



December 2024

Newsletter

Street Salvation Army, Church & Community Centre



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Dear Friends,

This week Noah has decided its time to start practicing Christmas carols on his guitar. Thursday evening I could hear the tune of my favorite carol Silent night. Suddenly I had a sense that Christmas was coming!

“Silent Night! Holy Night” is a well-known Christmas carol and loved by many. It was written by parish priest Joseph Mohr when the organ at the small church of St. Nicholas in Oberndorf, Austria, broke down. Mohr wrote this song to be accompanied by guitar on December 24th, 1818. So it was very apt that Noah chose to play that this week during his guitar practice.

“Silent Night” tells the story of the birth of Jesus the from Luke 2.

Appearing to shepherds at night in a bright burst of glory, the angel announces the birth of the Saviour in the nearby town of Bethlehem, saying, "He is the Messiah Christ, the Lord."

This is the greatest birth announcement ever. The baby born in Bethlehem has significance for the whole world. He is the Saviour, He is the Messiah, the "anointed one" promised through the prophets. And he is the Lord. God sent his Son, to become human and live among us.

This week Noah announced the start of Christmas with his guitar playing, I pray this year we all hear the message of Christmas loud and clear!

"Christ the Saviour is born!"

God Bless
Louise and John



Join us for our
**Corps Family
Christmas Lunch**
followed by informal carols
& coffee
Sunday - 15th Dec 12:30pm
£6.00
Booking essential by
Fri 6th Dec!



STREET FOODBANK NEWS

The foodbank continues to be busy. We were blessed with lots of harvest donations, and we are always thankful for donations of non perishable food that come through our door. Particularly for our Christmas food parcels, we'd be extremely grateful of any of the following items:

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| ⇒ Tinned Meat | ⇒ Christmas/sponge puddings |
| ⇒ Jars of Cooking Sauces | ⇒ Mince Pies |
| ⇒ Tinned spaghetti / ravioli | ⇒ Boxes of chocolates |
| ⇒ Crisps and savoury snacks | ⇒ Selection packs |
| ⇒ Tinned Fruit | ⇒ Boxes of biscuits |
| ⇒ Tinned Custard / Rice Pudding | ⇒ Tea Bags (packs of 80) |
| ⇒ UHT Milk | ⇒ Instant Coffee |

Food parcels that we provide contain non perishable food, fresh or frozen food from FareShare where possible, and Aldi vouchers. All of which provides a good offering of food to those who need it.

Please pray for everyone who receives food parcels this month.

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Love God
Love Others

Christmas Appeal

Thank you to everyone who's been bringing us donations of toys and food for our Christmas Appeal - see the poster over the page for more information including the date that we need the items by.



Thank you! For all the donations received so far!

Suggested Gift List for Children and Young People

We believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so we are unable to take used or second hand items.

0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, puzzles

3-5: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles

5-9: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords

9-12: games and toys, stationery, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats

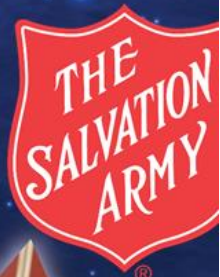
13-16: books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers



We have an ***online fundraising page*** for donations towards our Christmas Appeal in Street. Scan the QR code or visit:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/thesalvationarmychristmas-2024-433

Be a STAR and donate a gift to our Christmas Present Appeal



The Salvation Army in Street

We are collecting new unwrapped toys and food for local families again this Christmas.

We work with local schools, health visitors and social services to provide a hamper of food and new toys for families.

If you are able to help, please drop all donations to the Salvation Army Hall by **6th December 2024**.

or visit our website

www.salvationarmy.org.uk/street



or find us on Facebook

Street Salvation Army



The Salvation Army Goswell Road, Street

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Charity number: 21477

New event this year -
Everyone welcome!

A photograph of three children wearing red Santa hats and festive clothing, gathered around a table and opening Christmas gifts. The background is decorated with warm white lights and greenery.

Christmas

UNBOXING



Saturday November 30th

9:30am – 11:30am

Every child will receive a box and activities to explore Christmas, while brunch will be served...

We look forward to welcoming you!

No charge, just a donation, a bucket will be left out for those that are able to pop something in.

Celebrate Christmas

with Street Salvation Army

Christmas Unboxing

Sunday 30th Nov 9:30am

A box of activities for children to explore Christmas, along with brunch!

Christmas Cafe Church

Sunday 1st Dec 10:30am

Please bring your toys for our Toy Appeal along to this service

Street Christmas Market

Saturday 7th Dec 11:00am to 4:00pm

Come and find us on Street's festive market for some affordable Christmas gifts

Corps Family Christmas Lunch

Sunday 15th Dec 12:30pm

All are welcome to our Christmas Lunch (£6 per head) followed by informal carols and coffee (no morning worship on this day)

Carols @ Coffee Morning

**Friday 20th Dec
10:00am**

Everyone welcome to join us for a festive twist to our usual Coffee Morning

Christmas Movie Afternoon

Saturday 21st Dec 4:00pm

Join us for a family movie; free entry, drinks and snacks available to buy.

Candlelit Carols

Sunday 22nd Dec 5:00pm

Christmas carols in a lovely Christmassy candlelit atmosphere, with tea/coffee & mince pies afterwards (no morning worship on this day)

Christmas Day Service

Sunday 25th Dec 10:30am

Join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus on this special day.

