

TODAY SUNDAY 17th December

10.00am	Senior Band at Cleeve Lodge & Peache Court
	Young People at Park View Court
11.00am	Worship with Colin & Nicola
2.30pm	Community Care Ministries & Band Group: Deerhurst
5.00pm	Carol Service

Wednesday 20th December 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World

Thursday 21st December

10.30am	"Meet & Greet"
12.30pm	Lunch Club
6.00-7.30pm	Young People's Band carolling at Tesco's Extra Yate
6.00-9.00pm	Senior Band carolling at The Mall

Friday 22nd December	9.30 & 11.30am	Slimming World
Saturday 23rd December	10am-12pm	<u>NO Coffee Morning</u>
11.00am-3.00pm	Senior Band carolling at The Mall	

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve

9.30am	Preparation for Christmas Day
11.00am	Hall open for meditation & reflection – NO Meeting
4.00pm	Carols around the Tree in Fountain Square
5.00pm	No Meeting

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

All Day	Activities with our special guests
11.00am	Christmas Day Worship for all the family

Wednesday 27th December 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World

Friday 29th December 9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World

Sunday 31st December 11.00am Morning Worship only

Wednesday 3rd January 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World

Thursday 4th January Building Maintenance – see inside

Friday 5th January Building Maintenance – see inside
9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World

Saturday 6th January 10am-12pm Coffee Morning

Sunday 7th January VISION & COMMITMENT SUNDAY

10.00am	Young People's Breakfast
11.00am	Worship with Colin & Nicola
5.00pm	Café One with Colin & Nicola



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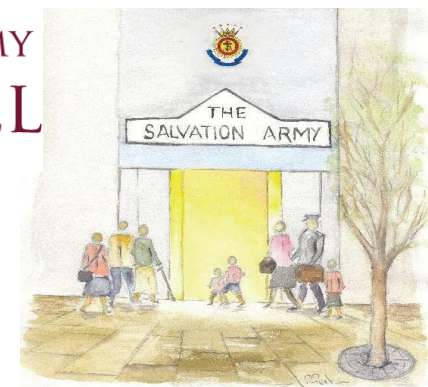
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Weekly Bulletin for Sunday 17th December 2017

Like many of you, I have used "The One True Gift" for my daily reading each day during December. Although it has not been what I expected, it has sometimes 'encouraged & inspired' as it says it would on the cover.

I was particularly challenged by Day Four: 'Born to create a united people' using Philippians 2 v5: "*Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus*". Tim Chester asks: Is your church they or us? Here's what he meant: "Which of the following would you say? "The church is great. **Their** morning services are uplifting & **their** provision for the children is good, although **they** could do more evangelism" OR "The church is great. **Our** morning services are uplifting & **our** provision for the children is good, although **we** could do more evangelism".

"**THEY**" or "**WE**"? Do you view the church as other than you – as a meeting you attend or a team of clergy? Or do you view the church as you together with your brothers and sisters? Do you attend or do you belong? Do you have a sense of responsibility & ownership for what happens? Paul is not writing to individual Christians, he's writing to a church as a church.

Christmas is often a busy time for churches. There are extra meetings, carol services, outreach to the needy. What would it mean if you thought of all those activities as things "we" were doing? What would it mean for you to have a sense of ownership and responsibility for all those events?

Above all, Jesus is our model. Jesus left the glory of heaven, became a servant, was made human & became obedient to death. Why? Because he didn't think "they", he thought "we". Christ has called you his brother or sister. He's called your church his brothers & sisters. Now you can do the same.

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CHRISTMAS BULLETIN:

We're on the final leg of our "Journey to Bethlehem".

Carol Service tonight at 5pm featuring all our musical groups

Carols in Fountain Square on Christmas Eve at 4pm.

Christmas Day at 11am to meet together & celebrate the birth of Jesus

Internal Christmas Post: The final post was last week, so please make sure you take your cards & deliver those you know are not with us today.

Collectors are still required at the Mall with the Band next Saturday 23rd December. If you can help any time between 11am-3pm, see Debbie Hatcliffe.

Drivers are still required for Christmas Day to transport our guests to & from the Hall, especially in the Hanham & St George areas – please see David James

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN: Reaching Wider to love each other

Congratulations to Anthony & Fiona Lear on the birth of Naomi Martha Joy who weighed in at 6lbs 7ozs last Tuesday – well done Rob & Anne as well!

Ruth Cable is now home from Hospital.

Please give your stamps to Marie Watts who is still collecting them for charity

And so to 2018. The full programme for 2018 is available, but here's

JANUARY 2018	
Thurs 4 th / Fri 5 th	Tidy Up and Spring Clean (daytime & evening)
Sunday 7 th	Vision & Commitment Sunday
Sunday 14 th	Southmead Hospital Ministry
Monday 15 th	Mission Council Meeting
Sunday 21 st	Pastoral Care Council Meeting
Saturday 27 th	Big Collection Concert
Sat 27 th / Sun 28 th	Children's Weekend led by Captain Josh Selfe

BUILDING MAINTENANCE BULLETIN:

Thursday 4th & Friday 5th January will be used for the next round of maintenance work. This will be a much more limited exercise than the last couple of years – cleaning of surfaces and furnishings coupled with an attempt to tidy up & clear out the loft space. Having all day on the Thursday, will give us the whole day to sort out the Bradbury Hall, which needs the greatest attention as it is the most used, before moving onto the rest of the building. Any help will be appreciated.

VISION & COMMITMENT BULLETIN:

The Salvation Army in the UK Territory's theme for 2018 is '**Discipleship - Everyday in Everything and Everywhere**'. This follows on from Transformation in 2016 and Integration in 2017 - we're now on the 'D' of **TIDE** (Effectiveness next year!). Discipleship is so important, so we thought it would be good to follow this theme for the first few weeks of the new year. The Vision and Commitment Sunday on Sunday 7th January will commence this theme and be followed up by 6 weeks of meetings each week covering a different aspect of our discipleship. The children, Youth & Cell Groups will also be studying the same theme - the resources are all freely available on the SA website: www.salvationarmy.org.uk/vision-and-commitment
Below are the plans for the first 3 months of 2018 to help you prepare.

January – March 2018 Sunday Morning Worship Plans "Everyday in Everything and Everywhere"

Date	Sunday Morning
7 th Jan	COMMITMENT & VISION SUNDAY Discipleship <i>"Everyday in everything & everywhere"</i> 2 Peter 1:3-11
14 th Jan	1 Putting First – Prioritising: <i>"Sitting at the feet of Christ"</i> Mark 6:45-46, Luke 10:38-42
21 st Jan	2 Letting Go – Sacrificing: <i>"The cost of Discipleship"</i> Luke 14:25-35, Luke 18:18-23
28 th Jan	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY with Captain Josh Selfe
4 th Feb	3 Opening up <i>"Accepting and Including"</i> Luke 19:1-10, Luke 18:15-17
11 th Feb	Colin & Nicola on Leave
18 th Feb	4 Getting Together – Gathering: <i>"Fellowship & Mission Together"</i> Acts 2:42-47
25 th Feb	CORPS RETREAT
4 th Mar	5 Acting Out – Practicing: <i>"Serving Others"</i> Luke 13:10-17
11 th Mar	MOTHERS' DAY
18 th Mar	6 Speaking up – Testifying: <i>"Sharing and Witnessing"</i> Matthew 21:12-17

The Weekly Bulletin will return on Sunday 7th January and the full weekly programme of activities resumes on Monday 8th January with band practices starting on Tuesday 9th & singing practices on Thursday 11th.

Happy Christmas & looking forward to another blessed New Year!