

Bromley Temple Corps

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Corps Website: www.bromleytemple.org

23rd / 30th December 2018

As we welcome you to worship on this 4th Sunday in Advent, we recognise the hope, peace, joy and love that the Christ child can bring us, if we are willing to embrace God's gift of Jesus.

This morning we will be singing a couple of newer Christmas songs that echo these sentiments.

Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation
—God's salvation now unfurled, hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory,
but a humble gift of love—Jesus born of Mary.
(Stuart Townend)

The other was written by a Major Herbert Luhn and will give us the focus for the Bible Message. 'My own nativity' speaks of the need for us to seek the Christ child, allow him to be born within our hearts and for us to receive Him fully.

The advent of the ages was not in eons past,
not in a stable lowly, when Jesus came at last,
but when this simple seeker asked him to enter in,
and wonder of all wonder, the babe was born within.

That germ of life so fertile, that potent little spark,
that essence of divinity was born within my heart.
Though wrapped in flesh so lowly and scarcely realised,
in time he owned me fully, my life revitalised.

As shepherds heard the angels when Jesus first arrived,
I also heard them singing the day I came alive.
They sang of peace for all men, of joy and hope, goodwill;
the shepherds only heard it, I received it to the full. (PTO)

The advent of the ages was not in eons past,
and Christmas celebrations, for me, are ever cast.
In this, another advent, the one that came to me,
when Jesus came from Heaven, my own nativity.

Tonight, we meet for our corps carol service, a time of sharing as a family and receiving the good news of the incarnation. We look forward to celebrating with you.

God bless
Iain and Alison

Please Note

The Light will be closed to the public from 2pm on Friday 21st December and will reopen at 10am on Tuesday 8th January.

This Week

Tues 25th The Light Café is closed
10:30am Christmas Day Meeting
No Home League (restarts 8th January)

Wed 26th The Light Café is closed
No Parent and Toddler Group (restarts 9th January)
No Bible Study (restarts 9th January)
No Pilates (restarts 9th January)

Thurs 27th The Light Café is closed
No Parent and Toddler Group (restarts 10th January)
No Community Choir (restarts 10th January)
No 50+ Fellowship (restarts 10th January)

Fri 28th The Light Café is closed
No Prayer Meeting (restarts 11th January)

Sunday 30th December

9:55am Majors Iain & Alison Hudson
No evening meeting

Sunday 6th January 2019

9:55am Majors Geoff & Liz Chape
No evening meeting

Technical support

23rd December am Alex Pringle pm David Lanceley

Christmas Day am David Lanceley

30th December am Kirsten Allemand

Refreshments

23rd December - Martin & Melanie Swinfen

30th December - Kate Heath

Flowers

We say thank you to Lindsay McDougall for providing the wreath for our Advent Season.

Offering – 16th December 2018

Cartridges - £1,357.00 Collection (am) - £131.00

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

Community Carol Services – Collections for Mission Care

The total donated at our Community Carol Services for Mission Care was £1,125.00.

Corps Family

Ken Hodson has moved to Sundridge Court Care Home. Please remember Ken in your prayers during these days of adjustment.

Commissioner Alan Coles has now moved to Clairleigh Nursing Home. Please continue to remember him & Brenda in your prayers during these days.

On the Move!

Sadie Jamieson, one of our adherents, is moving on 22nd December - to be nearer her daughter. We hope the move goes smoothly and that you very quickly settle into your new home! God bless you Sadie.

Dates for your 2019 Diary!

Sunday 13th January – Vision & Commitment Sunday

Monday 14th January – Alpha Course commences in The Light 7pm

Sunday 20th January – am Pulpit Exchange

Sunday 3rd February – Launch of Self Denial Appeal

Sun. 10th February – pm Joint Meeting with St Mark's Church at BT

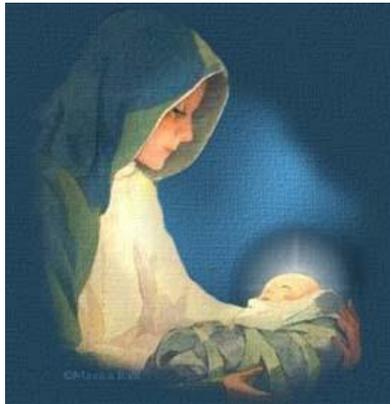
Sat/Sun 23rd/24th February - Visit of the International Staff Band to Bromley

Web Site Administrator Retires

Grateful thanks are expressed through our newsletter to Commissioner Paul du Plessis for the years of service he has given to maintain the corps web site. He is choosing to step back from this responsibility. This avenue of communication has been and continues to be the 'window' through which the corps fellowship is viewed. We are currently in the process of migrating to a new web site design and for the time being until Paul's successor is announced, all enquiries and information to be added to the current web site should be directed in the first instance to Mike Traher.

The Light Cafe Volunteer Coordinator Retires

Lt Col Angela Irving will be stepping down as The Light Cafe volunteer coordinator at the end of the year. Our grateful thanks are given to her for this service given to ensure the efficient running of the cafe in terms of managing the volunteer base. Until a successor is announced, Major Gill will oversee this responsibility.



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