

Bromley Temple Corps

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Epiphany

6th January 2019



Welcome to Bromley Temple on this first Sunday of the New Year. Our Corps Officers, Majors Iain & Alison Hudson, are on holiday this week - but we are delighted that two members of our corps family, Majors Geoff & Liz Chape, are going to lead us in worship.

Major Geoff provided the following paragraph to get us thinking:

Epiphany, often associated with the arrival of the wise men to Bethlehem, is a time when the church particularly recognises the emergence of a new recognition between the world of human knowledge and the emergence of seeing an eternal authority. The wise men of this world acknowledge the otherliness of this vulnerable Christ-Child, and worship his great worth whilst he rests in the simplicity of a manger. Sometimes, when reading scripture, we can miss the unfolding drama of those people, who like us, are seeking what we still seek, even at a different time and place. Scripture could become a mere history of others, rather than helping clarify the lifelong shared searching of humanity towards its deepest and ongoing question - to know who I am because of what I believe God to be. In looking at the context of Isaiah 9:1-7, presenting its new dimensions of the kingdom of God, and then sharing in the question of Jesus to Peter in Matthew 16:13-20, 'Who do you say that I am?', we also hear that same question, hoping and looking for that same certainty and depth of understanding as Peter.

This Week

Tuesday The Light Café is open from 10am to 2pm
10:30am Monthly Bible Study in the Community Hall – ‘Egypt’
1:30pm Home League – Major Sharron Lanceley

Wednesday The Light Café is open from 10am to 2pm
10:00am Parent and Toddler Group
10:00am Bible Study – Colonel Derek Elvin
7:00pm Pilates
8:00pm Corps Council

Thursday The Light Café is open from 10am to 2pm
10:00am Parent and Toddler Group
11:00am Community Choir
1:30pm 50+ Fellowship

Friday The Light Café is open from 10am to 2pm
9:30am Prayer Meeting
6:00pm Connect Children’s Club (aged 7 to 12)
6:30pm Connect + (for young people aged 13 to 16)

Next Sunday – Vision & Commitment Sunday

Meetings at 9:55am & 6:00pm led by our Corps Officers, Majors Iain & Alison Hudson

Technical support

This Week: am Martin O’Leary

Next Week: am Freda Larsson pm David Lanceley

Refreshments

This week’s host is Vanessa O’Leary

Next week’s host is Alison Fullarton

Flowers

We say thank you to George & Ian Whittingham for the flowers on the Holiness Table today, given in loving memory of Grace.

Offering – 23rd/30th December 2018

Cartridges - £844.80 Collections - £263.64

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

Carolling Totals for 2018

The total raised during the carolling season was **£11,209.55**

We are very grateful to all who took part in collecting, playing, counting and catering for the above appeal. This special effort, sometimes in inclement weather, is much appreciated.

Corps Family

A number of our Corps Family would value your prayers at this time. We particularly think of:

Janine Mitchell - who was admitted to hospital before Christmas with pneumonia. She was allowed home after 4 days but is still on strict bed rest and feels far from well.

Ken Hodson – who has been in hospital over Christmas but moved to Sundridge Court Care Home on Wednesday this week.

Chris & Val Walford - Unfortunately Chris had a fall on 27th December while carrying hot tea. He was admitted to hospital in East Grinstead on Thursday of this week for skin grafts and will probably be in hospital for a week.

Connect and Connect +

Our children's (age 7-12) and young people's (age 13-16) outreach programmes begin again on the 11th January and then take place fortnightly:

25th January

8th February

22nd February

8th March

22nd March

5th April

Connect + is our new young people's programme which will run from 6:30pm-8:30pm. If you have any children or young people in mind who would like to attend please speak to one of the Connect team. As ever, if you are interested in volunteering in this ministry, then please speak to Josh, Luke, Emily or Chloe.

Women's Study Group

A small study group for women meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in The Light at 7:30 - 9:00pm. Everyone participates in some way and different people lead it. If you are interested in being a part of the group, speak to Sarah Greenwood or Alison Thompson. We will be using Christ of the Door by Phil Needham for our next study.

Flower Rota 2019

The new Flower Rota is now on the notice board in the foyer. This ministry not only enhances our worship on a Sunday, but brings much pleasure to the people who enjoy the flowers in the days following.

Sincere thanks to all who have contributed throughout 2018. If you would like to be part of this ministry, you are invited to put your name against the date you prefer. You can either arrange the flowers yourself or make a donation and someone else will arrange them for you. Lindsay McDougall organises the rota so if you would like further information please speak to her.

Dates for your 2019 Diary!

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

Monthly Prayer Slot

'Our prayers lay the track down which God's power can come. Like a mighty locomotive, his power is irresistible, but it cannot reach us without rails.'

Watchman Nee