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The First Sunday in Advent

During worship this morning, we will be lighting the first candle on our advent wreath – but do you know why?

The Wreath:

- The circular form of the advent wreath symbolises God’s infinite love
- The evergreen leaves symbolise the hope of eternal life that came about with the atoning work of Jesus

The Candles: Although different Christian traditions have slightly different interpretations as to what these mean, the most common interpretations are:

- The 1st candle (or “Prophecy Candle”) represents *hope* – looking forward to the coming of Christ as foretold by Old Testament prophets
- The 2nd candle (or “Bethlehem Candle”) symbolises *faith*, as exemplified by the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem
- The 3rd candle (or “Shepherd’s Candle”) represents the *joy* that the shepherds felt as they journeyed to see the baby Jesus
- The 4th candle (or “Angel Candle”) stands for *peace* that the angels declared would be known on earth as a result of the coming of Jesus
- And the 5th candle, of course, symbolises Jesus himself.

Paul Heath

AN ADVENT ADVENTURE:

Today (Sunday) is the start of Advent and we have prepared a series of daily advent readings. Please collect a copy from the hall. The readings will hopefully be on-line every day, and for those living at a distance, we will be posting an electronic copy of the booklet online, which can be downloaded. We have sent a couple of booklets out by post, but unfortunately, with the two day postal strike they may not arrive until next week. Whilst this is a free gift, the production of each booklet cost £1.00, so if you would like to make a contribution, then please feel free to do so. There was a print run of 150.



PEOPLE:

We now have three friends who have been transferred to Skylarks in Yate for a bit of rehab - Roy, Shirley and Angela. Joan has also moved from Southmead Hospital, but to Redfield Lodge. Rex is now home under the tender care of Jen. By my calculations, that leaves, Gwen and Ted in Southmead. Please pray for our friends, along with all those you know who are poorly or struggling at this time.

QUESTION:

How many lights are on the Main Hall Christmas tree this year? If you think you know. Come and see Neil and give him your answer.

The actual answer will be in next week's bulletin. There could be a prize for whoever gets closest!

FLOWERS:

What a floral blessing we have at the front of the hall today! We would like to thank Gerry Wiltshire, who has provided flowers in memory of Malcolm, and also Yvonne Willets for the flowers in memory of her husband's (Ken's) birthday.

We also would like to thank Lillian Baker for providing the advent wreath again this year, in memory of her mother.

If you would like to provide flowers to enhance our worship next year, please add your name to the list that is now on the notice board in the entrance foyer.

LIGHT UP A LIFE SERVICE:



The St Peter's Hospice 'Light Up a Life' service takes place next Sunday at 5pm. Anyone who has attended this service in the past will know just how special it is for all those involved. However, please note that if you are intending on going, you ***MUST*** book on-line using the following link to the St Peter's Hospice website. We do not hold any tickets for this event at the Salvation Army.

<https://stpetershospice.enthuse.com/ps/event/LightupaLife2022>

HELP NEEDED PLEASE:

Friday 2nd Dec.

2.30pm setting up the hall for Christmas on the Hill – let Mary White know if you can help

Sunday 4th Dec.

After Light up a Life service – all the toys and gifts are brought down from upstairs – just stay and help

Various times

Collectors to accompany the band – please sign up on the noticeboard

Christmas Day

People to give lifts to guests to arrive at 10.30am and leave about 3.15pm & volunteers to help all day - hosting a table of guests - please let Nicola know asap so she can plan.

CHRISTMAS POST BOX:

From today the Christmas Post box will be available to send cards to people who regularly attend our corps. Please make sure you clearly mark the envelope with the **full** name. The last posting date is Sunday 11th December. Please make a donation to the Youth Group in lieu of postage. Thank you.

KENYA TRUST CONCERT:

Hilton would like to thank everyone who supported the fundraising concert for the Kenya Trust. To date £3000 has been raised from the evening which is a fantastic result. Thank you!

THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS:

Tickets are now available for the band's concert on the 16th December and these can be purchased from either Jon Dickens or Hilton Baker at £5 per ticket.

**The Miracle
of Christmas**
A Christmas Concert With
Staple Hill Band
of The Salvation Army

Friday 16th December | 7.30pm
Staple Hill Salvation Army Broad Street | Staple Hill | BS16 5LN

Tickets £5 available from
Jon Dickens - 07917 232788
Becky Gardner - 07510 653169

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WHAT'S ON AT CHRISTMAS:

Saturday 10th December	Carolling
Sunday 11th December	Carol Service (5pm)
Thursday 15th December	Carol Service (11:15am)
Friday 16th December	Christmas Concert (7:30pm) <i>tickets required</i>
Saturday 17th December	Carolling
Sunday 18th December	Family Carol Service (10am)
Christmas Eve	Carols in the Square (5pm)
Christmas Day	All Age Worship (11am) Christmas Day for our guests (10:30am to 3pm)

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY, Sunday 27th November:

10am	<i>ADVENTure</i> : The Adventure Planned Isaiah 7:14 & 9:2-7
11.30am-12:15pm	Children & Youth Activities
4pm-6pm	Christmas Messy Church
5pm	Band at McMillan Lights, Downend

Monday 28th November:

8pm	CAMEO
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Tuesday 29th November:

11am-12noon	Extra Slice Group at the Hall (leader: Kelvin)
12noon-6pm	Hall open for a <i>Warm Welcome</i> <i>[No practices]</i>

Wednesday 30th November:

- 9:30am-11am Tots on the Hill
3:30pm-4:30pm Extra Slice Group online (leader: Gerry)
7:45pm-9pm Extra Slice Group at Linda's house
8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leader: Beth)

Thursday 1st December:

- 12.30pm Lunch Club
6:45pm Colin & Nicola's Extra Slice Group at the hall
8pm Senior Band Practice
8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leaders: Ian & Rachel)

Friday 2nd December:

- 2:30pm Setting up for Christmas on the Hill
(help required)
12noon-6pm Hall open for a *Warm Welcome*

Saturday 3rd December:

- 10am to 4:30pm Christmas on the Hill

Sunday 4th December:

- 10am Toy Service
Please bring your 'Angel Tree' gifts, and feel free to wear your Christmas jumpers. This service will also include the enrolment of 3 new junior soldiers!

ADVENTure: Mary told about the adventure
[Luke 1 v 26-38](#)

- 11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities
5pm Light up a Life service – ***booking essential***

After this service on Sunday, we will require lots of help bringing toys downstairs ready for sorting, please