

Vision and Commitment Sunday 2016

This will be held on 10 January under the leadership of our own Lieut-Colonels Alan & Alison Burns. The venue for the day will be Farrington's School in Chislehurst, which will give us the opportunity to meet together in a slightly different way. The timetable for the day will be:

- 10.30 Holiness and Commitment Meeting
- 12.30 Faith Lunch
- 13.45 Vision Setting Meeting, including worship and break-out groups

Farringtons School is a lovely setting, and we are grateful to our own Dorothy Nancekievill (head teacher) for making the chapel, dining room and other rooms available for the day. There is plenty of parking, and we look forward to a good day of fellowship as we begin the New Year together. Our prayer for the day is that God will come and bless us, and give us the wisdom, guidance and encouragement we need as we move into 2016 together. Further details soon.

Monthly Prayer Slot

'O'er our world so filled with sorrow,
Fear and hunger, pain and strife,
Shed thy light of hope and mercy,
Gift of love, eternal life.'

Doris Rendell, SASB No. 755



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4th Sunday in Advent

20th/27th December 2015

Here we are: the fourth Sunday in Advent, with Christmas Eve and Christmas Day just around the corner. Our preparations are almost complete, and we look forward to a break from work, and the opportunity to celebrate Christmas with our families and friends. Here at the corps, the weekly programme will also take a break for a couple of weeks. The parcels and gifts for the disadvantaged have been collected and delivered, and the carolling programme draws to a close. However, the band will be playing at Bromley South Station this week, together with visits to a couple of homes. A BIG THANK YOU, therefore, to everyone who has been involved in this year's Christmas effort.

Today we continue with our theme: The Light has Come. Luke 2: 1-7 is this morning's text, and Kirsten will be thinking about God's activity and purposes in the world at the time Jesus was born.

This evening's meeting is the corps carol service, and again we are invited to bring a candle or night light to illuminate our fellowship as we meet together for carol singing and readings. Refreshments will be served in The Light after the service. The Youth Fellowship will then meet for a Christmas Movie Night!

Our Christmas Day meeting is at 10.30am, and children are invited to bring a gift which they have received from Santa. There will be just a morning meeting on Sundays 27th December and 3rd January.

"Light of the world, shine into our lives. Give us the wisdom to know how to live as you want us to, so that others will see in us the brightness of your presence. Amen."

This Week Please note – The Light reopens on 4th January 2016

Tuesday No Home League (restarts 5th January)

Wednesday No Parent and Toddler Group (restarts 6th January)
No Bible Study (restarts 6th January)

Thursday No Parent & Toddler Group (restarts 7th January)
No Christian Community Choir (restarts 7th January)
No 50+ Fellowship (restarts 7th January)

Friday No Reflections Dementia Café Church (restarts 8th Jan)
No Kids Alive! (restarts 15th January)

Sunday 27th December

9:55am Meeting led by Lt. Cols Graham & Kirsten Owen
There will be no evening meeting and no Youth Fellowship

New Year's Eve

Please note - there will not be a Watchnight Service on New Year's Eve.

Technical Support

This Sunday – am Alex Pringle pm David Lanceley
Christmas Morning – Katherine Allemand
Next Sunday – am Katherine Allemand

Refreshments

This week's hosts are Iona Rainer and Sheila Maguire
There will be no refreshments following the meeting on 27th December or 3rd January.

David & Violet Towner wish all their friends at the Corps a very Happy Christmas and want to say thank you for all the lovely cards they have received.

Offering – 13th December 2015

Cartridges £767.50 Collections £197.65
Thank you for supporting the Lord's work in this way.

We would like to thank all those who attended last Sunday's Community Carol Service, for the amount of **£1,123.76** received during the collection taken. This is to be split 50/50 between The Bromley Homeless Shelter and our Divisional Kids Camp.

Corps Family

Many Congratulations to the Clifton Family! **Abigail Joy Clifton** arrived into the world at 9.01 pm on 16th December, second daughter of John and Naomi, sister to Miriam.

David Linton is recovering well after his heart surgery at St. Thomas's. **Major Marion Wright** has been discharged from the PRUH, and is at home recuperating.

Please remember **Lt. Colonel Ray Irving** in your prayers; Ray was taken ill at last Sunday evening's carol service at Langley Park.

Pam Howard has now moved to Burrows House in Penge.

We were very sad to learn that **Chris Thomas** was Promoted to Glory last Monday. Please remember Melvyn and the other members of the family in your prayers. If you would like to send a card the address is: 8, Heritage Park, Foundry Mews, Tavistock, Devon, PL19 0BY.

Bromley SA Ramblers – New Year's Day Walk Friday 1st Jan 2016 - Westerham

Meeting place address: There is a free car park close by as indicated on the map (see bromleytemple.org under Ramblers section). Walk along public footpath towards the centre of Westerham and meet in Westerham by Churchill's statue. Distance (approx.): 4.1 miles.
Walk begins: 10:30am and allow approx. 2.2 hours
Mike Harris mobile: [contact details in paper copy]

Thank You!

Last Sunday evening was a great occasion because so many people in the Corps got involved. I want to thank you all from the moment of planning to the final amen. Senior & YP Band, Songsters, Singing Company, Welcome Team & Stewards, Catering Team, Mark, Lauren, Tristan, Patrick, Ella, the young people in the Nativity, our Corps Leaders, Gill, Kirsten & Graham and of course 'Father Christmas' and all of you who attended and brought friends and family.

I have had so many lovely comments about the evening: challenging, uplifting, special, one of the guests who attended and does not go to church said to me that when the piano played 'Who is He?' she felt like she wanted to cry. The Christmas message is a powerful one and when delivered in love as a gift, God is able to make that gift become a 'real present and presence'. Again, a big thank you to all! **Ian Payne**