



RUSHDEN SALVATION ARMY

LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS

**Reach Out Joint Newsletter for
December 2025 And January 2026**



**The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news
that will cause great joy for all the people.**

**"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you;
he is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2 v 10-11**



Love Came Down at Christmas By Christina Rossetti

**Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love Divine;
Love was born at Christmas, Star and angels gave the sign.
Worship we the Godhead, Love Incarnate, Love Divine;
Worship we our Jesus: But wherewith for sacred sign?
Love shall be our token, Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men, Love for plea and gift and sign**

The message of Christmas is timeless. Because Christmas is about the birth of God's Son – Jesus. It is about how he came to give us love, hope and joy. That message doesn't change from year to year. When there is so much bad news and devastation in the world, this is good news worth celebrating!

Merry Christmas to you all.

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT FROM MAJOR DEBORAH

**Come thou long expected Jesus Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in thee'**

Expecting - a crop of onions, a new baby - these things take time. The people of Israel had been expecting a Saviour for 400 years. The prophets of the Old Testament spoke of a definite hope, a growing expectancy. But 3 different things had to happen before the Saviour could come. Before the Romans invaded the area there were many small countries that would not have allowed the free access of people spreading a gospel of any sort. And each area had its own language. Until the Greeks brought a common language for all people to understand the gospel could not have spread so easily. What was in place though was the expectant faith that the Jews had. So with the Jews expectant faith, the road and country connections from the Romans and the common language from the Greeks the world waited expectantly for the Saviour. With Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, made possible in humble circumstances, this became God's action which we now celebrate.

For young and old, there is always something special in a Christmas celebration. There is a wonderful expectancy, as the apostle John recorded 'The Word became flesh and dwelt among us' halleluiaah!

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATIONS

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON CHRISTMAS DAY

CHRISTMAS DAY MEALS. The Community lounge open from 10am for coffee and fellowship. Christmas dinner at 12noon followed by games and activities till 3pm. These will be provided for those who would otherwise be at home alone. Please speak to Major Deborah if you wish to go.

Christmas Meal preparation 24th December from 10am

**MEETINGS and SPECIAL EVENTS TAKING PLACE
DURING THE ADVENT SEASON**

7th December 2nd Sunday of Advent – 10.30 **TOY SERVICE** Please bring your gifts of new toys unwrapped

14th December 3rd Sunday of Advent – 10.30 worship meeting

21st December 4th Sunday of Advent – 10.30 worship meeting

21st December 4th Sunday of Advent - 4pm Carol Service

The carol service will be followed with seasonal refreshments

24th December 4pm Christmas Eve service with candles
*Mike & Jenny Clark invite you to journey with them, discovering together **The Birth Of Hope** An opportunity for meditation – Comtemplation – Deliberation*

28th December 10.30 Morning Worship

OPEN HOUSE DAY WEDNESDAY 31ST DECEMBER

Major Deborah invites you to come to her home for coffee/tea at the Quarters 10am – 4pm. ALL ARE WELCOME

OTHER DATES FOR DECEMBER 2025

BADEN POWELL GROUPS (SCOUTING SECTIONS)

Carol Service Wednesday 3rd December 7pm

Our BP groups will be leading this carol service. All welcome.

MONDAY'S ACTIVITIES for DECEMBER 25

Drop-In 1ST 8th 15th 22rd and 29TH December

10am- 1pm in the community room – all welcome.

Bible Study with Major Stuart 8th December **No Bible study** on Monday 22ND December

TUESDAY'S ACTIVITIES

Eplus Local on 2ND 9TH 16TH 23RD from 10am – 1pm

No Eplus On 30TH December 25

Tuesday December 25 continued

Prayer Meeting 2ND 2.30pm at Jenny and Mikes Home

Open Prayer Meeting on 16th 2.30pm held in the Main Hall

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Painting Group on 3rd December only from 1pm

BAND PRACTICES and SINGING GROUP PRACTICES for December 3rd, 10th, 17th, are still to be confirmed. They will be announced if taking place. No practices 24th and 31st. December.

BP SECTIONS will meet together on 10th December for their final meeting before the Christmas break.

THURSDAY ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS DAY MEALS SEE PREVIOUS PAGE FOR DETAILS

Thursday Fellowship 4th December 2pm

60's Club Band present a Christmas carol concert

18th December 2pm Carols and More with Major Deborah

Tea and biscuit available from 1pm in the community Room

Knit and Natter – No meeting taking place for the month of December. Next meeting will be on January 22rd 26

Prayer Meetings December 11th ONLY meeting together 11am – 12noon for prayer in the community room

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

CAMEO Christmas Lunch - 12th December AT 12noon cost of £5. Book with Major Deborah if you would like to go along.

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

6th December Irthlingborough Charity Shop open 9am - 2pm



GREETINGS FROM CORPS ACTIVITIES TAKEN PLACE

Christmas Greetings From The Managers Of Rushden And Irthlingborough Charity Shops.

