

# Bromley Temple Corps

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Welcome to worship! This morning we will consider the futility of proclaiming the coming of the Prince of Peace at Christmas without first experiencing the advent of Jesus in our hearts.

The prophecy of Isaiah proclaiming the coming of the Prince of Peace was written 800 years prior to Christ's first coming as a baby in Bethlehem and was spoken to a nation of people who had largely turned away from worshipping God and who were experiencing the neighbouring Assyrians taking captive their land and people. As we consider our land today and the current issues we face - displaced peoples, political instability, grievous greed impacting our world, people powerlessly lost in human trafficking, the rise of crime in our society - if ever we needed the coming of the Prince of Peace we need him now.

*All around us, seemingly, darkness holds its sway;  
truth and love are faltering, peace in disarray;  
people sit in loneliness, children cry for bread;  
men fight men in hatred, by suspicion led;  
faced with such confusion, hope has slipped away;  
men have stopped believing, forgotten how to pray;  
and if we needed you, we need you now!  
Come into our world, now, Lord Jesus.*

Let us take every opportunity to tell others of the peace Christ brings to the heart of the believer; a peace that is available to those who bow the knee and trust in His offer of salvation, that act of grace, at Calvary.

Tonight we anticipate a wonderful and memorable occasion led by Janine and her young people's workers and of course the children as we worship at our children's carol service.

God bless you

Iain and Alison

## **This Week**

### **Monday**

- 1:30pm 'Craftersnoon' in The Light with Betty Ackroyd  
(please bring 2 glasses or jam jars)  
8:00pm Prayer Fellowship at the home of Fred & Iona Rainer

### **Tuesday**

- The Light Café is open from 10am to 2pm  
1:30pm Home League Carol Service – Major Iona Rainer

### **Wednesday**

- The Light Café is open from 10am to 2pm  
10:00am Parent and Toddler Group  
10:00am No Bible Study (restarts 9<sup>th</sup> January)  
No Pilates

### **Thursday**

- The Light Café is open from 10am to 2pm  
10:00am Parent and Toddler Group  
11:00am Community Choir singing in The Glades  
1:30pm 50+ Fellowship – Christmas Party

### **Friday**

- The Light Café is open from 10am to 2pm  
9:30am Prayers in the Main Hall  
6:00pm Connect Children's Club  
7:30pm Senior Band at St Barnabas Church in Beckenham

### **Saturday**

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

### **Next Sunday – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

- 9:55am Majors Iain & Alison Hudson  
3:00pm & 6:00pm Community Carol Services

### **Offering – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018**

Cartridges - £233.21 Collections - £988.30  
*Thank you for supporting the Lord's work in this way*

### **Technical support**

This Week: am Martin O'Leary pm David Lanceley  
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### **Refreshments**

This week's hosts are Lynn Nunn & Jill Richardson  
Next week's host is Louise Finch

## **Corps Family**

**Commissioner Alan Coles** is still in the PRUH.

**Stella Underwood** is now home after a few days in hospital

**Major Keith Pike** has sadly been bereaved of his mother

*Please remember our friends in your prayers*

## **Promoted to Glory – Major Audrey Cocks**

It was with great sadness that we heard that Major Audrey Cocks was Promoted to Glory on Wednesday this week. Please remember Rosemary Harris (daughter) and all the family members in your prayers at this time. The funeral will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm at the Hall and then 3:30pm at Kemnal Park Crematorium. The services will be conducted by Major Melvyn Ackroyd.

## **Congratulations!**

Many congratulations to James & Kelly McClelland on the safe arrival of a baby daughter – Darcy Grace.

## **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 coming week. 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 and Friday this 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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*

