# **Bromley Salvation Army**

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THE SALVATION ARMY



We welcome you to worship today. On this second Sunday in advent, we take the time to pray into this busy time of year, that the gift of Christ will not be overshadowed by our busyness. As we think about this month of advent, let's remember to pray for our family. Let's remember to pray for our friends and those close to us.

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel

Tonight (at 5.30pm) we hope you will able to join with us as the children linked to our corps lead us in the first of three different occasions of carols concerts.

8 – Children's Carol Concert (5.30pm) 15 – Community Carol Concerts (3.00pm and 6.00pm) 22 – Corps Carol Service (6.00pm)

May we all be blessed, challenged, enriched and filled to overflowing with God's Spirit as we seek His heart today.

Jain and Alison

" The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognise him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognising the coming of the Lord"

Henri Nouwen

# **This Week's Activities**

- please note that from Monday to Tuesday the main hall will be used for making up the Toy and Food Parcels.

#### **Tuesday**

1.30pm Wednesday	No Home League
10.00am	No Toddlers (recommences 8 Jan) No Bible Study (recommences 8 Jan) No Pilates
11.00am	No Toddlers (recommences 9 Jan) Community choir 50+ Fellowship Our Yearly Christmas Party
	Prayer Fellowship Connect and Connect +
10.00am Sunday	Carolling and Collecting
	Morning Worship led by Majors Derek and Angela Strickland Community Carol Concerts
Sunday Giving 1/12	Cartridge envelopes: £899.10 Collections: £226.89

#### The Light Café is open Tues-Fri 10am-2pm – meet / eat / drink / relax

I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth. Isaiah 62:6-7 (NIV)

# **Notices**

### Your prayers please

We continue to remember in prayer: Kath Crichton, Trudy Baxter, Elsie and Brian Walford, Elwyn and Carole Harries, Ron and Rosemary Lawrence, Deirdre Gibson. Please add Mike Reid to your prayers. Mike has fractured his foot and will obviously find getting around really difficult for the time being. Eva Kleman's sister was Promoted to Glory recently and we pray God's comfort and peace to Eva and her family at this time of bereavement. Michael Sebbage has suddenly been bereaved of his sister Coralie (aged 66). Please remember Michael and his brother Keith (also known to the corps) at this sad time.

#### **Answered prayer**

We thank God that **the 2 boys who attend toddlers** are now home from hospital and the family are so grateful for our concern and prayerful support. **June Bown** will be moving to new accommodation in Penge very soon. We thank God for the safe arrival of **Leo William** last Sunday, son to **Dawn Derham's daughter, Louise** last Sunday. Congratulations also to Nana Dawn and Grandad Bill.

We pray God's protection and blessing on all the activities we will be involved in over the coming week – may the Good News of the gospel be evident through it all.

#### **Community Carol Concerts 3pm and 6pm**

Next Sunday we host our two carol concerts. This year's charity that will benefit from the collections taken will be Parkinson's UK. To help promote these concerts, we would encourage you to take a few postcards from the Light Café or the foyer and give them to your neighbours and families. We have special guest and soloist Shelly Deacon this year together with our musical sections. If you can share the link on Facebook, then we can make these concerts known to our 'friends'.

#### Wednesday morning Bible Fellowship

Our long running group (at least 40 years old!) commences another new year with four sessions on "The Acts of the Apostles" on Wednesday 8th January. We welcome members from different churches and corps. All that is needed is an interest and curiosity about the Bible and its relevance for today. Meetings start at 10.00am for an hour and we have coffee before we start and (if wanted) when we end.

### Christmas Carolling - can you assist with the collecting?

We are still short of collectors for Saturday 21 December on the third shift (1.00-2.30). Please let Corps Secretary Jill Richardson know if you can spare some time to collect alongside the band.

#### Lassus Trombones CD

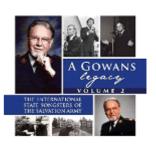
The recently launched CD Lassus Trombones features a mixture or secular and sacred music from the combined trombone sections of the ISB, Black Dyke and Grimethorpe bands. The disc contains a variety of playing styles from SA marches and arrangements to classical transcriptions and easy listening jazz numbers. Songster Leader Howard Elliott has a limited stock of CDs available at a price of £10. All proceeds towards Great Ormond Street Hospital.

## **Fundraising cards for Bangladesh**

There will be a Coffee morning on Saturday 4th January 10-2pm. This is to raise funds for the work of the Salvation Army in Bangladesh. Anita & Louise

#### A new ISS CD: A Gowans Legacy – Volume Two.

The International Staff Songsters have recorded a second volume. The CD has strong Bromley connections through the long association of both General John Gowans and General John Larsson with the corps. Of the 23 tracks, 19 of them are with music by John Larsson. Copies of the CD are available at £14 from ISS leader Dorothy Nancekievil.



Please email all information for the next newsletter to Katherine at <u>k.y.allemand@gmail.com</u> by 11am on Thursday.