



Jubilee Church

Worshipping God,
serving the community.

Christmas Activity Fair

Join us between 2.00-5.00pm on Saturday 8 December at the Jubilee Centre for an afternoon of fun for all the family!

There is no entry charge and we will have lots of FREE activities to take part in, including Christmas themed family crafts and fun games to play. There will also be a variety of stalls selling handmade Christmas cards, books and jewellery.

Santa has managed to fit us into his busy schedule, so why not come and see him in his Christmas grotto (there will be a small charge of £2 for each child).

Delicious homemade cakes and refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon (on a donation basis), so you can sit down and relax in festive surroundings.

All funds raised on the day will be donated to Cancer Research UK.

**FAMILY CRAFTS • FUN ACTIVITIES • SANTA'S GROTTTO
GAMES • CAKES • REFRESHMENTS • STALLS**

Spirit Café at the Christmas Fair

Christmas can be a great time of the year for family and friends with lots of fun, presents and parties, but unfortunately it can also be a time when things don't always glitter quite as bright as we might wish.

If you are feeling a little low this Christmas, or are just in need of encouragement, then perhaps you would be interested in talking to our team in the 'Spirit Café', which will be available at the Jubilee Centre throughout the Christmas Fair. We believe that God loves everyone and wants us to share his love

with others. Each member of the team has recently completed a course designed to help teach them how to listen more clearly to what God has to say in different situations. Without any obligation or any charge, the team will be happy to offer you prayer for healing, an opportunity to interpret your dreams or will ask God for a word of encouragement and comfort for you. Looking after our spiritual health is important, so why not allow God to show His love for you? It could turn out to be the best thing you have done this year!

**See inside for
more festive
news and
information
from Jubilee!**

Introducing the Jubilee leadership team



Pictured left to right are: Derek, Jackie, Jon, Roland, Steve and Donna

Jubilee is led by a core team of leaders who aim to provide leadership and direction for the church. We also have a wider team of leaders who provide support in the day to day running of the church. However, we believe that each individual has a part to play and something to contribute, so everyone is encouraged to use their skills and enthusiasm in a wide variety of areas within the church, such as working with children and young people, playing in our band, helping with refreshments, taking part in our services and organising various community events and activities.

The core leadership of Jubilee has,

of course, changed over the years when people have retired, moved away or simply chosen to give up their role as a leader to allow someone else to join the team. If you've been along to Jubilee, you may have met some of the leaders, but if you haven't we thought we'd give you a brief introduction!

The core team is led by Derek Holl, a Human Resources Manager who lives in Bromley with his wife, Clare, and their two children. Derek is also one of the leaders of Recess, a youth club held at the centre for 11-18 year olds.

Jon and Jackie Mills both work in London, Jon in Pensions Investment

Performance and Jackie as an Executive Assistant in a large consultancy. They live in Petts Wood, although Jackie is originally from Shropshire. Jackie is also one of the leaders of Recess.

Steve Palmer is married to Emma and has two young children. Previously a science teacher, he is now a Director at the Spinnaker Trust, a Christian charity working in schools in and around Bromley, and also works as a part-time driving instructor. Steve helps to lead Jubilee Fun Jungle, our club for children aged 7-11 years.

Roland Mills is the longest standing member of the leadership team at Jubilee. After 39 years at Southern Watch and Clock Supplies, Roland set up his own gardening business. He is married to Brenda and they have two sons and one grandchild.

Donna Kerry is the newest member of the core leadership team, having previously been on the wider team. Donna is married to Martyn and they have two children. Donna works as an assistant at a local nursery school.

The leadership team are always happy to talk with you and to answer any questions you might have about Jubilee Church and activities at the centre.

Jubilee Church is part of Churches Together in Bromley Common and nationally we are linked with the Pioneer network of churches and are members of the Evangelical Alliance. We have also built strong relationships with, and provide support to, churches in South Africa, Sri Lanka and India.



Shoebboxes help to bring a smile!

Over thirty shoeboxes, brightly wrapped and filled with gifts, were donated by Jubilee Church to Smile International, a charity dedicated to sharing the love of Jesus Christ by helping to relieve suffering and poverty through the distribution of humanitarian aid and long-term development projects.

The shoeboxes will go to children in villages, schools, orphanages, refugee centres and camps in the Balkans, Asia and Africa and are distributed according to need, regardless of nationality, political background or religious belief. No literature is added to the boxes.

