

Come to Worship

Matthew 2:2

Reclaiming Gift-Giving as Worship this Christmas

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Have you ever reflected about being joyful givers?

We can see this in the Bible when we read about Jesus' birth. We see that the wise men were excited to bring gifts to the King of the Kings; In fact they were "filled with **joy**." (Matthew 2:10-11)

They didn't worry about the years it took them to find Jesus. They didn't rush through their time with Jesus. Instead they took their time to worship Him. They didn't stress about what to give him or how much it would cost. They didn't become anxious about how to present their gifts or who would be there. **They were simply focused on worshipping Jesus.**

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Gift-giving is about the gift of redemption we've received in our Lord. The wise men didn't just bring Jesus the gifts of Frankincense, Gold & Myrrh. They also gave of their resources, time and talents. We should be like the wise men and come to worship Jesus, by giving all of ourselves to Him too.

The Wise men gave all of themselves to worship Jesus. They didn't care how much it would cost or how much time it would take. *They were joyful givers.* Giving is an act of worship. Let's make it our lifestyle and strive to be **cheerful, joyful givers** all year around.

This week's bible reading is Matthew 2:1-12



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

Christmas Opportunities

There are a number of opportunities where help is needed over the Christmas period

Bunnings – 9th December

We are looking for a person or two who could go to Indooroopilly Bunnings on **Thursday 9 December between 6-8pm**. They have encouraged people to donate gifts to The Salvation Army and we need someone to pick them up as well as be at a table with information about The Salvation Army.

Central station collecting

A small ensemble of musicians will be playing Christmas Carols at Central station on **Monday 13 December - Friday 17 December from 7am - 8:30am**. We are needing people to stand near the ensemble to thank people for their donation.

Driver required for collection/transporting of donations

Kmart – Indooroopilly

- collection of gifts donated through the Kmart Wishing Tree at the Indooroopilly store and drop off at the Christmas warehouse (Hamilton).

Christmas Warehouse

- There will be items donated to us here that will need to be taken to the Christmas Warehouse (Hamilton) for distribution throughout the wider Brisbane area.

Christmas Hampers

- You can purchase the following items that will be included in the hampers...

- Baked Beans (425g)
- Packet of Shortbread (200g)
- Tinned Ham (340g)

Place them under our giving tree that is at the front of the hall

- You can make a donation toward the cost of purchasing items for the hampers (either in an envelope in the offering marked 'Christmas' or online via our Corps bank a/c – details on the back page)
- You can help with packing the hampers (date to be advised)
- Buy gift for children/teenagers - especially for teens as we are often overwhelmed with gifts for younger children and not so many for teens

Family Carols – 10am @BCT

Sunday 19 December

Followed by a Christmas morning tea

Please bring a packet of shortbread or fruit mince pies

Praying for our Corps

Evelyn Warden; Aaron & Natalie Wemyss, Cooper & Riley; Kerrod & Jacinta Wemyss, Oliver, Samuel & Lachlan; Ryan Wemyss; Stephanie Wemyss; Stephen & Judith Wemyss ; Jill Whitehouse

Praying for our community

Ken Green; Ray & Coral Luhrs

I need prayer for ... as I live out my faith following Jesus

- Salvation of my children, family, future generations and me
- Responding obediently to what Jesus tells me
- My health
- That the Holy Spirit will search my heart and make me aware of those things in my life that need to be washed clean by the blood of Jesus

How can I be involved in ministry at Brisbane City Temple (BCT)?

There are several people who would like to get involved in different ministries within the Corps and a great place to start is by discovering your spiritual gifts. God has equipped believers with spiritual gifts that he desires to be used within the church.

There is a questionnaire that will help you to discover the spiritual gifts God has given you and by sharing that information, it will be possible to find the right place for you to serve within our Corps.

[You can complete the questionnaire online by going to this link.](#)

Alternatively, there will be some paper copies available for you to complete along with a summary sheet with your name and your top three gifts.

You are encouraged to complete this questionnaire within the next two weeks before the Christmas and holiday season comes.



Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

PERFORMANCE BY THE BRISBANE CITY TEMPLE BAND
CAROLS BY FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA AND THE HALLS MUSIC

167 Ann St Brisbane
Saturday the 11th of December, 6pm

FREE ADMISSION



Tithe and Offerings

You can make a direct deposit into the corps account. Bank Details are:
Name: The Salvation Army BCT
BSB: 034 004
Account Number: 810612

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7



Wednesday evening 7:45pm



You are invited to attend our online prayer meeting

Join Zoom Online Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 7:45pm

<https://zoom.us/j/97995767084>

Meeting ID: 979 9576 7084

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Weekly at BCT

SUNDAY

9:30am Coffee
10am Morning Worship
10:30am Primary, Kids Connection & Junior Soldiers

MONDAY

7:15pm Bible Study Group (online)

TUESDAY

10am Conversational English classes
6pm Bible Study at BCT
8pm Women's online Connect group

WEDNESDAY

10am-12pm Sal Connect
12pm Open House Community Lunch
7.30pm Band Rehearsal
7:45 pm Online prayer meeting

THURSDAY

10am mainly music
8pm Men's online connect group

FRIDAY

10am-12pm Sal Connect
7.00pm Youth group

SATURDAY

10am Women's bible study (Online)
Fortnightly

Parking stations

WICKHAM TERRACE CAR PARK

Located between Wickham Terrace and Turbot street, Spring Hill

Cost \$5 for four hours on a Sunday

KING GEORGE SQUARE CAR PARK

Vehicle entry is via Roma or Adelaide streets and exit is via Roma street.

Cost is \$5 for four hours on a Sunday