

Bromley Temple Corps

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1st Sunday in Advent

2nd December 2018

Welcome to worship! This morning is our annual gift service when we bring toys for children who may not get much this Christmas perhaps because their family has fallen on hard times. Please don't worry if you have not brought anything (you may be a visitor or you may have forgotten!) – let's remember that we are here primarily to worship. So as we come to worship we consider how we can never 'outgive' God – who gives and gives and gives again – to each one of us – freely and without measure.

John 1:16 - From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.

How truly blessed we are!

Tonight we will press the pause button and share in a time of reflective contemplation.

Christmas Card for the Public

To create a little publicity to a captive audience when collecting in the High Street while the band is carol playing, we have created a card to hand to those who donate to our work. This will thank them for their donation, indicating where the money is being used whilst at the same time highlighting 3 events to which they are invited.



This Week

Tuesday The Light Café is open from 10am to 2pm
10:30am Monthly Bible Study - Community Hall - 'Nazareth'
1:00pm Home League Christmas Lunch (note earlier time)

Wednesday The Light Café is open from 10am to 2pm
10:00am Parent and Toddler Group
10:00am Bible Study (see next page for details)
7:00pm Pilates

Thursday The Light Café is open from 10am to 2pm
10:00am Parent and Toddler Group
11:00am Community Choir
1:30pm 50+ Fellowship – 'Everlasting Gift'
Tristan & Mandy Lanceley

Friday The Light Café is open from 10am to 2pm
Funeral of Lt. Colonel Janet Pallant (see next page for details)
9:30am Prayers in the Main Hall
6:00pm Connect Children's Club

Saturday Carolling in the High Street (10am – 2:30pm)

Next Sunday – 2nd Sunday in Advent

9:55am Majors Iain & Alison Hudson
6:00pm Young People's Carol Service

Offering – 25th November 2018

Cartridges - £715.90 Collections - £153.83

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

Technical support

This Week: am Kirsten Allemand pm David Lanceley

Next Week: am Martin O'Leary pm David Lanceley

Refreshments

This week's hosts are Peter & Diane Jones

Next week's hosts are Lynn Nunn & Jill Richardson

Corps Family

Major John McCombe has sadly been bereaved of his mother
Commissioner Alan Coles is still in the PRUH.

Stella Underwood has been admitted to the PRUH this week
Please remember our friends in your prayers

Promoted to Glory – Lt. Colonel Janet Pallant

It was with great sadness that we heard that Lt. Colonel Janet Pallant had been Promoted to Glory. Please remember Steve and all the family members in your prayers at this time.

The funeral will take place at Beckenham Crematorium at 3:30pm on Friday 7th December and will be led by Commissioners Anthony & Gill Cotterill. Refreshments will be served at the Hall at 5pm followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at 7pm. Please come for the refreshments if you can, as the family would like to meet as many folk as possible.

Bible Study - Wednesday 5th December at 10 am

Our final Bible Class for this year will give us time together to reflect on ADVENT, with the theme 'Longing for Light'. ADVENT is a time to ponder our need of God with an invitation to think of the hope we have in Christ. Penny, Angela and Elaine (who present a monthly contemplative service at All Saints Church in Sanderstead) will bring Scripture, music and poetry to enable our worship and reflection together. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Christmas Post Box & Greetings Board

The Corps Christmas Post Box is now in the foyer. 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.

The Christmas Greetings Board, where you can put one card (please provide your own card this year) to all your friends in the corps, is on the wall next to the notice board. 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 are able to help with collecting please contact Jill Richardson on [tel. no. in paper copy]. Thank you.

Christmas Toy Appeal

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. If you would like to help please let Iain or Alison know, preferably by email.

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.

Defibrillator

At the last Corps Council, it was agreed that a defibrillator should be purchased and kept alongside the first aid box outside the office.

This is now in place – and in the near future arrangements will be made for first aiders & section leaders to view the short training DVD which outlines the correct procedure should it ever be necessary to use it.

Three Faiths Forum

The next meeting will be on Monday 10th December at 7:30pm, hosted at the Synagogue in Highlands Road Bromley, and will be convened by an Imam taking a text from the Koran. All are welcome.

Monthly Prayer Slot

'.....they fell on their knees and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts - gold, incense and myrrh.'

Matthew 2:11-12