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A Prayer for Putting On a Face Mask

I would be surprised if anyone actually likes wearing a face mask – but that is now part of every day life. When Margaret Boxell came across this prayer on facebook, written by Rev. Richard Bott of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, she felt it would be good to share it with everyone. I agree – it really is quite thought provoking, and worth reading several times in order to fully appreciate the full implications for our daily lives....

Creator God, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacramental nature of wearing this cloth. Let it be a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbours, as I love myself.

Christ Jesus, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully and caringly to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and may each breath that it holds, be filled with Your love.

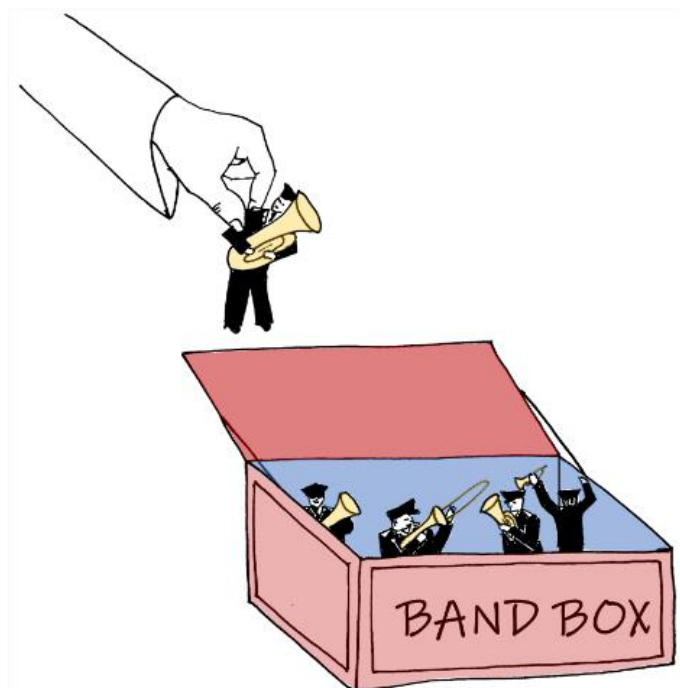
In your name and in that love, I pray. Amen.

BAND CHRISTMAS ZOOM QUIZ:

The Band invites everyone to join them for the 'Band Christmas Zoom Quiz on Tuesday 24th November at 8pm'. Wear your Christmas jumper or something Christmassy to get in to the Christmas mood.

Zoom Meeting ID: 882 2380 4828

Zoom Passcode: 349026



All the play-things get put back in the box during another lockdown

PRAYER DIARY:

This week, please pray for the following:

23 rd	Ruth & Ted B, Bev, Jon, Harry, Jessica and Emily D; Kelvin & Linda J; Malcolm & Mary W, Janine J & family
24 th	Ruth & Elise B; Esther D; Phil & Tash J; Jen & Les P; John W; Karen R; Paul & Brenda C; Francis & Ruth S
25 th	Bethany D; Elsie & Mike D; Bev W; Doris P; Geoff P; Glynn E; Beth E; Emma, Sam, Noah & Riley R
26 th	Sarah & Tim B; Morag F; Esther K; Lynette P; Sophie & Kathleen C; Mary Br; Debra & Mark H; Sue M
27 th	Derek & Margaret B; Yolanda, Jeovany & Maria K; Catherine R; Gary, Joanne, Jacob & Emily R; Nneka H
28 th	Jon H; Joyce L; Doreen R; Sheila F; Paul & Heather C; Paul, Tracey, Victoria & Olivia H
29 th	Staple Hill Corps

ADVENT MAILING:

Our Advent mailing is coming out next week and consists of 27 cards of readings, thoughts and prayers for each day of Advent. Included in the mailing is some ribbon and clips, and over the 27 days the cards can be 'clipped' to the ribbon to make a Christmas garland – together they make a message. Thanks to everyone who is helping to put the pack together. We do hope that it is of help as we prepare for Christmas this year.

This will be sent out to our pre-Covid congregation, but we will have a few spare if you have joined our online congregation and would like one (just let Colin know by phone, text or email).

QR CODE:



QR Code – You may have noticed on our on-line service that we now have a QR code (see left) This is for members of the corps or members of the public to donate to our corps. Don't worry – it is not going to replace cartridge envelopes, standing orders or cash.

We are mainly using this for public donations and its use will become much wider when the lockdown finishes. We plan to use the QR code on flyers, concert tickets, standing flag days, carolling and on our website. It will also appear on our Sunday offering plate, where a small beacon (round disc) will be placed in the basket for people to scan with their mobile phone whilst the basket passes by.

People will need to download an app on their mobile phone and scan the QR code to make a donation to us. If people already have this on their mobile phone, they just scan the QR code and donate either there and then or later. On our websites you can also 'click' on the photo to open the link to donate. We will also set up a 'Just Giving' section on our website. This is a very popular web-based system and again will be aimed at facilitating donations from general public.