Our second Christmas Preview in Rushden was joined this year by our Irthlingborough Charity Shop on evening of 20th November.

The Rushden Shop was a great success yet again despite the weather conditions. A large crowd attended enjoying live music while they shopped. We would like to thank Mike and Jenny for playing in the shop and the band for the music in the community centre. Thank you also to those who provided the refreshments both for the baking and serving on the night.

The Irthlingborough shop held an open night for the first time once again this was a successful evening with the mayor coming along to support the event. Thanks to all staff and volunteers who gave their time up to make the nights a great success

Greetings from our Knit and Natter group written by Rose
Our Knit and Natter ladies would like to wish all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

We are delighted to announce we have donated 51 baby cardigans, 36 Hats and 10 Blankets as well as vests, baby grows, Teddies, Mittens, Wipes, Nappies and toiletries to Baby Basics. Also we have sent 27 Fishermen's hats to the Seafarers Mission, Knee blankets for the elderly and many Trauma Teddies for the emergency services to give to children. A very big Thank You to all who have donated over the year to make these donations possible. Why not come in person, all are welcome. We meet together on 4th Thursday of the month between 9.45 and 11.45.

SUNDAY MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 2026

All January meetings led by Major Deborah

4TH January - 10.30 Morning Worship

11th January - 10.30 commitment Sunday

18th January - 10.30 Morning Worship

25th January – 10.30 Morning Worship

WEEKLY EVENTS FOR JANUARY 26

MONDAY'S ACTIVITIES

Drop-In Mondays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th 10am – 1pm

Bible Study with Major Stuart 12th and 26th January.

Corps Council meeting on Monday 12th at 7.30pm

TUESDAY'S ACTIVITIES

EPlus local Tuesdays 6th 13th 20th & 27th from 10am

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

Painting Group Wednesday January 7th and 21st
Meeting in the Café area of the building 1pm start.

Singing Group January practices from 6-15pm 7th, 14th, 21st 28th

Band Practices from 2.30pm also 7th 14th 21st and 28th

THURSDAY ACTIVITIES

There will be no fellowship meetings taking place during the January.
The next meeting will be on February 5TH 26.

Knit and Natter meet on January 22nd 9.45 – 11.45

Prayer Meetings January 8th in the community room and 22nd in the café area. Drinks available from 10.30am Prayers start 11am.

FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

CAMEO January 9th 12noon A 2 course meal is provided at the cost of £5. All Welcome Please book with Major Deborah.

SATURDAY 17TH Men's breakfast Park Road Baptist

A NEW ACTIVITY STARTING JANUARY 26 ENTITLED MOMENTUM

A time when we can gently exercise our bodies whilst focussing our thoughts on God and being found in community as a group of people together. Movement to music promotes positive well-being of mind, body and spirit. Life is all about momentum. we are going to enter into 6 sessions. The dates these will be held are as follows starting at 1pm lasting for about half an hour

January 26th, February 2nd, and 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, and 30th.

Why not come along and give it a try.

DECEMBER 25 FLOWERS

28th December Major Deborah

No flowers during the

Advent Sundays as the

and nativity

Scene will be on display

JANUARY 26 FLOWER LIST

4th January Christine Moreton

11th January Janet Freeman Wreath

18th January Anne-arie Desrousseaux

25th January Sheila & Mike Smith

With the growing amount of scams now here is a recent one re Winter Fuel Payments Texts

Nearly all Winter Fuel Payments are made automatically without the need to claim. DWP have not issued any messages.

DWP never send text messages or emails requesting your bank details for Winter Fuel Payment purposes.

If you have any doubt whether a text is genuine, forward it to 7726 (free of charge) and you will receive a reply confirming if it's legitimate. You should block the telephone number and delete the message without clicking on any links.

REMEMBER TO USE OUR PRAYER BOOK.

This can be found at reception or on the table in the community room. This is used at every prayer meeting taking place at the Corps. These prayers can be for yourself or someone you know. Why not come and join us in prayer as we share together.

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE COMING YEAR

Heavenly Father, As we celebrate this Christmas we give our thanks for Your guidance over the past year. Send Your Holy Spirit to guide us through the coming year, give us strength be our light, and our comforter. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive freely, and to welcome Your graces and gifts with open hearts. May we grow spiritually and give us a sense of peace. In Jesus' name, Amen"

PRAYER TOPICS

Those In Government - We pray for all in authority, that this may be the year when they achieve wisdom, mercy and respect for all humanity. Lord, let them remember their responsibility is to serve the people with honesty and fairness. We ask for strength and courage for those who stand for truth and integrity.

Prayers for The Salvation Army officer appointment process taking place over the next few months. Ask that the right officer is matched with the right appointment,

Prayer for those in war-torn regions that peace will replace conflict, for safety and for hope to be renewed in the hearts of those who mourn.

Guide leaders to seek wise solutions, comfort support for the afflicted, and grant a spirit of justice and love to prevail."

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 NLT

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