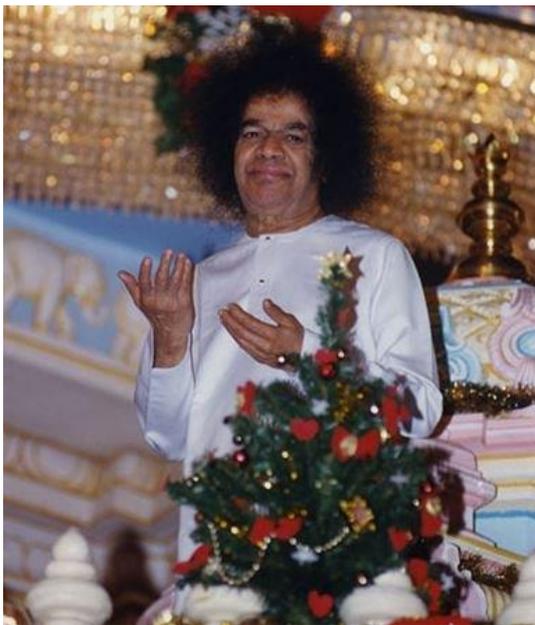




Sri Sathya Sai Centre of Leicester

Sri Sathya Sai International Organisation UK

Announcements & News for December 2020



"Jesus was not merely a human form. He was the Embodiment of Divine Self, verily. But, some people could not realise his Divinity, as at present. Even now some people only have faith in Divinity while others do not have. Some extol Divinity, whereas some others criticise Divinity. All depends upon their faith. Jesus underwent several trials and tribulations during his time. He became the Saviour and Messiah of the poor and forlorn. He helped them in many ways. There is nothing greater than Divine Will. Everything is God's will. The foremost duty of a human being is to

realise the will of God and submit himself to that Divine will." *Sri Sathya Sai Baba*

Jai Sai Ram Vinodbhai, we hope you are looking forward to Christmas which we know will be very different for everyone this year. Soon after we will welcome in the New Year and with it comes hope that we might get through this difficult period and put this year behind us. As Swami always reminds sorrow is always followed by happiness so we look forward to the New Year and a New Beginning. This month we have so many service opportunities for you take part in and realise the true meaning of the spirit of Christmas. We will also be having our centre friend Pastor Thomas remind us about the significance of Christmas - so we do hope you join us for our Christmas programmes.

Please do contact us through the centre email at the bottom of this newsletter if you have any suggestions, questions or concerns and we will do our best to answer them.

We wish you, your family and friends a very Happy Christmas and New Year!

Urgent Service Opportunity

With Swami's Grace we have a great Service Opportunity where general volunteers are urgently required.

The NHS are requiring general volunteers during the roll out of the COVID 19 Vaccine.

Areas across England are going through the first wave of vaccination for the over 80 year olds.

Help is required on **From Tues 15th Dec to Fri 18th Dec** from 8am to 8pm across the 3 sites below:

(any number of hours is welcomed - so it is not necessary to stick with above timings)

- Harborough Fields surgery: 160 Newton Road, Rushden, Northants, NN10 0GP
- Nene Valley Surgery: Green lane, Thrapston, Kettering, Northants, NN14 4QL
- Queensway Medical Centre: Olympic way, Wellingborough, Northants, NN8 3QE

Across GP surgeries, they require help with the following areas:

- Car park management
- Ushering patients
- Ensuring social distancing
- Observing patients post vaccination
- Making teas and coffees
- Sanitizing waiting areas
- Crowd control

Enhanced DBS check are required for all volunteers except car park management.

For volunteers/carers there is no travel restriction (however, car sharing allowed with one other person only, except where a another person is part of family bubble)

We are very blessed as devotees of our dearest Bhagawan, that in a time of a National emergency and need, Swami's blessed organisation was thought of!

Please email region4@srisathyasai.org.uk if you are able to volunteer.



Supporting the MLSS to Serve The Homeless

Our centre continues to support the great work being undertaken by the Midlands Langar Seva Society who are preparing food parcels for the needy people in the local community.

This service is going very well and not only do we still require food items but there is an opportunity to help packing the food parcels at More Restaurant from 4:00 to 5:00 pm Monday to Friday. Please contact our service coordinators or email us to let us know if you would like to help.



Centre Christmas Programmes

I am sure everyone is looking forward to Christmas and the New Year. This year we are very lucky to have Pastor Thomas present a Christmas message for our online Christmas Programmes on Sunday 20th and Thursday 24th December. Both programmes are at the usual bhajan times and we are sure they will bring some festive spirit into your homes!



Even More Service Activities!

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who donated clothes for the Ukraine appeal. The clothes were delivered safely to Bob in Wellingborough and we're sure they will be appreciated by those in need in Ukraine.



As you know, every year we have a Christmas Party for our elderly and disabled guests. Unfortunately, this year this is not possible because of COVID-19. So we have decided to do a Christmas gift box for each of our guests which will be delivered to their homes.

Each gift box will contain items such as mince pies; chocolates; biscuits; Christmas Crackers; a Christmas Present; fresh fruits and a personalised Christmas Card. We hope this will bring some cheer to our guests and remind them that we are still thinking of them at this difficult time.

Centre Meeting

Our next centre meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th January 2021 at 7:30pm via a zoom conference call. The log-in details will be shared via the centre WhatsApp groups.

We look forward to you joining us for this meeting.

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