

TODAY Sunday 18th December Fourth Sunday in Advent

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
10.00am Senior Band ensemble at Peache Court
10.00am Young People at Park View Court
10.15am **Prayer** in the Prayer Room
11.00am **Worship** led by Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones
2.30pm Carol Service at Deerhurst – CCM plus ensemble
5.00pm **Carol Service** led by Colin & Nicola

Monday 19th December Hall open between 9am and 3pm

Tuesday 20th December Hall open between 9am and 3pm

Wednesday 21st December Hall open between 9am and 3pm

3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World

Thursday 22nd December Hall open between 9am and 3pm

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

Friday 23rd December Hall open between 9am and 3pm

9.30am & 11.30am Slimming World

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

10.00am-12.00pm NO Coffee Morning

Sunday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30am Guests arrive for the day
11.00am **Worship** led by Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones

NEXT YEAR - 2017

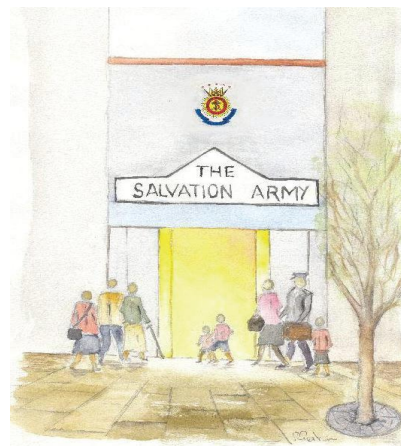
Sunday 1st January NEW YEARS DAY

11.00am ONLY **Worship** led by Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones

Monday 2nd to Friday 6th January: Building Maintenance Week

Sunday 8th January COMMITMENT SUNDAY

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
10.15am **Prayer** in the Prayer Room
11.00am **Worship** led by Colin & Nicola Hylton-Jones
12.30pm **Sunday Lunch** – see inside
5.00pm **NO WORSHIP**



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Sunday 18th December 2016

Over the years, we may have written many letters to Santa, well thanks to Frank Mills, this Christmas I've seen a letter from Santa to Jesus.

*"My dear precious Jesus, I did not mean to take your place.
I only bring toys and things, but you bring love and grace.
People give me lists of wishes and hope that they come true;
But you hear prayers of the heart and promise your will to do.
Children try to be good and not to cry, when I am coming to town;
But you love them unconditionally and that love will abound.
I leave only a bag of toys and temporary joy for a season;
But you leave a heart of love, full of purpose and reason.
I have a lot of believers and what one might call fame;
But I never healed the blind or tried to help the lame.
I have rosy cheeks and a voice full of laughter;
But no nail-scarred hands, or a promise of the hereafter.
You may find several of me, in town or at the mall;
But there is only one omnipotent You to answer a sinner's call.
And so, my dear Jesus, I kneel here and pray;
To worship and adore You on this day, Your holy day"*



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THE 'Gifts of Christmas' BULLETIN

Christmas Day at the Salvation Army. Be great to see you at the Service which starts at 11am. However, volunteers are required to help serve & look after our day 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.

Christmas Card Postal Service. Thank You to the Youth for their hard work in sorting the cards each week. What's not taken won't be delivered. So please take your cards and those whom you are able to deliver.

Hall Opening during December: Until Christmas, the hall will continue to be open everyday Monday to Friday between 9am and 3pm.

SUNDAYS MEETINGS BULLETIN:

Sunday 1st January: 11am Worship only (New Years Day)
Sunday 8th January: Commitment Sunday 11am Worship Only. You are all invited to join us for Sunday Lunch after which Colin, Nicola & The Mission Council will present to you their thoughts & deliberations on worship & how we use our time together on a Sunday. Please add your name to the 'sign-up sheet' in the Foyer.
Sunday 15th January: 11am: Worship 5pm: Worship & The Word
Sunday 22nd January: 11am: Worship 5pm: Sunday Worship
Sunday 29th January: 11am: Worship 5pm: Sunday Celebration

GENERAL BULLETIN:

NO Weekly Bulletins Sunday 25th December or 1st January.

Building Maintenance Week:

Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th January

On this occasion, much of the work will be conducted on the rooms behind the platform creating music rooms, instrument rooms & meeting rooms mainly used by our young people. There are still other maintenance tasks & cleaning & clearing up throughout the buildings, so plenty to do for everyone. Remember, there will be very few daytime activities & no evening practices or meetings this week, so that we can all help. Watch the noticeboard, Facebook & e mails for further details. ***Be great to see you - many hands make light work.***



The next **Mission Week** is Monday 30th January to Friday 3rd February.

WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR THE BIG COLLECTION?

What will you do for The Big Collection? I suggested earlier in the year that if we all raised £50 each, we would exceed our target. Alison Chivers made blankets, sold them & has raised her £50 which she gave to Colin last Sunday!

What will you do for The Big Collection? Volunteers are required for 'Standing Days' at Yate Tesco's on Friday 20th & Saturday 21st January 2017. These Standing Days raised in excess of £1,500 last year

What will you do for The Big Collection? Sell some tickets for **The Big Collection Concert** on Saturday 28th January at 7pm! Make sure you don't miss what promises to be a fantastic evening as we host Renewal Gospel Choir in concert with Staple Hill Band. It's only £5 to get in, but a collection will be taken in aid of The Big Collection. To avoid disappointment, get your tickets from Brian Usher or Chris Painter as soon as possible! More details to follow, but in the afternoon from 3pm Kim Samuels (leader of Renewal Gospel Choir) will be leading a workshop with our young people and they will join forces with the Choir at some point during the concert. (P.S. The term 'Young People' is open to interpretation!! See Nathan.

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:

You will be saddened to hear of the passing of Barbara Peacock & Joan Jones. Colin had been able to minister to them both & pray with them in their final days. Whilst they have been 'Promoted to Glory', their families will be saddened at their loss. Our prayers & thoughts are with them all. We will let you know as soon as possible when funeral arrangements are known.

Continue to remember Bev Dickens brother Shaun Skinner & Paul Campbells & Catherine Reads relation Peter Clark & their families & friends

It was great to see Pat & Arnold Tilling & Rita Brooksbank last Sunday. However, a number have been unwell & you'll notice them missing

Remember Me: Catherine Read, John & Olive Sheppard, Marcus & Cath Brown, Irene Ackerman, Molly Angle, Doreen Butland, Ruth & Tom Cable, Nancy Cryer, Geoffrey Driscoll, Joyce & Gwen Lear, David & Shirley Nokes, Madge Rickards, Valerie & Peter Scott, Francis & Ruth Shepherd, Ray & Mary Brown.

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

The Prayer Room is there for you to use when ever you need. Corporate prayer takes place every Sunday at 10.15am to which you are welcome.