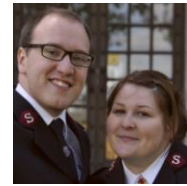


Dear God, I pray that you will bless me and my church. Send people into our fellowship,
and protect us all. In Jesus' name. Amen

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Sunday 19th November 2017
Anticipating Advent (Part One)
'In Tough Times'
Luke 21:5-19



Good morning & welcome to worship...

On the radio this week there has been some debate about phrases which people find irritating with some claiming that "so" at the start of a sentence is a very irritating habit. For me, the most annoying phrase comes after something which hasn't gone well and someone says, "I told you so!"

Whilst I find this to be a most unhelpful phrase, it is a phrase which some of the first audience of Luke's Gospel might have found to be incredibly comforting. In Luke 21, which scholarly consensus says was likely to have been written between AD 65-70, Jesus is said to have warned the disciples that the temple in Jerusalem would be destroyed. So, (!!)

when the temple was destroyed in AD 70 Luke is trying to show his audience that if Jesus was right about that, what else could he be right about...if he 'told us so'?

This week, our Bible reading is inspired by the lectionary - the work which many denominations use to set the Scripture texts throughout the year in a three year cycle and which is designed to allow the drama of the Bible's narrative to unfold around the calendar. As such, the reading for today and the next few weeks help to prepare us for advent- the season when we anticipate eagerly the coming of Christ.

Berri



The gift of flowers greatly enhances our worship environment. Today we thank Brenda

Prayers

Please remember all those of our corps who have health and/or other issues to contend with.

This week

Monday and Tuesday- Toddlers

Wednesday- CAMEO at 2:30 and Alpha Course at 7:00pm

Friday- youth group.

Coming events

Carol singing in homes- For some years now we have joined with SKCC to sing carols in seven or eight homes- predominantly nursing homes- over a two night period. We are therefore looking for volunteer singers to join us on 11th and 12th of December between 5:00 and 7:30 pm. We need about 6-8 on each night, please sign up after the meeting this morning if you are available.

Sunday December 10 – Christmas Celebration, Tower Theatre, Folkestone 6pm – Ashford Sinfonia, Hythe Salvation Army Band & Songsters, Shepway Community Choir, & Steve Hawkins but MAINLY YOURSELVES! ALYSON ONLY HAS 4 tickets, the Theatre has none. Alyson can be contacted direct or via Richard, 01303 268354.

'Waitrose in the Community'

We have been selected as one of Waitrose's chosen charities for the month of November, specifically to raise money for the Christmas Day meal and event. Each month they give £1000 to be split between three charities on a proportional basis, as voted for by the public...so please get a green token each time you visit Waitrose (for shopping or your free coffee!) and put it in the correct box!

Exploring Officership and Territorial Envoyship.

On 23rd November at 7:30pm in DHQ (West Malling) there will be an information evening for anybody who is considering, or interested in, officership or territorial envoyship which are both forms of full-time spiritual leadership within The Salvation Army. If you are interested in this, please speak to Callum or Berri first to talk about it further and so that a space can be booked for you.

Messy Nativity

Last Christmas, we held our first ever 'Messy Church' in place of what was formerly the toddler carol service and it was a roaring success so we plan to do the same again this year on Sunday 17th December at 3:00pm in the afternoon. As last year, we need volunteers to make this work- perhaps staffing one of the craft tables, helping in the kitchen or helping to set up and pack away. If you're interested, please speak to Berri for more information. Also: the Messy Church team are after the insides of Kitchen Roll holders...so please get collecting them!

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME (to date)

Friday December 1st – Late night shopping – High Street 6.30-8pm

Saturday December 2nd – Sainsbury's 10.30am – noon

Sunday December 3rd – Family Carols 10am

Tuesday December 5 – Saltwood village green 7pm

Thursday December 7 – Hompeak (private function 7pm).

Sunday December 10th – Family Worship 10.00

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION – 6pm – Tower Theatre

Wednesday December 13 – Captains Court (private function)

Saturday December 16 – High Street – 10.30-noon

Sunday December 17 Christmas meeting 10am; 3pm Messy Church

Monday December 18th Appledore – coach to leave at 6.30

Tuesday December 19 – Lympne Castle – 7.30pm

Saturday December 23 High Street 10.30 – noon

Monday December 25 – Christmas Service 11.15