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Be happy in your faith at all times

During November, as a family we celebrate 4 birthdays. Each one with a different age, on a different date, and none of us can recall the actual birth, but we do acknowledge and enjoy them. In the Bible there are only 3 birthdays mentioned, 2 of which ended with cruelty involved when jealousy was evident.

The 3rd birthday is the birthday of Jesus, who we all celebrate with joy. Jesus was born with a purpose to 'save the world and bring us salvation'. He was born in humility in the lowliest of places. He came to redeem mankind, to save us from our sins, to bring lasting joy and happiness, to cleanse our hearts, to make us new people, to be God fearing. The wise men visited Him bringing precious gifts. On our birthdays we receive greetings and gifts, but God requires us to offer ourselves to Him. Just as the wise men's gifts were their treasures, so we too come before Jesus with the treasures He has lavished upon us. This is the only response we can rightly make to the God who has given himself to us at Bethlehem, and indeed on the cross. During this advent season, let us take stock of our treasures – of life and its gifts, of the grace of God and His love, and let us make our Christmas offering to Him each day, and be happy in our faith!!

*We'll bring him hearts that love Him
We'll bring him thankful praise*

Doris Pearce

PRAYER DIARY:

This week, please pray for the following:

30 th	Staple Hill Community
31 st	National & International Issues
1 st	Paul & Roz C; Peter H; Bill & Freda M; Elaine & Peter R; Margaret S
2 nd	Hilton & Lilian B; Alison & Steve C; Colin & Nicola H-J; Carys & Senan H; Alan T
3 rd	Jim & Pat B; Mary, Peter & James J; Chris P; Megan B; June W; Viv W, Graham & Julie W
4 th	Mary Ba; Mark & Michelle D; Jess, Matt, Charlie & Harry J; Kay & Marc W; Cath & Marcus B
5 th	Hilary & Mike D; Sally P; Rebecca M; Claire, Michael & Naomi B

PRAYER NETWORK:

We have thought about the following people during our prayer time during this week:

1. Steven, who is very ill in hospital with Covid 19
2. Gerry and the family, following the sudden promotion to glory of Malcolm this week

If you have a situation that you would like use to pray for, then please drop us an email (a couple of sentences only, please) on staplehillprayers@gmail.com.

ACROSS OUR FELLOWSHIP:

- We were extremely sad that learn that Malcolm was promoted to glory on Monday. He was a gentle man, whose presence, when welcoming worshippers to Staple Hill, will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gerry, Lydia and Jay, Ruth, Matt, Bella and Amara.
- We continue to remember Arnold, John D, and John S who have experienced ill health and treatment in recent weeks. They remain in our thoughts and prayers.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

- 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.
- Over the next few weeks, we will continue with our online worship, focussing on the Great Christmas Best bits. But we also have some special online events planned. These include an online Christmas Carol Service featuring all of Staple Hill musical sections and plenty of opportunities to sing along with carols in the comfort of your own home. This will be broadcast on Sunday 20th December.
- We will also have an online 'Carols around the Christmas tree' on Christmas Eve – it's such a shame that we can't celebrate with the whole of the Staple Hill Community in the square this year – we usually enjoy this with hundreds of people – but hundreds of you – in your 3 household groups can join us online – how very 2020! Please watch out for more details of these online events.

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).



More donations arrive for the Christmas Toy Appeal

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.

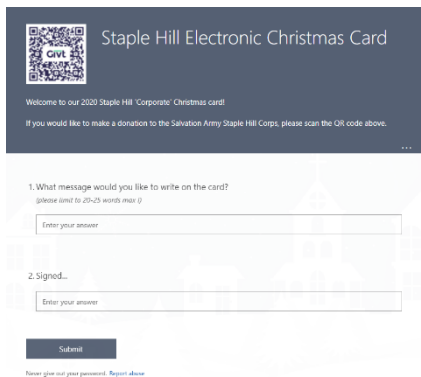
CHRISTMAS RECEPTION

In order to receive the numerous donations and answer other enquiries we will open our Christmas Reception at the front entrance every Monday to Thursday from 10am to 12 noon.

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 digital form titled "Staple Hill Electronic Christmas Card". At the top left is a QR code with the word "GIVE" below it. The text on the page reads: "Welcome to our 2020 Staple Hill 'Corporate' Christmas card!" and "If you would like to make a donation to the Salvation Army Staple Hill Corps, please scan the QR code above." Below this, there are two input fields: "1. What message would you like to write on the card? (please limit to 25-25 words max.)" and "2. Signed...". Each field has a placeholder "Enter your answer". At the bottom 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.



If you could let us have your inclusions as soon as possible, that would be really good. As of yet we've had no pictures or designs for the cover, so if some of you could get your creative and artistic side engaged, that would be good.

ADVENT RESOURCE:

This should be with you by this weekend. We have some spare, so if you know anyone who would like a copy, then please contact me (Colin).

THE WEEK AHEAD:

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

TODAY 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](#)

Monday 30th November

- 10am - 12pm Christmas Reception

Tuesday 1st December

- 10am - 12pm Christmas Reception
- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Wednesday 2nd December

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

Thursday 3rd December

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

Sunday 6th December

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship – online
Advent 2 'Mary & the Angel' [Luke 1:26-38](#)