

TODAY Sunday 4th December Second Sunday in Advent

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
10.15am **Prayer** in the Prayer Room
10.30am Senior Band playing Carols outside the Hall
11.00am **Toy Service** led by Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones
5.00pm **Light up a Life Service** with St Peter's Hospice

Monday 5th December Hall open between 9am and 3pm

9.30am-4.00pm Gardening Club Christmas Trip & Dinner
6.00-7.30pm Brownies & Rainbows Carol Service Soundwell Church
7.45pm **NO** Cell Group with Peter Belcher (Meet next week)

Tuesday 6th December Hall open between 9am and 3pm

9.30am Parent & Toddlers Christmas Party
10.00am Christmas Cell Group
7.30pm Songsters at Badminton Gardens

Wednesday 7th December Hall open between 9am and 3pm

9.30am Baby Song Carol Service
3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World

Thursday 8th December Hall open between 9am and 3pm

10.30am "Meet & Greet"
12.30pm Lunch Club Christmas Dinner & Carol Service
2.00pm Friendship Club
6.00-7.30pm YP Band Carolling at Tesco Extra, Yate
6.00-9.00pm Senior Band Carolling at The Mall

Friday 9th December Hall open between 9am and 3pm

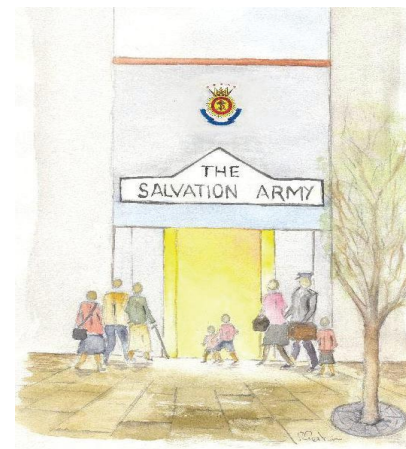
9.30am & 11.30am Slimming World
7.30pm **Christmas with the Salvation Army** – Tickets £5

Saturday 10th December

10.00am-12.00pm Coffee Morning
10.00am-2.00pm Senior Band Carolling at The Mall
10.30am-12.00pm YP Band Carolling at Willowbrook, Bradley Stoke
5.00pm Carols with ensemble at 'Ring O Bells'

Sunday 11th December Third Sunday in Advent

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
10.00am Senior Band at Beaufort Court
10.15am **Prayer** in the Prayer Room
11.00am **Worship** led by Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones
5.00pm **Family Carol Service** led by Colin & Nicola



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A Christmas message from Down Under

"It is 11am and we are an hour into a four and a half hour drive back to Canberra having spent the last week exploring parts of the State of Victoria which we haven't seen before. It's a Sunday, so we have some of our 'Sunday music' to listen to as we travel. It is also the first Sunday of Advent so our playlist includes Christmas music. The play order is chosen not by us but by a clever little micro-chip and, next up, is Staple Hill Salvation Army Band playing 'See Amid the Winter's Snow'. What is more, we are actually driving along the Snowy Mountain Highway! Outside, the sky is big and blue, the sunshine brilliant and, according to the display in the car, it's 30C - this year we are definitely not dreaming of a white Christmas. Having, until now, only ever experienced and celebrated Christmas amidst the gloom and chill of winter, the general ambience of what is summer here is so different from what we associate with Christmas that the full wonder of this period could easily elude us. But I am reminded that what we celebrate is not a winter (or summer) festival but the greatest gift that has ever been or could be given to mankind, and to you and me. "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"

Please pass on our best wishes to everyone. Hope all the preparations and activities go well and are successful - believe it or not, we actually miss the buzz of it all!" Les & Jenny Palfreman



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THE 'Gifts of Christmas' BULLETIN

I'm sure everyone involved with *Christmas on the Hill* yesterday went home exhausted. The community of Staple Hill were out in force and most of them seemed to be in our buildings! The 'Catering Team' made over £900 profit towards our Community Fund – that gives you some idea of how many people came in! **Thank You & well done** to everyone involved whatever you did in welcoming & encouraging all who entered God's Kingdom yesterday.



TONIGHT at 5pm with St Peter's Hospice. Join us at our special reflective remembrance service supported by all our musical groups as we welcome our friends from St Peter's Hospice – **"Keep your memories burning bright"**

Christmas with the Salvation Army? What could be better? Maybe this is the right occasion to invite your family, friends & neighbours on Friday 9th December at 7.30pm. Tickets priced £5 are available from Viv, Pauline & Brian (see poster for further contact details). Go on, invite someone!

And don't forget our special Carol Services on Sundays

All great occasions to bring family, Friends & neighbours.

Sunday 11 th	5pm:	Family Carol Service
Sunday 18 th	5pm:	Carol Service
Sunday 25 th	11am.	Christmas Day at the Salvation Army

Christmas Card Postal Service. Cards posted each Sunday will be available for collection by the following Sunday – **last post is Sunday 11th December.** Donations for this internal service go towards the work with our Youth who deserve it after all the hard work sorting!! **This service is internal & is only for those of our fellowship who are able to pick up their cards.**

Thank you for your support for the Angel Tree Children's Presents Project

– final donations by Friday 9th December at the latest.

As with other years, we will be preparing **Food Parcels** for those in need this Christmas. We will be sourcing everything we need. However, you may like to help in the preparation of these parcels & sorting the **Children's Presents** you and others have donated. We will be doing all that on Monday evening 12th December from 7pm. Many hands make light work!



Hall Opening during December: From Monday 5th December, the hall will be open everyday Monday to Friday between 9am and 3pm. A rota of volunteers has been drawn up to ensure the doors can stay open to accept any donations of toys etc, and also answer any queries people may have at this busy time. Thank you to Pauline and Viv for organising this.

Christmas Day. Volunteers are required to help serve & look after our guests as well as driving them to & from the Hall. If you can help in any way, please see David James or Colin & Nicola in his absence.

CSM BULLETIN:

Could I please ask that at approximately 10.55am on a Sunday you draw your conversations to a conclusion & find your seat to prepare for worship. The music of the bands will be your cue which has been chosen & prepared for you to help in your preparation for all that Colin & Nicola have for us.

GENERAL BULLETIN:

Mary White & Margaret Boxell will be travelling with the Winton Corps in 2018 on their bi-annual 'Vision of Hope Mission' to the Ukraine (see Staple Diet). To help them raise their £700 each to be part of the mission, you are invited to an Open House on Wednesday 14th December from 5pm onwards at 1 Thicket Avenue BS16 4DH. Come & enjoy a minced pie & a glass of non-alcoholic mulled wine, tea or coffee while listening to Christmas music. £2.00 per person. Christmas fayre plus cakes and crumbles also on sale.

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:

Fellowship Prayer List comprised of members of our fellowship is now available. For your copy & further details, please see Linda James.

Remember Me:
Adam Dickens celebrates his 18th birthday.
Brenda Driscoll celebrates her 90th birthday on 5th December
Lilian Baker is in Kenya with the Kenya Trust.

Bev Dickens brother **Shaun Skinner** and his family & friends,
Peter Clark (Paul Campbells & Catherine Reads relation),
Pat & Arnold Tilling,

Rita Brooksbank, Michelle Kleinschmidt, John & Olive Sheppard, Marcus & Cath Brown, Irene Ackerman, Molly Angle, Doreen Butland, Ruth & Tom Cable, Nancy Cryer, Geoffrey Driscoll, Joan & David Jones, Joyce & Gwen Lear, David & Shirley Nokes, Madge Rickards, Valerie & Peter Scott, Francis & Ruth Shepherd, Ray & Mary Brown.