Each shoebox is filled with a selection of gifts including small toys, pens, paper, small cuddly toy, sweets, toothpaste and toothbrush, soap, flannel, underwear, socks, hat, scarf

and gloves. For many children, this will be the first present they have ever been given and everything is treasured – even the wrapping!

Anita, who co-ordinated the shoebox collection for Jubilee, said 'I was so pleased that we were able to provide so many shoeboxes. I enlisted the help of the children who come along to our club, Jubilee Fun Jungle, and they really enjoyed covering the boxes and filling them with the gifts. Someone from Smile International also came along and showed a DVD of children receiving shoeboxes last year, which was really nice for them to see. I'd like to thank everyone, children and adults, who enabled us to support Smile.'

You can find out more about Smile International, which has a base in Orpington, by visiting www.smileinternational.org.

The Christmas Story



Putting to one side the presents, turkey, crackers, fairy lights and Father Christmas, we all know the real Christmas story - don't we? It's what you see in the nativity plays or scenes that we see on cards – Mary, Joseph, the baby in a manger, the shepherds and three kings, all together in a stable with sheep, donkeys and cows, with angels singing and a bright star shining above.

But what does all that mean? Was it an event in history that you may or may not believe really happened, but is nonetheless a tradition? And if it really happened, which we believe it did, why? And does it have any relevance to us now in this fast paced, ever changing world?

We believe that the Christmas story – the birth of Jesus Christ – is as relevant today as it always was. Mary and Joseph might be well known now, but at the time they were just ordinary people through whom God chose to bring His son, Jesus, into our world. A world which at times seems full of insecurity, sadness, greed, fear, hopelessness and wars – then and now!

Jesus, who was born to become our saviour, started off his life in a dark and dirty stable, not the romantic and sentimental scene that we so often see depicted. He experienced life on earth, yes in a different time period than us, but still real life, facing day to day issues and difficulties, as well as times of fun and happiness. Yet eventually he knew His purpose in life was to die in order that we could have the opportunity to be reunited with God and unselfishly, that's what He did.

And that's why the Christmas story is relevant to each and everyone of us – because that's when Jesus was born. Jesus, God's son, who gave his life for us, so that we can be forgiven, no matter what we have done, said or thought, so that we can have

Choosing presents with care

Treating your friends and family to presents is one of the most popular traditions at Christmas, but how many times have you struggled to choose a gift, particularly for those people who seem to have everything? Or perhaps you feel that you are spending lots of money on things that aren't really needed and that may eventually end up unused at the back of a cupboard!

In recent years, people have been opting to spend their money on 'virtual' gifts that go to a charity, such as Oxfam, who use it to help improve the lives of those in need or that help our environment. There are many charities and organisations that offer unusual and fun gifts, with something to suit everyone. If you haven't already thought about doing this, why not have a look at the websites below to see what's on offer!



Oxfam Unwrapped – all their presents, which can be found at www.oxfam.org.uk/shop, are chosen by asking the communities that Oxfam works with around the world what will make the biggest difference in their fight to overcome poverty. They have a huge choice of gifts ranging from as little as £8 for two text books for children in Kenya.

Present Aid – this is Christian Aid's online shop, enabling you to buy virtual gifts that will be appreciated by the person you are giving it to, whilst at the same time helping to change the lives of poor people around the world. Their selection of gifts can be found at www.presentaid.org and include a can of worms, to help produce fertiliser, for £15!

The Good Gifts Catalogue – set up by the Charities Advisory Trust, this provides an extensive selection of ethical gifts to reflect a wide range of tastes and interests. Their website www.goodgifts.org features gifts such as planting 10 metres of hedgerow for £30 and 18 pairs of flip flops for £25.

Other websites to look at include www.worldvision.org.uk, www.giftsforlife.org and www.positivepresents.org.

Talking to God

We believe that all of us can talk to God and tell Him about everything that is going on in our lives. However, we also know that some people don't feel they can pray, or would prefer that someone else prayed for them. At Jubilee Church, we believe that God listens when we talk to him – and that He also does answer our prayers.

If you have anything that you would like us to pray for on your behalf, please feel free to write them down and put them through the door of the Jubilee Centre, anonymously if you wish. You can also email us at prayer@jubileechurch.co.uk and we will commit to bring you and your request before God. We can't guarantee how He will respond, but we can guarantee that we will pray for you. We also promise that unless you ask us to, we will not make contact with you.

a relationship with a God that's real, a God that cares, a God that loves, a God that gives peace and comfort, a God that can fill our hearts with joy ... and we pray that you will know God's blessings in your life this Christmas.

