

Bromley Temple Corps

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Welcome to worship. Our meetings today will be led by Iain. This morning we will be considering the whole church working together and looking at 1 Peter 2: 1-12. I've been challenged as I have shared with the corps missional journal group in recent weeks. We've pulled together a representative group of the whole corps. Their task is to provide clear direction on the way forward for Bromley Corps. As we look to Jesus, how can we best reflect Him in our community so that men, women, boys and girls come to know Him? As our mission statement declares – 'to know Jesus and make Jesus known.' We are considering our **individual uniqueness** – God has placed unique gifts within us all. We are concerned that **everyone matters** to God and therefore everyone matters to us at Bromley Corps. We are conferring on how best we can **mobilise all** of God's people to do all of God's work and give Him all of His worth as our Heavenly Father.

God is building his Church and because of His grace in the work of construction we all have a place. We can bring him our talents, our gifts and our skills. We can build up His Church in the way that He wills. God is building his Church it's His temple His throne and we're all His co-workers, His people His own. (John Gowans)

Every one of you has a part to play.

This evening we will gather at 6pm where we will consider Acts 2: 42-47 and what makes for a growing church?

Alison is facilitating and interviewing prospective candidates at an assessment conference this weekend at William Booth College.

Every blessing

Iain and Alison

Fire Drill Briefing

Following the meeting on Sun 25th November, we will hold a short Fire Drill briefing (5-10 minutes at most). We will aim to meet in the main hall at 11:30am prompt (this will enable the band to go to the High St as usual at 11:45am).

Whilst we do have a Fire Drill procedure in place, we're not confident that everybody knows what to do, which doors to vacate, where to go, etc. on hearing the fire alarm. This is especially vital on a Sunday morning (and over the Christmas period) when we are near to capacity. If you are responsible for the running of any clubs, sections, bible study groups, prayer groups, etc (basically any group that meets at the hall at any time) then it would be appreciated if you could attend. Thank you for your understanding. Alison

Christmas Toy Appeal

Christmas is just around the corner and all is in hand for the Toy Appeal this year. You will notice in the foyer area that there are Christmas gift tags with the gender and age of the children we are helping this year. Please feel free to take a tag and bring the toy (unwrapped – but in a Christmas bag) to our Toy Service which will be held on the morning of Sunday, 2nd December.

We will be making up the parcels in the main hall during the week beginning 10th December. We are anticipating that this will take us no more than 2 days, Monday and Tuesday. For your information, the same number of children as in previous years will be receiving assistance but we have liaised with other local corps who received our surplus toys last year and they will be collecting direct from some of the schools which donate toys. We have also accepted an offer of help from Bromley Police who supplied us with around 1000 toys last year. They will be making up some of the parcels from their premises. We shouldn't require drivers this year as we advised the referring agencies that they are responsible for the collection of the parcels from our halls between Wednesday to the Friday of that week.

Just wanted to keep you all 'in the loop' and also to say that if you would like to come and help us make up the parcels on Monday 10th or Tuesday 11th Dec, you'd be most welcome. We'll be there from 9:30am to 4pm both days. To help with the planning it would be good to know if you do intend to come, so could you please let Iain or Alison know preferably by email. Many thanks for giving this your consideration.

Christmas Post Box

Please note that the Corps Christmas Post Box will be available in the foyer from Sunday 25th November. The last day for posting will be 9th December – to allow time for sorting and distribution. Please remember that cards put in the box must be for people who attend the Corps and must not have any addresses written on them. 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

As in previous years, we will also be having a Christmas Greetings Board in the foyer, where you can put one card to all your friends in the corps (please provide your own card this year). The idea is that the amount you save by not buying multiple cards you donate to 'Carehaven' (see above). Thank you.

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 Jill Richardson on [tel. number in paper copy]. Thank you.

Three Faiths Theological Forum

The next gathering of the above event will be held on the 19th November at 7.15pm at Keston Mosque. We will be looking at Scriptural texts together from each of the three faiths - with the intention to understand and learn from each other. If more information is needed please speak to Iona or Sheila.