treats/selection boxes etc, Large tins vegetables, Tins potatoes, Large tins of ham, Christmas crackers. Please would you check that the expiry date on items you donate is after 25th December. Very many thanks.

Shelagh & Helen.

PEW SHEETS

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

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

Sunday next before Advent – 26th November 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

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Or

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

