

Bromley Temple Corps

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Third Sunday in Advent

17th December 2017



Welcome to Bromley Temple on this the third Sunday of Advent. Last Sunday was a busy but very blessed day as we met together in worship, and then for our two Community Carol Services. I (Graham) was so pleased with the way everything went, and I would like to thank everyone (but particularly the Worship Planning Group) for making them such lovely and blessed outreach occasions. This week has also been a busy one, with 'end of term' Christmas events and parties

for the toddlers, 50+ and Home League. Dawn has also been extremely busy with her teams preparing gift and food parcels for the hundreds of families who will once again receive support this Christmas. The musicians and other groups have been out and about on the High Street, at the PRUH, and visiting care and eventide homes with Christmas music and joy. A big thank you to you all.

As we meet for worship this morning we will continue to reflect on the 'surprises' in the Gospel story: 'A Manger - God makes Himself helpless', using Luke 2:8-20. This evening's Carol Service: 'Immanuel - we are not alone', will look at seven words found in the Christmas story, either in Scripture or verse. Bring a candle (real or LED) and spend a few moments in reflective worship as we move towards Christmas Day.

This Week

Please note that The Light is now closed to the public (except Saturday) until Tuesday 9th January.

Tuesday No Home League (restarts 9th January)
(Informal Meeting with 50+ Fellowship on Thursday 4th January)

Wednesday No Parent and Toddler Group (restarts 10th January)
No Bible Study (restarts 10th January)
No Pilates (restarting date TBC)

Thursday No Parent and Toddler Group (restarts 11th January)
11:00am Christian Community Choir – Carolling in The Glades
No 50+ Fellowship (restarts 11th January)
(Informal Meeting with the Home League Members on Thursday 4th January)

Friday
6:00pm Connect Children’s Club - Christmas Dinner & Party

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

Next Sunday – Christmas Eve

9:55am Worship led by our Corps Officers - followed by mince pies & coffee in The Light.

There will be no evening meeting.

Monday 25th December 10:30am Christmas Day Service

Sunday 31st December 9:55am New Year’s Eve Meeting followed by coffee in The Light.

There will be no evening meeting.

Offering – 10th December 2017

Cartridges - £668.00

Collection - £76.04

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

We are pleased to inform you that the collections at the Community Carol Services last Sunday raised **£1191.16.**

Corps Family

General Shaw Clifton is in hospital for surgery

Stella Underwood is now home

Ruth Gbedemah is awaiting further treatment

Please remember our friends in your prayers.

A Message from Alan & Heather Yates

`Please include in the corps newsletter our thanks to everyone for the cards and best wishes we have received. Also, several folk have been asking for our address which is: 15, Hastings Drive, The Glades, Earsdon, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE27 0DP`.

Technical support

This Week: am Martin O'Leary pm David Lanceley

Next Week: am Alex Pringle

Refreshments

This week's host is Lindsay McDougall

Next week's host is Susan Prodgers

Bromley SA Ramblers – New Year's Day

Monday 1st January 2018 - Westerham

Meeting place: 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 we meet by Churchill's statue.

Walk begins: 10:30am and allow approx. 2.5 hours

Distance (approx) : 3 to 4 miles. For any further details contact Mike Harris on [contact details in paper copy]

Songsters – Open Rehearsal

The Songsters are having an open rehearsal on Thursday 4th January. Anyone wishing to attend will be very welcome. If you would like to request a particular song, please contact Songster Leader Howard Elliott.



Christmas Carolling

The Band will be playing carols in Bromley High Street on Saturday 23rd December from 10am till 2.30pm. If you would like to help by collecting whilst the Band plays, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Olwyn Holdstock on [see paper copy] Thankyou.

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 The Salvation Army's 'Carehaven Women and Children's Refuge' in Cape Town – please see Olive Buckley.

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!



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)