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December 2021 Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Members of InterfaithMK,

Our December meeting is usually a festive meal together combined with impromptu songs, poems and the enjoyment of good company together in the Quaker Centre in Downhead Park.

This year, again curtailed by the medical requirements not to socialise, breath and sing outside the confines of one's family "bubble", we reluctantly decided to hold the December meeting online by Zoom once again.

We plan to show the 15 minute first version of the film we made showing the Multi-Faith Service at the Amphitheatre in Campbell Park we held on the 9th September this year.

After the film, our Co-convenor Joan Harris will invite anyone on the call to present a song, a painting, a poem or any other virtual gift for the upliftment of our audience. Please prepare something apposite!

Yours sincerely,

David Rennie,

Administrator, IFMK

PS Some ways to share the blessing of Christmas with others are listed on the second page, courtesy of MK Mission Partnership. Please donate generously.

IFMK is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: IFMK's December Meeting

First Screening of the Film from the 2021 Multi-Faith Service at the Amphitheatre in Campbell Park of 09/09/21

and

Song, Painting or Poetry

Hosted by IFMK Co-convenor Joan Harris

Time: Thursday Dec 2nd, 2021 • 7:15pm for a 7:30 start. End 9:15

Click to Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87606860746?pwd=bU9VbitjYTdCcjRnZXNhaTlFLzZVZz09

Meeting ID: 876 0686 0746 Passcode: 567171

Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdDU5mWoMC



Ways to Help Local Charities this Christmas

Here are some of the ways you can help local charities this Christmas:



https://babybasicsmk.org.uk

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ ls/1YEA5CPH2SNAS?ref_=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR0cnvOfWD0SMJ jGad-FTn1rMiq0kurt6q56KfrJlsUzG93i-lVPuypJghM

<u>Baby Basics MK</u> – They write: *"Every child deserves to have a gift under the Christmas tree* – You can give them that. You can purchase a gift for a child easily by using our Amazon gift list <u>here</u>." Baby Basics MK help families with children aged 0 – 5 years.

St Marks Meals: The St Mark's Meals Gift Shop is OPEN. How about buying a meal for a struggling family as an alternative gift for friends and family? You buy the meal and they send you a card so that you can explain what their gift this year is. https://stmarksmk.com/gifts/



Above is the St Mark's Meals Count Down to Christmas! They write: "Food donations can be dropped off at the Foodbank labelled ST MARK'S MEALS and they will come straight to us to be used for the recipe boxes we send to local schools. THANK YOU and good luck, see if you can tick off every item. If you'd like a copy of this list emailed or sent to you, please get in touch at <u>meals@stmarksmk.com</u>."



Milton Keynes Salvation Army: Christmas Present Appeal. They write: "It's that time of the year again where we have the immense privilege of helping families here in MK who would otherwise struggle this Christmas. We take referrals from social services, health visitors, children/family centres and schools so that we can provide gifts for children that might go without. Every year we depend upon the generous giving of individuals, groups, churches and businesses who help us achieve our goal. Please if you are able to donate a new, unwrapped gift for a child ages 0-16yrs and drop off at our Salvation Army building, Ramsons Avenue, Conniburrow, MK14 7BA. Our opening times are Mondays & Wednesdays 10am-1pm or Thursday morning. If these times are inconvenient or you have queries please contact us on 01908 606916 or email milton.keynes@salvationarmy.org.uk. Our deadline is 6th December."

Salvation Army MK

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