

NEWSLETTER

3rd December 2017



**WITH QUIZ
MASTER...**

TED WEBB

**5PM SUNDAY 17TH
DECEMBER**

EVERYONE WELCOME

**PICK UP A BOOKING FORM
TODAY**

Celebrating Christmas...

We hope you find a very warm welcome when you join us for one of our Sunday gatherings. I always think that it is a great way to start the week – coming together in the church to worship God. Isn't it wonderful to have the freedom of meeting to sing praises to God – and to freely come before God in prayer. What a privilege!

In the Bible we are encouraged to come together. God wants us to come together to acknowledge just how important this time of celebration is to the whole world, not just to Battle. We are preparing to celebrate the greatest occasion ever to happen on earth – the coming of Jesus - the Son of God - coming into the world as a baby. It is important also that we remember that Jesus did not stay a baby, but grew up into full manhood. He came so that He could die, so that we might have life - to be free of our sins.

Christmas has always been a time of real celebration, not just in churches, but also with families, and friends. The Christmas celebrations echo around the world – many cities have lights shining everywhere. Every

shop reminds us that it is a time of celebration.

Yes, it is a good time, it is a great time, but remember, God wants us to encourage one another in our Christian faith not just today, but every day. It is so easy for us to lose sight of the real reason why we are celebrating the Christmas festival. It is so easy to lose sight of Jesus.

It does excite me that the Christmas celebrations circle around the whole world, but it saddens me that the person of Jesus, the reality of Jesus, the Son of God, is almost invisible.

Sadly, I know that in some countries celebrating Christmas is not allowed. In many countries, people do celebrate it, but have to do it quietly and secretly in the safety of their homes.

So, for us here today, let's welcome each other as brothers and sisters in Christ - let's be bold and worship God, let's celebrate our Lord and Saviour Jesus. He loves us – He doesn't stop loving us.

Yours in Christ - Francis Willoughby

A logo for "Comedy Night" featuring a silver microphone with yellow lightning bolts around it, set against a black background with the words "comedy NIGHT" in a stylized font.

8PM FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Tickets £5 FROM THE OFFICE (ALL PROFITS TO CHARITY)

Feat.
STEVE LEGG
EDITOR OF
SORTED MAGAZINE

COMING UP...

7th December: Gala Night
from 6pm

10th December: Carols @
5pm

PRAYER POINTERS

GALA NIGHT

Pray that people would
receive a warm welcome
here on Thursday.

THE MILLERS

Pray for Damian and Annet
Ttendo as they seek to
provide help to survivors of
violence and be a voice for
the voiceless.

PRE-SCHOOL

Pray that the children and
staff will stay well and
healthy over the winter
months.

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Bringing Life to the Heart
of 1066 Country, and beyond

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT REFLECTIONS: Join us and other Battle churches, every Tuesday of advent at the Roman Catholic Church for Advent Reflections at 8am. A breakfast will follow in the BBC youth room.

DIGITAL ADVENT CALENDAR: Now on Facebook and the website.

GALA NIGHT: Late night shopping in Battle this Thursday from 6pm. Join us for seasonal refreshments, fire-pit & marshmallows, hot-chocolate and children's crafts.



WORLD MISSION PRAYER: this Thursday 2pm to 3pm in the Prayer Room. Do come if you are free.



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PRAYER & PRAISE

7.30pm

Monday 4th December

Everyone welcome

CAROLS @ 5PM

Next Sunday, join us for a traditional carol service. Refreshments from 4.30pm. With Sunday Club.

HELP NEEDED

With Youth Group at 10.45am and serving post match refreshments on Saturdays at the Rec from 4.30-5pm.

What's on this week

in addition to Caterpillar Crew & Caterpillar pre-school Mon– Fri

Sunday, December 3rd. ● 8am: **Breakfast** in the Manna House. ● 8.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 8.45am: **Chapel Gathering** & communion. ● 10am: **Refreshments** in the Manna House. ● 10.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 10.45am **Chapel Gathering** & Christingle. With Creche, Sunday Club and Youth Group. ● 5pm: **Chapel Gathering** with Sunday Club.

Monday, December 4th. ● 9.15-11.45am: **Caterpillars** Parent and Toddler Group. ● 3.45-5.15pm: **Chosta** in the Youth Room. ● 7.45pm: **Prayer & Praise.**

Tuesday, December 5th. ● 8am: **Advent Reflections** in the Roman

Catholic Church followed by breakfast in the Youth Room. ● 9.15-11.45am: **Caterpillar Explorers** Parent and Toddler Group. ● 9.15am: **Prayer-for-Healing Group** (prayer room). At 10.45am there will be prayer for all who come. ● 2pm: **Tuesday Fellowship**, speaker: John Southam.

Wednesday, December 6th. ● 5pm-6pm: **BBFC** Youth team & 6pm-7pm: **BBFC** training at Claverham 3G.

Thursday, December 7th. ● 9.15-11.45am: **Caterpillars** Parent and Toddler Group. ● 2pm: **World Mission Prayer** in the prayer room. ● 6pm: **Gala Night.**

Friday, December 8th. ● 7.30am:

Early Morning Prayers in the Youth Room followed by a 'do it yourself' breakfast. ● 9.15am **Chatterbox** for mums, dads and carers (upstairs). ● 10.30am: **Coffee Club** in the Youth Room.

Sunday, December 10th. ● 8am: **Breakfast** in the Manna House. ● 8.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 8.45am: **Chapel Gathering.** ● 10am: **Refreshments** in the Manna House. ● 10.20am: **Pre-meeting Prayers** in the prayer room. ● 10.45am **Chapel Gathering** & communion. With Creche, Sunday Club and Youth Group. ● 5pm: **Carol Service** with Sunday Club & Youth Group.