

## The Week Ahead

### TODAY Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
- 10.00am Senior Band at Manor Cottage & Osbourne Court
- 11.00am **Toy Service:** Colin, Nicola & your Christmas Jumpers!
- 4.00-5.30pm **Christmas Crafts** including some Worship at 5pm

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

- 12.30pm Gardening Club Christmas Dinner

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

- 9.30am Parent & Toddlers Christmas Party
- 7.30pm Songsters at Badminton Gardens

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

- 9.30am Baby Song Christmas Party
- 3.30, 5.30 & 7.30pm Slimming World

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December

- 10.30am "Meet & Greet"
- 12.30pm Lunch Club
- 2.00pm Friendship Club
- 6.00-8.00pm Band Carolling at Tesco's Yate

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

- 7.30, 9.30 & 11.30am Slimming World
- 6.00pm Friday Club (Last before Christmas)

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

- ALL DAY Christmas on the Hill – see inside
- 12.00-1.30pm Young People's Band carolling
- 1.30-3.00pm Senior Band carolling
- 3.45-4.15pm Christmas Tree Lights 'Switch On' in the Square

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 9.45am Meetings for toddlers, children & teenagers
- 10.00am Senior Band at Beaufort Court & Avonmere (TBC)
- 11.00am **All-Age Worship** with Colin & Nicola
- 5.00pm **Light up a Life Service** with St Peter's Hospice

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

- 10.00am-1.00pm Toy Sorting
- 6.00pm Rainbows (Last before Christmas)
- 6.00pm Toy Sorting & Food Parcels



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## The Weekly Bulletin for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019



### The First Sunday in Advent

*"We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the Light of God into the world. With the coming of this light, there is **HOPE**. We believe that good is stronger than evil and that God wants us to work for good in this world. Father God, we thank you that Jesus brought **HOPE** into our world. Help us to be ready so that we are a people of **HOPE** in our world. Amen"*

As part of Advent we are going to engage in a Posada experience. Posada originates in Mexico and involved 'Mary and Joseph' travelling around the community asking for room in the different households. Over advent you will be asked to make room in your homes for a nativity scene and engage in a short reflection. You would then be asked to pass it on to the next person on the rota. We are not insisting that you undertake the reflection, but would be grateful if you would pass 'Mary and Joseph' to the next person/family on the rota. It's an act of faith and is dependent on your involvement and we hope that by the Sunday before Christmas Day all our nativity scenes will arrive back at the hall. May I thank you for your involvement in this project and trust that it will bring blessing to you over this advent time.

Luke has 24 chapters, so you could also read a chapter a day during Advent.

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**CHRISTMAS LIGHT BULLETIN:** During Advent our theme will be 'Christmas Light'. At this dark time of the year when we see Christmas Lights all around us in shops and houses, let's remember Jesus coming to light our dark world. Here's the plan for Morning Worship during December:

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11am: **Christmas Light** (John 1:1-18)  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 11am: **Lighting the Darkness** (Isaiah 9:1-7)  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 11am: **Night Light** (Luke 2:8-20)  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 11am: **Star Light** (Matthew 2:1-12)  
Christmas Day at 11am: **Light Dawns** (Luke 2:1-7)  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 11am: **Light at Last** (Luke 2:25-35)

### CHRISTMAS CARDS POSTAL SERVICE BULLETIN:

The Post Box is out today for you to start posting your cards **ONLY** to people who attend The Staple Hill Salvation. Last delivery 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### TOY SERVICE (TODAY) AND ANGEL TREE BULLETIN:

Matching last years 500 gifts and food parcels can only be done with your help. Some of you will have brought your gifts today to our Toy Service, but you can continue to take a tag from the angel tree situated in the foyer and buy a new unwrapped gift for the person as indicated on the back of the tag & bring them to the hall at any time. The sorting of gifts will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December during the afternoon and evening. If you would like to help us with that, please keep this date free – timings are on the back page of this Bulletin. On behalf of the families we represent, thank you so much for your generosity - if you need any further information please don't hesitate to ask.



### CHRISTMAS CRAFTS BULLETIN: TONIGHT AT 4PM!



Don't forget this fantastic opportunity to invite someone along to this great occasion – kids & adults are welcome!

### CHRISTMAS ON THE HILL

**All day Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

A fantastic opportunity for us to meet the community of Staple Hill – everybody comes out on this day! Hospitality, Outreach & Music. This year will be a little different. Instead of 'entertainment' in the main hall, there will be craft activities for children and families available all day. The Bands will be carolling outside. All in all, a very busy day, but a great day of possibilities!

### OTHER CHRISTMAS EVENTS BULLETIN:



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm**

Join us for the special reflective remembrance service supported by all our musical groups as we welcome our friends from St Peter's Hospice

Last year we were overwhelmed by the numbers who attended. So this year, we are trying to do our best to make as many seats available to our guests as possible. As such, the Bands will be combined on the platform and the Singing Company & Songsters will observe the service from the Bradbury Hall & join the service to sing their songs as part of the 'Candle Lighting Ceremony'. Of course, we understand if you want to be part of the whole service and sit in the main hall. We are aware of the dangers of fire and have made safer arrangements. Despite logistical challenges, we know we are in for another remarkable evening.



**Christmas with The Salvation Army**

Tickets priced £5 are available from Viv.

### RECEPTION BULLETIN:

Thank you for all those who are covering Reception over the Christmas period. We have been doing this for a few years now & is absolutely vital when we have so many people coming & going during this time. Last year we took over £1,000 on Reception during December. But it's also an opportunity to talk to people who come in & it's great that the building is open a bit more than usual. We still need people to cover on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Please see Viv if you can help.

We still need someone to do Coffee Morning on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Extra help needed for Sunday Evening refreshments on 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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Congratulations to Adam Dickens – 21 tomorrow 2<sup>nd</sup> December!

Prayers for Malcolm & Gerry. Thank you to Lilian for the Advent Wreath.