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Our Corps Mission Statement:
‘Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, Ipswich Citadel Corps exists to save souls, grow saints and serve suffering humanity’

It’s really good to see you today and welcome to our morning worship led by Captain Andrew Jarrold. Children’s & Youth activities today at 11.00am.

 <p>FAIRTRADE</p>	<p>Following our morning meetings, coffee and tea will be served in the lounge/YP hall. A small donation will assist the purchasing of Fair Trade Tea and Coffee.</p>
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday 13th December
 2.30pm Ladies Fellowship

Friday 15th December
 7.00pm Man Friday

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER 5.30PM
CAROL SERVICE
 Come early, and bring a friend!

Christmas card scheme 2023
 Juliet & Peter will once again be running the Christmas card scheme for those who want to send a single card to all their friends at the hall. There are forms in the foyer. Feel free to put your card on the window beside the office.

We are receiving new unwrapped toys for The Salvation Army’s “Be a Star” Christmas Present Appeal. Closing date has been extended for gifts to the 14th December.

If you are able to help with transport or serving our guests on Christmas Day please add your name to the list in the foyer.

International Staff Songsters The latest CD is available from Juliet for £14.00.

What’s On week commencing 11th December 2023

Tuesday:
9.15am CAMEO Club
NO Songster practice
Wednesday:
9.30am Parent/Carers and Toddlers group
2.30pm Ladies Fellowship
Thursday:
10.30am Bible Fellowship
10.45am Friendship Club
12 mid-day Luncheon Club
1-1.15pm Jill Gray collecting items on behalf of FIND
NO Band practice
Friday:
7.00pm Man Friday

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 The **December/January** edition of the **Ipswich Salvation Army magazine** is available in the foyer and to view online on our Website.

Please pray for members of our corps family who are unable to attend worship due to health reasons.

If you would like to provide flowers for our Holiness Table, please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in the foyer for available dates.

Captain Andrew’s Column

‘O Little Town of Bethlehem.’ A lovely Carol that we sing and I didn’t really know the significance of the first line until looking into the background to how Bethlehem fits into the Christmas Story, something we’re looking at today. Micah 5 from the Old Testament prophesied that Bethlehem will be involved, but you can almost hear people saying Bethlehem! Whatever good comes out of that? Well we know of course that Jesus came out of Bethlehem but also King David was born there as well; David’s Town; The Angels say this to the Shepherds ‘to you this day in David’s Town..is born a saviour...’ So God used this insignificant town for great things. That’s how God works; he uses situations, people who are humble, for His glory. The whole Christmas Story demonstrates this. God chooses not because of greatness but uses ordinary people to work with Him. When Elijah ‘met’ God it wasn’t in the Earthquake wind and Fire; sounds like a pop group! But God was in the whisper. God is for ordinary, everyday people, people who need a saviour.