

Bromley Temple Corps

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Second Sunday in Advent

10th December 2017

Welcome to Bromley Temple on this the second Sunday of Advent. Today will be a busy day for us, as we meet this morning for worship, and then later at 3pm and 6pm for our community carol services. Both carol services promise to be sold-out, so we have in store an exciting and fulfilling day. A big thank you to the Worship Purpose Group who have coordinated and planned these events.

This morning we continue thinking about Christmas Surprises, those aspects of Christ's coming which both surprise and challenge us. Our text for this morning is Matthew 1: 18-25 which also points us in the direction of our Old Testament text, Isaiah 7: 10-17. This Advent we are looking at single words which have particular meaning in the Christmas narrative, and this morning we have two words: dream and Immanuel. Major Cliff Kew has written the prayer for the website this week which enhances our thinking and prayers:

What a Surprise! Immanuel - God with us! But was it just a dream? It was Isaiah's dream; it was Jacob's dream that changed his whole life. But are we just dreaming?

Thank you, God, our sovereign Lord, that we are not dreaming; that we can know it is **reality** that God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself; that Jesus was **in** the Father and the Father was **in** Jesus, so that God was **with** us in him, and not only **with** us but also **in** us as they sent the Holy Spirit to indwell the hearts of all believers.

Enable us, Lord, by your Spirit, to know and to show that **God is with us, in Jesus**, that **God is in us by his Spirit**. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen
(Matthew 1:18-25)

This Week

Christmas Parcels Week!

Monday

7:00pm Knitting Group - Christmas Gathering in The Light

Tuesday

The Light open 10am to 2pm

1:00pm Home League – Christmas Lunch (note earlier time)

Wednesday

The Light open 10am to 2pm

10:00am Parent and Toddler Group Party

No Bible Study

7:00pm Pilates (final before Christmas)

Thursday

The Light open 10am to 2pm

10:00am Parent and Toddler Group Party

11:00am Christian Community Choir

1:30pm 50+ Fellowship – Party Time!

Friday

The Light open 10am to 2pm

Saturday

Carolling in the High Street 10am – 2:30pm
(see next page for details)

10:30am Nativity Service for toddlers & younger children

Next Sunday

9:55am Worship led by our Corps Officers

6:00pm Corps Carol Service

Offering – 3rd December 2017

Cartridges - £1,483.50 Collection - £98.75

Thank you for supporting the Lord's work in this way.

Corps Family

General Shaw Clifton has entered hospital for surgery

Stella Underwood is in the PRUH

Major Maureen Kew is still in Green Park House

Major Reg Cocks is in St Christophers

Valerie Waters has had another fall

Please remember our friends in your prayers.

Happy Birthday!

We send **Major Philip Parkes** our very best wishes as he celebrates his 91st Birthday – today!

Technical support

This Week: am Kirsten Allemand pm David Lanceley

Next Week: am Martin O'Leary pm David Lanceley

Refreshments

Next week's host is Anita Gellatly

Flowers

We say thank you to Lindsay McDougall for providing the wreath for our Advent Season.

Calling all Jam Jars!

Nick Turpin is making jam & marmalade again to sell in The Light in aid of next year's Big Collection. If you have any spare jam jars, could you please hand them in at the office. Thank You!

Community Carol Service – TODAY!

In order to accommodate as many people as may wish to come, we will have two Carol Services – 3pm and 6pm (doors open 30 minutes before start). Tickets, although free, need to be reserved by visiting www.eventbrite.co.uk and

searching 'Bromley Salvation Army', by emailing bromleytempleccs@outlook.com or speaking to Cameron Main. We will be featuring our own Band, Songsters, Singing Company, Community Choir, The Christmas Crooners and a Music Ensemble from Bromley Youth Music Trust. This will be a great event so reserve your tickets for your preferred time and **please invite your friends, relatives and neighbours**. For further information see Kay Martin or visit the Bromley Temple Facebook page.



Christmas Carolling

The Band will be playing carols to fund raise in Bromley High Street on the four Saturdays in December from 10am till 2.30pm. If you, as a regular attendee, would like to help by standing with a tin/bucket collecting donations from the public, whilst the Band plays, it would be greatly appreciated and I'm sure you will find it very rewarding. You do not have to be a uniformed Salvationist to help with this appeal - and we would welcome your support. If you are able to help in this way, please contact Olwyn Holdstock [number in papa copy] Thankyou.

Christmas Post Box

Please note that today is the last day you can post cards in the corps post box – to allow time for sorting and distribution. Please remember that cards put in the box must be for people who attend the Corps. Donations - for The Salvation Army's 'Carehaven Women and Children's Refuge' in Cape Town - can be put in the box or handed to Olive Buckley.



Christmas Greetings Board

If you would like to send a Christmas Greeting to all your friends at the Corps, there is a board available in the foyer where you can place your own card. If you would like to make a donation to 'Carehaven' (see above) please see Olive Buckley.

December Dates:

High Street Carolling – The Band will be carolling in the High Street from 10am to 2:30pm each Saturday in December. The Light will be open to provide refreshments for the carollers, collectors & counters – and also for the general public.

Saturday 16th December at 10.30am in the Main Hall: Nativity Service for Toddlers and younger children, followed by refreshments. Title: 'The Christmas Star'.

Sunday 17th December 6pm Corps Carol Service

Sunday 24th December 9:55am Christmas Eve Meeting followed by mince pies & coffee in The Light

Monday 25th December 10:30am Christmas Day Service

Sunday 31st December 9:55am New Year's Eve Meeting

Monthly Prayer Slot

'He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.'

Revelation 22:20 (American Revised Standard)