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Sunday 19 November 2023

Songster Sunday

**11.00am – Morning Worship led by
Boscombe Songsters**





To KNOW Christ ~ To LIVE Christ ~ To SHARE Christ

BOSCOMBE CORPS NEWS

Prayer Requests

We have a number of our corps family who need our prayers:

-  Please pray for Lieut-Colonel John Pearce-Haydon following the recent Promotion to Glory of Jean.
-  Please continue to pray for Daniel Bentley, Michael Thierry, Nola, Doug Barlow, Len and Margaret Griggs, Megan Main, Cynthia Osmond, Major John McCombe, Captain Simon Rowney, Alison Sanders and Sarah Hinchliffe.

Toy Appeal

This year is going to be slightly different from previous years due to the reallocation of Social Services throughout Bournemouth. This year we have been given lists of children and their ages and so in order to make sure we have relevant presents, we have placed a 'Be A Star' tree in the Main Hall on which hangs Christmas tags with the gender and the age of a specific child. We would like you to take one (or several) tags from the tree and buy a toy for that child. Please make sure that your tag is attached securely to the toy when you bring it for Father Christmas at the Toy Service on **Sunday 3 December**.

Christmas Carolling

Christmas Carolling in Bournemouth Town Centre commences on **Saturday 2 December**. If you are able to help us by collecting, please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in the foyer.

Mens' Christmas Celebration

The Men's Fellowship Christmas Celebration is being held on **Monday 4 December** here at the Hall. The price is £12 per person and if you would like to attend, please speak to Lieut-Colonel David Phillips for more information.

Craft Fayre

We will be hosting this year's Christmas Craft Fayre on **Saturday 25 November from 10.00am until 2.00pm**. Breakfast Baps will be on sale until 1.00pm. All money raised will go towards the Youth. Even Santa is coming. For a fee of just £5 children can write their letter to Santa, read it to him in person in his grotto and then receive a small gift as well as a letter from Santa himself nearer to Christmas. So why not come along and pick up some early Christmas presents. Donations of unwanted gifts are needed for one of the stalls.

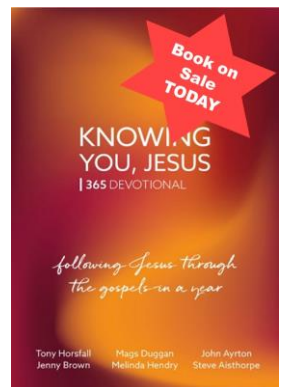
Christmas Quiz

Our next social event is being held on **Saturday 2 December from 6.00pm to 8.00pm**. The entry price is £1 per head, under 16s free. Free tea, coffee and squash. Other refreshments are available for a small charge (cans, crisps, flapjacks, etc).

Please wear your Christmas Jumpers.

Foodbank Campaign

As in previous years, we have been asked as a Church to contribute to the Christmas Hamper Campaign (part of Trussell Trust). We have offered to donate 100 x 500g jars of sauce for rice dishes (Curry, Sweet & Sour, Chilli Con Carne) and 100 x 500g bags of dried rice to be given out to families in need this Christmas time. If you would like to help in this way, please put your donations in the box in the foyer. Thank you!



PRAYER MATTERS

Shared by Anwyn Mingay

The prayers this week have been inspired by the poem *Love* by Reverend George Herbert. Below is the beginning and the end of the poem.

**LOVE bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.**

**'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
So I did sit and eat.**

*This deceptively simple poem, the last in *The Temple* (George Herbert's important collection of Christian verse), explores how astonishingly loving and forgiving God is: difficult though it is for humanity to understand, the speaker suggests, God really does forgive people for the ugliest of sins.*

The scene of the poem is that of a banquet, a feast, a celebration of life and belonging, to which the author is invited. But he holds back, stays on the edge, afraid of going in. 'Welcome' – the invitation is profoundly personal.



Lord, you who are Love itself, welcome us daily into your hospitality of grace. Thank you.

We are diffident before you, aware of our imperfections, yet your keen observations are full of love. Thank you.

Lord, we are not confident in our step but you choose to move closer and intimately meet our needs. Thank you.

Lord, your gracious loving woos us to relax in you and there receive nurture. Thank you.

Lord you are Abba Love. Our response is to love you in return. Amen.

BOSCOMBE CORPS PROGRAMME

This Week's Programme

Week beginning 20 November 2023	
All Week	BH1 Project – 10.00am to 2.00pm
Monday 20	PramaCARE Memory Lane Group – 2.00pm
Tuesday 21	Senior Timbrel Practice – 7.00pm Songster Small Groups – 8.00pm
Wednesday 22	Tiny Tots Playtime – 9.30am Alpha – 7.00pm
Thursday 23	Friendship Circle – 11.00am (Buddy Groups) Art Class – 2.00pm YP Band Practice – 6.15pm Band Practice – 7.45pm
Friday 24	Lunch Club – 10.30am
Saturday 25	Craft Fayre – SEE PAGE 2
Sunday 26	Prayer Meeting – 9.45am Junior Timbrel Practice – 10.20am Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am

Future Events

December 2023	
Saturday 2	Christmas Carolling in Bournemouth Town Centre – 11.00am to 3.00pm Christmas Quiz – SEE PAGE 2
Sunday 3	<u>Toy Service</u> – SEE PAGE 2 Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am Senior Band @ Hurn Post Office – 4.30pm
Tuesday 5	Southbourne and Boscombe Rotary Carol Service featuring the Senior Band, Timbrels and Epiphany Junior School Choir – 7.30pm
Thursday 7	Senior Band and Timbrels @ Christchurch Priory – 7.30pm
Friday 8	Kids Alive!

Please join us for tea, coffee and fellowship in The Sanctuary after the morning meeting