

6th December, 2020



Brisbane City Temple



The story of Mary is a stunning one. A young woman of no reputation or status is visited by an angel and informed that she will become pregnant, by the Holy Spirit, with the Son of God. She will carry in her body the Saviour of the world, the King all of Israel has been waiting for. Just as amazing, is the proof Gabriel offers that such a thing is possible. Mary's old and barren cousin Elizabeth is six months pregnant!

Elizabeth, unlike Mary, is a woman of standing and reputation. She is the wife of a temple priest and a daughter of Aaron, meaning her lineage, like her husband's, could be traced back to him. Despite that, she did not and could not have children, which would have been a source of great shame for a wife in those days. But after many years, God, in Elizabeth's words, "looked with favour upon" her and "took away [her] disgrace among men." (Luke 1: 25)

If Mary had any concerns about the scandal or costs of being pregnant and unwed, she could look to her cousin—humiliated for much of her married life, but never left or forsaken. Mary holds out courage. Elizabeth offers hope. One helps us face the mystery of a life with Christ. The other reminds us that because of Christ, our circumstances don't have the last word.

<https://adventconspiracy.org/devotional6/>

This weeks reading is Luke 1:26-38



Our National Vision

Wherever there is hardship or injustice

Salvos will live, love and fight

Alongside others

To transform Australia one life at time

With the love of Jesus

YOUTH GROUP

Friday 4 December is the last night for youth for 2020. **This year Joseph, Aleisha , Lachlan and Bree have led the youth with all the challenges that Covid has brought. We thank them for their time and commitment to doing this weekly and for the relationships they have built with the youth.** Next year Joseph and Aleisha will not be continuing as leaders due to work commitments. We are looking for new leaders to join the team.

COVID CLEANING

We have a new machine that will make covid cleaning of our building much simpler . Thank you to those who have faithfully put on the gloves and wiped and sprayed down surfaces after every meeting and group. Cleaning is still something that needs to happen after each group/ event but with the help of David Y. it will only require one person and it will be much quicker. It still means we will need to exit quickly after meetings as no one can be in the room as the cleaning happens.

REMEMBER

Contact tracing details required
Hand sanitizer to be used
Keep 1.5m distance
Stay home if unwell



Praying for our congregation

Pamela, Sandra & Lindsey, Ruth H and Brittany are recovering from recent surgery, Angel, Sachin & Ethan.

Honoured to have been made an adherent in 2004 at BCT, 93 year old Joyce Dunstan of Newmarket was recently admitted to Carinity Hilltop nursing Home at Kelvin Grove. Her many friends will be pleased to know she is progressing well.

Colin & Susan; Damian & Marie– Claire, Lewis, Eleanor, Johanna & Catalina; Matheis & Tanya; Jessica; Tony & Lyndell; Evelyn

Angel & Sachin welcomed baby Ethan into their family this week. Everyone is well and settling into family life.



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Have you thought about how you can continue to give your tithes and offerings during this time where you are not able to physically place them in the offering bag?

You can make a direct deposit into the Corps Account. Bank Account details are

NAME: The Salvation Army BCT

BSB Number: 034 004

Account Number: 810612

Farewell

Sunday December 6 at 4pm, there will be an online farewell for Lt Colonels David and Sandra Godkin.

[Follow this link](#) to watch via YouTube



Family Carols @ BCT

Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 December at 10:30am

[Follow this link](#) or go to the home page of our [website](#) to register which carol service you will be attending

Christmas Day

We will gather in person at 9:30am on Christmas Day. There will be an online gathering also.

NEW YEAR NEW YOU

During January we will be gathering in a more relaxed way each Sunday with **cafe style church**. New Year New You will be our theme -invite friends and family to join you here each **Sunday at 10am**

Christmas Hampers

This year we are partnering with Streetlevel in providing Christmas hampers for people in our community.

You can be a part of this in a couple of ways

- Helping pack hampers at Streetlevel on Monday 21 December from 5:30pm
- Purchasing Christmas food items to go into the hampers

Longlife custard

Large packets of mixed lollies

Large packets of chips

1.25L / 2L bottles soft drink

Mince pies/ plum puddings

Boxes of chocolates

Shapes biscuits

We would need these items by Monday 21st December. It is great to have opportunity to join with Streetlevel in supporting people in need this Christmas



Christmas Day Offering

This year our offering on Christmas Day will go towards The Salvation Army international development ministries.

If you would like to donate online go to

www.selfdenial.info/give



You are invited to attend our online prayer meeting each Monday night at 7pm.

Join Zoom Online Prayer Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86598885785>

Meeting ID: 865 9888 5785



WEEKLY AT BCT

SUNDAY

9.30am Primary, Kids Connection & Junior Soldiers

10 am Morning Worship

MONDAY

7pm Online prayer meeting

TUESDAY

6pm Bible study @ BCT

8pm Women's online connect group

WEDNESDAY

10am-12pm Sal Connect

12pm Open House' Community Lunch'

7.30pm Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10am mainly music (Resuming 2021)

8pm Men's online connect group

FRIDAY

10am-12pm Sal Connect

7.00pm Youth group (resuming 2021)

SATURDAY

10am Women's online connect group

Parking stations

WICKHAM TERRACE CAR PARK

Located between Wickham Terrace and Turbot Street, Spring Hill

Cost \$5 for four hours on Sunday

POST OFFICE SQUARE CAR PARK

223-235 Adelaide Street, Brisbane

Discounted rate \$6 with ticket validation in our foyer

KING GEORGE SQUARE CAR PARK

Vehicle entry is via Roma or Adelaide Streets and exit is via Roma Street.

If you are more mobile would you consider parking offsite so that spaces can be made available downstairs for the less mobile so that they can avoid walking up the hill.