If you want to know more, or have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Something for the kids

These words, all related to Christmas, seem to have got all muddled up! Can you sort out the letters so that the words make sense? It's just for fun, so no prizes, but if you want to check whether you have got them right, the answers are upside down at the bottom of this page!

LEGNA
SPICE MINE
KENGSRITHE
SENSTREP

RECKRAC
SESUJ
RATS
OCTKINGS

KERYUT
SHREDPEH
GEMRAN
FUNGIFTS

We wish you all a very happy and fun filled time this Christmas!

In and around the centre

Church meetings

Jubilee Church meets in the centre on Sundays at 10.00am, with the exception of the last Sunday in the month when we start with refreshments at 10.00am and then hold a shorter service, with the focus on worship for all ages, from 10.30am. Our services are friendly and informal and, for part of the service, there are separate activities for children and young people. If you would like to join us on a Sunday, without any obligation, you will be made to feel very welcome.

Clubs and regular activities

We have a variety of weekly activities at the centre, including keep fit, coffee mornings and a number of clubs for children and young people. We also hold social events throughout the year, such as quiz nights, walks in the country and themed evenings, such as a Valentine's Ball or a 70's Night. Our community events are always publicised on the noticeboard outside the centre, so why not keep an eye out for something that interests you or contact us for more information.

Keep Fit	Monday 7.50pm
Coffee Morning	Wednesday 10.30am
Women's Bible Study*	Thursday 10.00am
Little Stars (0-5 yrs)	Thursday 10.00am (inc school hols)
Jubilee Fun Jungle (7-11 yrs)	Friday 6.00pm
Recess (11-18 yrs)	Friday 8.00pm

* not held at the Jubilee Centre, contact us for details

Christmas at Jubilee

As well as our Christmas Activity Fair, there's lots more going on at the Jubilee Centre in the run up to Christmas and we extend a warm welcome to you to join us.

Christmas Quiz - Saturday 1 December

Join us at the centre in time for an 8.00pm start – it costs just £3.00 per person (free for children) and we'll supply tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies. Don't worry if you haven't got a team together, there are always people you can join up with on the night. If you are planning on bringing your children, we will be showing a Christmas film to keep your little ones occupied and happy for the evening. As it's a Christmas quiz, feel free to wear something festive!

Carol Service - Sunday 16 December

Get your Christmas off to a great start by singing some of your favourite carols at our candlelit service which starts at 6.00pm ... and of course it's another opportunity to have those traditional mince pies and mulled wine!

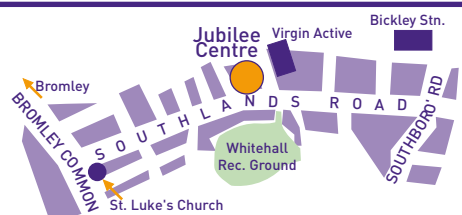
Christingle Service - Sunday 23 December

Why not bring your family along to our Christingle celebration at 4.30pm. Lasting no more than an hour, this is a fundraising event in support of The Children's Society, a charity providing help for children and young people in the UK who are living in poverty or difficulty. A donation will be taken during the service and, in return, you receive your Christingle. The Christingle is made up of a lighted candle (symbolising Jesus, the light of the world) mounted on an orange (representing the world) and a red ribbon or tape around the middle of the orange (indicating the blood of Christ). Four cocktail sticks bearing sweets are also stuck into the orange to signify the four seasons and the fruits of the earth.

Christmas Day Service - Wednesday 25 December

When the big day finally arrives, no doubt the adults are in the kitchen preparing for a big family dinner and the kids are busy opening and playing with their presents! But if you can, why not join us at 10.00am on Christmas morning as we have a short time of worship to celebrate the real reason behind Christmas – the birth of Jesus Christ.

We look forward to seeing you!



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Why we are here

Our reason for being together is found in one person – Jesus Christ. We share the common purpose of serving Jesus, and one another. We also want to serve our local community, knowing that God loves our world and that He is interested in each and every person, wherever or wherever they are. We believe that a life lived for Him is simply the best!

If you would like more information about Jubilee Church, any of the activities at our centre and in and around the local community, please feel free to contact us:

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ANSWERS: ANGEL, CRACKER, TURKEY, MINCE PIES, JESUS, SHEPHERD, THREE KINGS, STAR, MANGER, PRESENTS, STOCKING, STUFFING