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CHRISTMAS
IS COMING

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Advent Readings

Every day, an e-mail pops into my inbox containing a link to the latest advent reading. Every day - sometimes first thing in the morning, sometimes not until the evening – I eagerly open up the link and watch that day's thoughts. Part of the interest, of course is just being plain nosy! I look forward to finding out which of my friends at the corps will be reading, and finding out what they are wearing or what the room that they are recording it in looks like. But that in itself would not be sufficient to keep me coming back for more.

What makes these readings so useful is that through the course of the advent season, we are sharing together every aspect of the Christmas story. We never get to do that in a carol service! These advent readings and associated thoughts, carefully put together by Major Colin, ensure that we all gain a full understanding of what Christmas is all about and challenge us to think wider. If you haven't been following them so far – you can quickly catch up through the accompanying booklet. It is **SO** worth it!

Tell me the story often, for I forget so soon; the early dew of morning has passed away at noon.

[The Song Book of the Salvation Army, No 150]

Paul Heath

CHRISTMAS ON THE HILL:

A big thank you to everyone who so willingly agreed to help when asked and made Christmas on The Hill what it was last weekend. None of it could have taken place without you! It was good to see the hall full with people from the local community, engaging in conversation and activities (also eating!).

In the New Year, Myriam will be looking to meet with all those who were involved with the day in order to review what worked / didn't work and look at what to do differently for CoTH23!

PEOPLE:

We were sad to learn this week that John Sheppard was promoted to glory. Our thoughts are with Olive, and their family at this sad time.

We have also been contacted by Harris' (funeral directors) concerning John Slowley. The family think there was some connection with the corps. If you know of a connection, could you speak with Colin.

Roy was re-admitted to Southmead this week and is very poorly, and Ted remains in Southmead. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and those of our fellowship who are poorly at this time. With the weather turning colder, please look after yourselves and if you have time give someone a call to see how they are.

On a happier note - congratulations to Peter Henley who celebrates his birthday later this week.

HELP NEEDED PLEASE:

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.



I left you to do just one simple thing ...

BULLETIN OVER CHRISTMAS:

Please note that next Sunday's edition will be the last one before Christmas. The next edition will be available on Sunday 8th January 2023.

CHRISTMAS POST BOX:

Today is the last posting date. Please make a donation to the Youth Group in lieu of postage. Thank you. Remember to pick up your cards next Sunday.

CHRISTMAS EVE – CAROLS IN THE SQUARE:

Just a reminder that if you can help with this, please speak to Colin.

AN ADVENT ADVENTURE – DAILY READINGS:

We're about halfway through our advent readings. We do hope that you are finding them to be of help during this period of Advent. A big thank you to Michelle and the 'Tech Team' for arranging the daily reading to be posted on-line. It has been good to see how different 'readers' have added extra 'bits' like sign language and incorporating their pets. Thank you.

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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Older
People's
Ministries

Christmas Reflections

GUEST SPEAKER
LIEUT-COLONEL DEAN PALLANT
SECRETARY FOR COMMUNICATIONS
UNITED KINGDOM & IRELAND TERRITORY

Join us on Monday 19th December
at 11am via Zoom

*'Unto us a child is born'
Isaiah 9:6*

Zoom ID: 824 859 6234

Passcode: 128359

*Come and share with us for
Live Worship
Reflections
Prayers*

BEYOND THE WEEK AHEAD:

Christmas Eve	Carols in the Square (5pm)
Christmas Day	All Age Worship (11am) Christmas Day for our guests (10:30am to 3pm)
Saturday 14th January	Coffee Morning
Sunday 22nd January	Messy Church
24th – 26th February	Staple Hill Youth Retreat
Sunday 26th February	Messy Church
Saturday 4th March	Staple Hill Band Concert
Saturday 12th March	Coffee Morning
Sunday 12th March	YP Band & Singing Company at Stroud
24th – 26th March	Territorial YP Workers weekend 'Shalom'
Saturday 1st April	Coffee Morning
Sunday 2nd April	Messy Church
Sunday 9th April	Easter Sunday
30th Sept / 1st Oct	Harvest Weekend
14th / 15th October	YP Prizegiving Weekend

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY, Sunday 11th December:

- 10am Advent Worship *ADVENTure*:
The Angels (ad)venture on a field trip
[Luke 2 v 8-20](#)
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities
- 5pm Carol Service
- 6:30pm Youth Christmas Party

Tuesday 13th December:

- 12noon-6pm Hall open for a *Warm Welcome*
- 7:30pm Songsters at Badminton Gardens

Wednesday 14th December:

- 9:30am-12noon Last Tots on the Hill before Christmas

Thursday 15th December:

- 11:15am Carol Service (with refreshments on arrival)
- 12.30pm Lunch Club Christmas Dinner

Friday 16th December:

- 7:30pm 'The Miracle of Christmas' concert
– *tickets required*

Saturday 17th December:

- 10am-12noon Morrisons (Fishponds)
and Sainsbury's (Emerson Green)
- 1pm-3pm Young People's dress rehearsal for the Family
Carol Service

Sunday 18th December:

- 10am Family Carol Service
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities

Please check with your Extra Slice leaders about your group this week