The Week Ahead



TODAY Sunday 18th November

Youth on Retreat

9.45am Meetings for toddlers & children
11.00am Sunday Worship with Colin & Nicola
2.30pm Community Care Ministries at Deerhurst

5.00pm *Word on the Third* with Colin & Nicola

Monday 19th November

6.00pm Rainbows

Tuesday 20th November

9.30am Parent & Toddlers

10.00am Cell Group with Pat & Arnold Tilling2.00pm Community Care Ministries Meeting

6.45pm Young People's Band Practice

8.00pm Senior Band Practice

Wednesday 21st November

9.30am Baby Song

3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World

7.45pm Combined Wednesday Cell Groups at the Hall with

Gerry & Malcolm Wiltshire, Linda & Kelvin James

Thursday 22nd November

10.30am "Meet & Greet" 12.30pm Lunch Club

2.00pm Friendship Club

6.00pm Christmas on the Hill Meeting in the Bradbury Hall

6.45pm Singing Company Practice

8.00pm Songster Practice

Friday 23rd November

9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World 6.00pm Friday Club

Saturday 24th November

10.00am-12.00pm Coffee Morning

10.00am-3.00pm Senior Band Carolling at The Mall

Sunday 25th November

9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers

11.00am Sunday Worship with Colin & Nicola5.00pm Go Forth in Worship with Colin & Nicola



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The Weekly Bulletin for Sunday 18th November 2018

When we pray 'Lord, make me a better person', what do we mean?

I read this week that maybe we should ask ourselves some or all of the following questions:

- Am I honest & above reproach in all my financial dealings?
- Do I spend enough time with my family?
- Do I tell the truth even when it brings me hurt & criticism?
- Do I find it easy to say when I am wrong & be genuinely sorry?
- Am I knowingly compromising any area of my life?
- Have I formed habits that are detrimental to my health, my job, my family or my walk with Jesus?
- Am I proud, selfish or arrogant?
- Have I failed to confess something to someone who should know of my wrongdoing?
- Have I been insensitive to my loved ones?
- Am I spending enough time in prayer & in the scriptures?

'Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord' (Lamentations 3:40 NIV 2011 Edition). The advice was that we need to get real with God. (UCB Word for Today Tuesday 13th November 2018).

I have never found tests very easy or enjoyable especially when I'm being asked to examine myself. But we're never too old to learn & change.

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The Youth still are on Retreat looking at how God can give them the strength and power they need to overcome some of the difficulties of life.

Yvonne Tilling is in hospital hoping to come home soon, Joyce Lear, Roy Rodman & Lynette Price have been in hospital PLUS continued prayers for Wesley Challenger, Chris Claridge, Brenda Cook, Brenda Hussey, Hazel Leonard, Sally Partington & others you know need our prayers & support

COFFEE MORNING BULLETIN: We need someone for Saturday morning 24th November – if you can help, please see Mary White

Community Care Ministries also need an extra pair of hands for the Saturday morning 8th December – if you can help, please see David James.

CHRISTMAS BULLETIN: What are you expecting?

This year, we're using this booklet to focus clearer on the message of Advent. Each day of December & every Sunday of Advent, has a short Bible reading, a reflection, prayer & a simple action to prepare yourself for Christmas. The booklet is available from Linda James, priced just £1.50.







Christmas with The Salvation Army Friday 7th December 7.30pm Tickets £5

Special Guests are the Timbrels from the Boscombe Salvation Army – a special addition to our Christmas celebrations!



Tickets available from Viv Wallington Children are free but do need a ticket.

The Angel Tree: We work in partnership with South Gloucestershire Social Services and other agencies to provide gifts to children who would otherwise have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning. We also provide many of these families with food hampers to ensure that the whole family has an enjoyable Christmas. As you do your Christmas shopping maybe you could buy an extra gift. Please take a tag from the angel tree in the foyer and buy a gift for the person as indicated on the back of the tag. All gifts need to be **brand new & unwrapped**. You can bring your gifts to our Toy Service on Sunday 2nd December at 11am when we wear our Christmas jumpers or you can bring them to the hall at any other time. Thank You.

WE NEED YOUR HELP CHRISTMAS DAY. We are looking forward to welcoming guests on Christmas day, people who would otherwise be alone. We rely on volunteers, who help with serving and clearing, but most importantly chat with the guests to ensure everyone has a great time. We have people who offer to help, many of whom are unknown to us beforehand and they do a great job, but it would be great if more 'corps' people got involved. We need help in 2 ways:

- Driving guests to the hall in the morning and/or taking them home in the afternoon please see David James
- 2. Serving, clearing, chatting, washing-up, clearing tables and chairs etc (all day or part of the day) please see Nicola