

Dear Friends,

It's getting closer. The coming of hope and light into the world.

I'm writing this letter in the interval of 'We Happy Few' which is being performed by 3rd year acting-musician students from GSA (Guildford School of Acting). It's written by Imogen Stubbs. It's a play about a small ragtag group of actors who take to the road during World War II and present Shakespeare plays in schools and village halls up and down the country to remind people of our cultural heritage. They find themselves in the strangest of places and present over 1000 performances. Hope is everywhere in the show. From a small group of people who, despite enormous hurdles, succeed in coming together and triumphing against the odds - to the importance of holding up something of beauty in the midst of chaos and the darkness of war.

More than that - the incredibly talented cast act, dance, sing and play all their own instruments (guitars, saxophones, pianos, drums, flutes, violins, double basses etc!).

I love watching productions like this. The energy and joy of the young performers, the message of the play itself. They remind me that despite a world where we are surrounded by violence, hatred and fear - where so much seems dark - despite all of that there is light, life and hope in the world. Love wins. God is still Immanuel...and if you look...you can see so many proofs of that every day. Little outbreaks of joy...signposts of love...examples of grace.

Christmas tells us God is with us. You don't have to look too far to see that every day.

So, try today as well as taking in the grim nature of much of the news - to see those shafts of light that break in everyday and know that it is what we celebrate at Christmas - God with us - that you are seeing at work.

Blessings to you all,

Paul

Resources/Good News

Carol Concert in aid of KSS Air Ambulance

Monday 18 December, 7.30pm at Guildford Cathedral

Tickets: £22 Restricted view – £12

This fun and festive evening marks 10 years of KSS flying at night. During the concert, you'll have the unique opportunity to hear from the life-saving crew. A festive evening of delicious mince pies, mulled wine, and carol singing alongside a live Christmas choir!

For more details and to book tickets see [KSS Carol Concert](#)

