

SUNDAY 8th December 2024



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Toy Service

There can be few more humbling things to see than the toys and gifts spread around the hall ready for sorting following the toy service. Aside from the hundreds of toys that will be brought along this morning, there will be hundreds more gifted by members of the public that will be brought out of storage from various places within the hall to add to the tally. Presents that will make a real difference this Christmas to an unbelievable number of people.

Thank you for your generosity toward those who may otherwise have very little this year.

Therefore, Christian men, be sure

Wealth or rank possessing

Ye, who now will bless the poor

Shall yourselves find blessing.

[Carol – 'Good King Wenceslas']

Paul Heath

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People

As of writing, Wesley is in hospital, although he is hoping that he will be coming home soon. Pat has also been very poorly this week. Please continue to remember our friends, along with those in our fellowship who are living with long term health conditions. A phone call, text or card, will I'm sure, be appreciated.

Care and Repair week

We are really appreciating our refurbished facilities, especially at this time of the year. We are also grateful for the team of people who work hard to keep the building clean every week – thank you, you know who you are! It is important that we continue to look after our facilities however, so a 'Care & Repair' week is planned for Thursday 2nd to Tuesday 7th January. During this time, we are hoping to decorate the Bradbury Hall (which was only partly painted during refurbishment), and there is also a long list of other basic DIY jobs, and sorting and cleaning for those who don't want to do DIY! So please keep these dates free, thank you.

Thank you

Last Sunday we had a great day – it was a wonderful start to advent. A big thank you to Laura and her team for the Family Carol Service in the morning and to Marc for organising Light Up A Life. We now look forward to everything else Christmas will bring!

Christmas Cards

We are encouraging everyone to 'Care for Creation' this year and instead of sending physical cards, add a message to the Staple Hill Salvation Army card – there is a link in your bulletin email, or just write down a message and give it to Mark Dickens to add to the card. The messages will be shown on the screen near the end of December. For those of you who can't give up your paper cards, the post box is available from today until Sunday 15th December – make sure you address the cards with the full name please. Donations for the use of the post box, or the electronic card will go towards the building fund. Thank you.



 **Christmas with**
Staple Hill Salvation Army 2024
Broad Street, Staple Hill, BS16 5LN

Sunday 1st December
10am Family Carol Service
5pm Light up a Life Service

Sunday 8th December
10am Toy Service

Sunday 15th December
4pm Messy Church

Sunday 22nd December
5pm Community Carol Service

Christmas Eve
5pm Carols in Fountain Square

Christmas Day
11am All Age Christmas Worship

Christmas Promises

The Week Ahead

TODAY - Sunday 8th December:

Please feel free to wear Christmas jumpers to worship today

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| 10am | Toy Service <i>led by Majors Colin & Nicola</i>
'Christmas Promises: The Promise to God's people'
(Jeremiah 31: 31-34) |
| 11.30am-12:15pm | Children's & Youth Activities |
| 12noon | Frontline Carols – <i>Deerhurst, Kingswood,
Meryton Court, Keynsham and Coopers Court, Yate</i> |
| 1pm – 4pm | Toy sorting – <i>anyone welcome to help</i> |

After the meeting we will need to work together to put up tables and bring toys down from upstairs, please

Every Day (except Saturday's):

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| 10am-12noon | Christmas Reception |
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Monday 9th December:

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| 11am | Frontline Carols – <i>at Page Park Bowling Club</i> |
| 7:30pm | Frontline Carols – <i>at the Chocolate Factory</i> |

Tuesday 10th December:

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| All day | Employment Plus with Tyrone |
| 10am | Fitness Club |
| 10am-2pm | Open Doors (<i>homemade soup available at 12:30pm</i>) |
| 12:30pm | Frontline Carols – <i>at Lloyds Bank</i> |
| 7.30pm | Songsters at Badminton Gardens |

Wednesday 11th December:

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| 9:30am | Tots on the Hill |
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Thursday 12th December:

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| 10am-12noon | Open Doors |
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Friday 13th December:

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| 10am-12noon | Open Doors |
| 4pm | Cleaning Hall |

As it is now the Christmas period, please check with your leaders about when your Extra Slice Group is meeting

Next Weekend

Saturday 14th December:

10am-2pm Carolling *at Sainsbury's, Emersons Green*
12:30pm-2:30pm Carolling *at Tesco, Yate*

Sunday 15th December: *(Last day for posting Christmas Cards in the box)*

10am All Age Worship *led by Majors Colin & Nicola*
'Christmas Promises: The Promise to Mary'
[\(Luke 1: 26-38\)](#)
11.30am-12:15pm Children's & Youth Activities
12noon Frontline carols with the band (*TBC*)
4pm-6pm Messy Church
6:30pm Youth Movie Night

Dates for the Diary

Here are some dates that are coming up soon:

Wednesday 18 th Dec.	9:30am Tots on the Hill Christmas Party
Saturday 21 st December	Carolling
Sunday 22 nd December	10am All Age Worship 5pm Carol Service
Christmas Eve	5pm Carols in the Square
Christmas Day	11am Christmas Day Worship
Thursday 2 nd - Tuesday 7 th January	Care and repair week. Lots of cleaning, DIY and sorting jobs to be done, inc. decorating the Bradbury Hall
Friday 7 th March	World Day of Prayer in our building
Sunday 9 th March	Generous Discipleship Sunday