Both of the systems are being used by The Salvation Army and give various opportunities for vital fundraising. we know that not everyone will understand these fundraising methods, but it is important that we move with the times and technology to raise funds and reach out to the widest range of the population

HARVEST 2020:

Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves, we shall come rejoicing bringing in the sheaves.... Well we certainly did! The Harvest 2020 collection total is £2,112.80 which is fantastic considering this was the last of 3 main collections over a few months. Thank you for making this a bumper crop!

PRAYER NETWORK:

We have had a number of prayer requests this week:

- Covid related prayers or those who have tested positive:
 - Bethany Dyer and her work colleagues
 - Mary White (who hopes to return to work Monday)
 - Staff and residents in the Sheltered Housing where Leonie Lyons lives
- Other situations:
 - John Shephard who is seriously ill in Hospital
 - Rebecca
 - Emily, Ben and their newborn baby boy who is in Special Care
 - Pat who was having a cataract removed

FLOWERS:

Today, we would have been blessed by flowers on our Altar table placed there by Morag.

ACROSS OUR FELLOWSHIP:

- Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Arnold following an operation this week
- We also remember John S who is very poorly, along with Olive as she supports him
- Mark D starts treatment this week, so we remember him, Michelle, Esther and Adam
- The 'R' rate has risen in the area, and there are number of our friends who have contracted COVID. We continue to uphold them in prayer, and pray that you will keep them and all our fellowship safe.

CHRISTMAS TOY & FOOD PARCELS / CHRISTMAS DAY:

TOY & FOOD HAMPERS

- Angel Tags are now available, either to pick up from the front entrance, or phone/email Nicola and she will give you the details.
- Deadline for gift donations **Monday 7th December** (brand new and unwrapped).



CHRISTMAS DAY

- We are offering to deliver a hot dinner and other goodies to people's homes at lunchtime on Christmas Day. We will need people to make these deliveries, but are only able to use volunteers that we know for this so please offer even if it's not something you usually do.

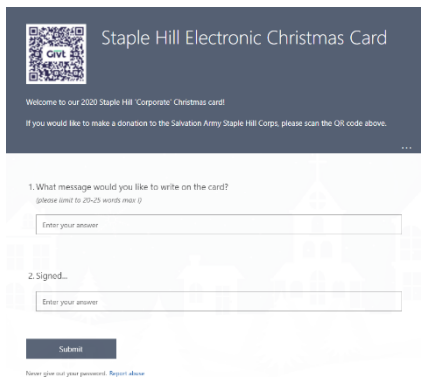
CHRISTMAS RECEPTION

In order to receive the numerous donations and answer other enquiries we will open our Christmas Reception at the front entrance:

- From Monday 23rd November - Thursday 24th December:
 - 10am - 12 noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Please get in touch with Nicola about any of the above on 0117 956 9733 or nicola.hylton-jones@salvationarmy.org.uk

CHRISTMAS CARD



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Staple Hill Electronic Christmas Card". At the top left is a QR code with the word "GIVE" below it. The text "Welcome to our 2020 Staple Hill 'Corporate' Christmas card!" is displayed. Below this, it says "If you would like to make a donation to the Salvation Army Staple Hill Corps, please scan the QR code above." The form has two main sections: "1. What message would you like to write on the card? (please limit to 25-25 words max.)" and "2. Signed...". Each section has a text input field labeled "Enter your answer". At the bottom, there is a "Submit" button and a small note: "Please give us your permission. Report abuse".

Would you like to take part in a group Christmas Card to 'The Church'? We are going to print one in which we can include a message from you. If you do want to take part, then please send me (Colin) a 20-25 word greeting either by email, post or drop it into the hall if you are out for your daily walk (there is also an option to complete it electronically if you are reading this on-line).

Also, we need a design or picture for the card. If any of the children would like to submit a picture, then send it in and we'll chose the one that fits the best.

We need all submissions - messages and pictures - by 30th November to give us chance to collate and send the card out mid-December.



DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- Online Territorial Carol Concert - Wednesday 2nd December 8pm. Enjoy Christmas At Home with The Salvation Army on YouTube with highlights from previous years' concerts, alongside new pieces and celebrity readings.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

All activities within our buildings continue to be suspended until it is deemed safe, but the following activities continue:

TODAY Sunday 22nd November

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship – online
'Do not Worry' [Matthew 6:25-34](#)

Monday 23rd November

- 10am - 12pm Christmas Reception

Tuesday 24th November

- 10am - 12pm Christmas Reception
- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall
- 8pm Band Christmas Zoom Quiz

Wednesday 25th November

- 10am - 12pm Christmas Reception
- 2pm Extra Slice Group online
- 3.30pm Extra Slice Group online
- 7pm Extra Slice Group online
- 8.15pm Extra Slice Group online

Thursday 26th November

- 10am - 12pm Christmas Reception
- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall
- 8.15pm Extra Slice Group online

Sunday 29th November

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship – online
Advent 1 'The Word became Flesh' [John 1:1-18](#)