

TODAY SUNDAY 26th November

9.45am	Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
11.00am	Sunday Worship including enrolment of Becky Gardner
3.00-4.00pm	Business Group Meeting
4.00pm	Family Christmas Crafts
5.00pm	Worship after crafts

Monday 27th November

6.00pm	Rainbows
7.45pm	Cell Group at the Hall
8.00pm	Come And Meet Each Other Craft Group

Tuesday 28th November

9.30am	Parent & Toddlers
6.45pm	Young People's Band Practice
8.00pm	Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 29th November

9.30am	Baby Song
3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm	Slimming World
8.00pm	Cell Group with Margaret Boxell
8.00pm	Cell Group with Linda & Kelvin

Thursday 30th November

10.30am	"Meet & Greet"
12.30pm	Lunch Club
2.00pm	Friendship Club
6.00-9.00pm	Senior Band carolling at The Mall
6.45pm	Singing Company Practice
8.00pm	Songster Practice (Senior Choir)

Friday 1st December

9.30 & 11.30am	Slimming World
6.00pm	Friday Club

Saturday 2nd December

All day	Christmas on the Hill – see inside
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Sunday 3rd December

9.45am	Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
10.00am	Senior Band at a Residential Home
11.00am	Toy Service with Colin & Nicola
5.00pm	Light up a Life with St Peter's Hospice



THE SALVATION ARMY STAPLE HILL

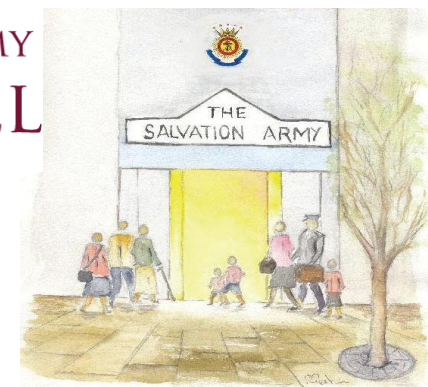
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Weekly Bulletin for Sunday 26th November 2017

The English word "angel" comes from the Greek angelos, which means 'messenger'. In the Old Testament, with two exceptions, the Hebrew word for "angel" is malak, also meaning 'messenger'. The prophet Malachi took his name from this word. He was himself a messenger, and he prophesied about the coming of "the messenger of the covenant", Jesus Christ (Malachi 3:1).

We have our own 'angel messenger' at Staple Hill. Over the last few years, the Christmas Angel has appeared on the Angel Tree in the foyer. It delivers the message that there are children & families around where we live who without our help, would get very few or no presents at Christmas. The angel asks you to buy a new gift for the person as indicated on the back of the tag & to bring them to the Toy Service on Sunday morning 3rd December at 11am or to get them to us by Monday 11th December when volunteers will be sorting the gifts out for their recipients.



So how far has this message gone? It's no longer just our Sunday Fellowship. The angels have been taken by Rainbows, Baby Song, Toddlers, Lunch Club, Meet & Greet, Friendship Club, Friday Club & Coffee Morning as well as those who attend Slimming World. The angel has also reached where you work. It even reached a nursery where a wooden tree was made to help children understand the true meaning of Christmas and on it were our Christmas angels!! And I've just heard, a local company is donating presents too. A simple idea that got bigger & bigger, reaching more & more people.

As we approach Christmas, the challenge for us as members of The Salvation Army is that we are called by God to be the messengers of Jesus & his love.

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FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN: Reaching Wider to love each other

Congratulations to **Becky Gardner** – our newest Senior Soldier!

Lilian Baker & Josh Dickens are in Kenya with the Kenya Trust

Frank Mills has been Promoted to Glory. Colin was able to visit him in what proved to be his final days. Funeral arrangements are yet to be confirmed.

As we enter the period of Christmas, perhaps we could spare a thought, remember and pray for those who are unable to attend & worship with us:

Molly Angle, Cath Brown, Mary Brown, Doreen Butland, Ruth & Tom Cable, Nancy Cryer, Brenda & Geoffrey Driscoll, Margaret Hatton, Light Jatto, Gwen & Joyce Lear, Shirley Nokes, Catherine Read, Valerie & Peter Scott, Francis & Ruth Shepherd, John & Olive Sheppard.



PROGRAMME BULLETIN: Come And Meet Each Other Craft Group are meeting tomorrow Monday night at 8pm where they will be making 3D Stars. All are welcome. If you're coming, bring a stapler & scissors.

CHRISTMAS BULLETIN: *"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, soon the bells will start. And the thing that will make them ring, is the carol that you sing right within your heart"*



Remember, everyone is invited to our **Family Christmas Crafts** this evening at 4pm. It doesn't matter how old or young you are, it would be great to see you. If you don't do crafts, well come for a chat and see others of your family getting all crafty! The perfect opportunity to invite others as well. If craft is not your thing, then join us for worship at 5pm.

Toy Service – next Sunday 3rd December at 11am: Don't forget, we'll all be wearing our Christmas Jumpers – still time to get yours!!

The One True Gift' by Tim Chester. Why not join with other members of the Corps and share daily readings for Advent. *'The One True Gift'* has 24 short readings, ideas for reflection, & prayer in the run up to Christmas Day. **To order your book, give your name to Linda James TODAY. Cost £3.99.**

We really need your help to collect the general public's contributions to our work whilst both our bands are playing Christmas carols. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. But if you can help or want any more information, please see Linda Hall and Debbie Hartcliffe who are organising the collectors.

Internal Christmas Post: To ensure people can collect their cards before Christmas, **the last post will be Sunday 10th December.** Donations to the Youth for their hard work as the Staple Hill Postal Service can be put into the box or given to Tash or Phil. First name and last name may be necessary – e.g. M. Dickens (Mark or Mike!?!?)



Christmas on the Hill. Saturday 2nd December:

Although there is no parade, there will be various activities out on the high street including our own bands. We'll be providing refreshments & entertainment in our halls including our Band & Songsters.

December at the Staple Hill Salvation Army is a "Journey to Bethlehem".

Join us for as much of the journey as you can. Bring your family & friends. Invite those you meet. It'll be great to see you all.



The Staple Hill Salvation Army
Light up a Life
Sunday 3rd December at 5pm