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Carols @ Coffee Morning

Friday 20th
December

10:00AM - 12:00PM

Come along for our Christmas
Coffee morning; our usual
Drinks & snacks plus mince pies,
and we'll sing some carols together.
Wear your Christmas jumpers!



Home League News!

*Home League will meet for the last time, for Christmas, on
Wednesday 18th December.*

We will then take a break over the winter month and return in the
Spring with a new Wednesday afternoon activity of ***Singing By
Heart***. More information on that will follow in the new year, but
it'll be the chance for all those who'd like to, to get together for a
time of singing and praise (along with a cuppa!)

SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER

The Salvation Army Hall Goswell Road



CHRISTMAS
MOVIE
AFTERNOON



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Family
Christmas
Movie

4pm

Free entry, drinks
and snacks
available to buy.





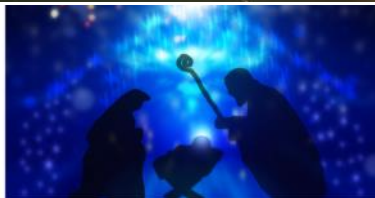
FIND US AT

Street Christmas Market

SAT 7 DEC 11AM - 4PM

LOTS OF AFFORDABLE
CHRISTMAS GIFTS
FOR SALE!

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.
On coming to the house, they saw the child
with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and
worshipped him. Then they opened their
treasures and presented him with gifts of gold,
frankincense and myrrh. MATT 2:10-11



Happy birthday!

to these members of our church family this month:

See printed newsletter for details

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us
rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)*



How well do you know the Christmas Story?

How well do you know the story of Jesus' birth according to the Bible? Try and answer these questions without opening your Bible!

(answers at the bottom of this page)

1) Jesus was born...

- a. at night
- b. in the morning
- c. at an unknown time



2) Jesus was born...

- a. in a stable
- b. in a manger
- c. at an unknown place

3) The shepherds found Jesus...

- a. in a stable
- b. in a feed-bin
- c. in a house

4) The Magi found

- a. in a stable
- b. in a feed-bin
- c. in a house



5) Angels...

- a. sang a beautiful song
- b. terrified farm workers
- c. told the wise men to go home another way

6) A star...

- a. appeared on the night of Jesus' birth
- b. guided shepherds to the manger
- c. led the Magi westward

7) The animals mentioned at the manger included...

- a. ox, donkey, sheep, cows, doves
- b. pigs, lobsters, shrimp
- c. none of the above

8) The weather at the birth of Jesus was...

- a. not mentioned
- b. moderate to warm
- c. snowy

9) When the shepherds arrived, Jesus was...

- a. asleep on the hay
- b. wrapped like a mummy
- c. not crying



10) The posture of the shepherds when the angel appeared was...

- a. seated on the ground
- b. lying in the fields
- c. not mentioned

ANSWERS:

1) c, 2) c, 3) b, 4) c, 5) b, 6) c, 7) c, 8) a, 9) b, 10) c

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

LUKE 2:10

Street Corps online

www.salvationarmy.org.uk/street

or on Facebook at facebook.com/SalvationArmyInStreet

Share with your friends & family who are online!

Email - street@salvationarmy.org.uk

Flower Rota

We don't usually have flowers in the hall during December - as we have lots of poinsettias in the hall as part of the Christmas decorations. Helen has a **year planner** for the flower rota for the rest of the year - get in touch if you'd like to keep a special date on there.



The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned



ISAIAH 9:2



Wordsearch - The Nativity

When you've completed the wordsearch, the letters remaining form a mystery answer:



Augustus
Bethlehem
Blessed
Caesar
Christ
Consecrated
Cyrenius
Decree
Dream
Emmanuel
Espoused
Gabriel
Galilee

Grace
Humble
Inn
Jerusalem
Joseph
Joy
Judea
Kingdom
Magi
Mary
Miracle
Nazarene
Nazareth

Peace
Pondered
Presentation
Prophetess
Revelation
Sacrifice
Salvation
Shepherds
Sign
Spirit
Star
Swaddling

EVENTS

Regular events in December:

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|-------------------------|----------|--|
| Monday - Friday: | all day | Food Bank |
| Mondays : | mornings | Job Club with Job Centre Plus |
| Tuesdays: | 9.30am | Toddler Group |
| Wednesdays: | 9.30am | Toddler Group |
| | 1:45pm | Women's Fellowship (Home League) <i>(Not on 11th Dec)</i> |
| Thursdays: | all day | Street Market |
| Fridays: | 10.00am | Coffee Morning |

Christmas Events:

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| Saturday 30th Nov | 9.30am | Christmas Unboxing |
| Sunday 1st Dec | 10:30am | Christmas Café Church |
| Saturday 7th Dec | 11:00am - 4.00pm | Street Festive Market |
| 9th - 12th Dec | | Corps programme closed for Toy Appeal/ Christmas hampers |
| Sunday 15th Dec | 12.30pm | Christmas Lunch + coffee & carols <i>(No 10:30am service)</i> |
| Friday 20th Dec | 10:00am | Carols @ Coffee Morning |
| Saturday 21st Dec | 4.00pm | Christmas Movie afternoon |
| Sunday 22nd Dec | 5.00pm | Candlelight Carols <i>(No 10:30am service)</i> |
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