

Bromley Temple Corps

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Corps Website: www.bromleytemple.org

24th December 2017
Christmas Eve

31st December 2017
New Year's Eve

Welcome to Bromley Temple on this the fourth Sunday of Advent, AND Christmas Eve. We continue thinking about Christmas surprises, and this morning we'll be looking at the shepherd's story: **A SHEPHERD - God reveals himself to the lowly.** General John Larsson sums it all up with his prayer written for the corps website:

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you for giving us the most wonderful Christmas gift of all time - the gift of your son, Jesus. Thank you too for not letting kings and princes be the first to know about your gift. Because you chose to surprise shepherds with the news, we know that each of us is important to you, and that we can bring our prayers to you in total confidence that you will hear and answer them. At this Christmas-time, we pray that we may know even more of the abundant life that Jesus brought. May it be so, Lord. Amen.

We meet again tomorrow morning at 10.30am for our Christmas Day service: **A GIFT!**

Next Sunday morning's meeting, New Year's Eve, will be at the usual time of 9:55am: **A STAR - God reveals himself to outsiders.**

Our Mission is

TO KNOW JESUS AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

by Evangelism, Ministry, Discipleship, Worship and Fellowship

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

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.

Mon 1st Jan Bromley SA Ramblers (see next page)

Tues 2nd No Home League (restarts 9th January)
(Informal Meeting with 50+ Fellowship on Thursday)

Wed 3rd No Parent and Toddler Group (restarts 10th January)
No Bible Study (restarts 10th January)
No Pilates (restarting date TBC)

Thurs 4th No Parent and Toddler Group (restarts 11th January)
No Christian Community Choir (restarts 11th January)
1:30pm Informal Meeting of 50+ Fellowship & Home League

Sunday 7th January – Vision & Commitment Sunday

Meetings at 9:55am & 6:00pm led by our Corps Officers, Lt Cols Graham & Kirsten Owen.

Monthly Prayer Fellowship

The next Monthly Prayer Fellowship at the home of Chris Webb will be at 8pm on Monday 8th January.

Offering – 17th December 2017

Cartridges - £723.00 Collection - £138.87

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 raised **£1191.16**.

Corps Family

Major Martin Gossauer, having been diagnosed with a benign brain tumour, will undergo radiotherapy on Friday 5th January, and is thankful for your prayer support.

Major Maureen Kew has been moved to Holbrook Ward, Woodlands Unit, Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup

Major Reg Cocks is still in St Christopher's

General Shaw Clifton is now home from hospital

Ruth Gbedemah is awaiting further treatment

Please remember our friends in your prayers.

Congratulations!

Lt. Colonel Miriam Pull will be celebrating her 90th Birthday with her family on Wednesday 3rd January. If you would like to send a card, please see Gill Johnson for the address. Happy Birthday Miriam!!

A Special Delivery!

Mike & Keith Sebbage are delighted to share this news:

'We promised to let you know when it had happened. A little girl and a little boy were born on Monday evening (18/12). Our older son Mihol and his wife Rhiannon are the proud parents and Ellis (8) and Braith (4) are thrilled to be an older brother and sister. The twins are a month early but perfectly fine apart from needing to gain more weight. We saw them all yesterday at Salisbury Hospital and were able to hold and cuddle them. The perfect Christmas gifts! Thank you, Lord!'

Double Congratulations to the proud grandparents!!

Technical support

24th December – Alex Pringle 25th December – David Lanceley
31st December – Kirsten Allemand

Refreshments

24th December - Susan Prodgers 31st December – Anita Gellatly

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]

Happy Retirement!

As noted, the New Year's Day walk for BSAR will begin in Westerham, and once again Mike Harris has prepared the way for us. Mike has been arranging rambles and walks for some years now, and they have been good times of fellowship, fun and fitness, with the odd muddy walk thrown in for good measure! However, Mike has decided to 'retire' from the role of organizer and leader and we would like to thank him for all that he has done in this capacity.

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.

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: [listed in the paper copy].



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)