

The Salvation Army
BOSCOMBE
Palmerston Road
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Sunday 3 December 2023

**11.00am – Toy Service led
by Majors David and Jane Alton**



6.00pm – Bible Study






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 Heather Jewitt who has been in hospital this week and for Joanne Allcock who is going into hospital on Tuesday for cancer treatment.
-  Please continue to pray for Daniel Bentley, Major John McCombe, Michael Thierry, Nola, Megan Main and all those who have been bereaved recently.
-  Please pray for those who are unable to join us for worship and in particular for our shut-ins and those in Nursing/Care Homes.

Promotion to Glory

It is our sad duty to inform you of the Promotion to Glory of Envoy Doug Barlow on Wednesday 29 November. Please pray for Ruth and the rest of the family at this time of bereavement.

Words of Thanks

Martyn and Maureen Mercer would like to say a sincere 'Thank You' for all the best wishes as they celebrated their Golden Wedding on 27 October.

Funeral Arrangements for Lieut-Colonel Jean Pearce-Haydon

A Thanksgiving Service is being held on Thursday 7 December at 2.00pm at Boscombe Salvation Army. It has been requested by the family that if you are attending and not wearing uniform, please could you wear something green. Please continue to pray for John, Jill, Judith, Janette and the rest of the family at this time of bereavement.

Foodbank Campaign

We would like to say 'Thank You' to all those who have contributed to the Christmas Hamper Campaign (part of Trussell Trust) this year. I am pleased to say that we have now fulfilled our promise of 100 jars of sauce for rice and 100 bags of dried rice.

Craft Fayre

The YP team would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to all those who contributed in any way towards the Craft Fayre last Saturday. They are pleased to announce that over £930 was raised. We would particularly like to thank Claire Randell for organising all the stalls.

Remembrance Tree

Our Remembrance Tree is in the foyer again this year for those who would find it a helpful act of remembrance to write the name or names of departed loved ones and hang it on the tree.

Tags and pens will be available under the tree.

Christmas Carolling

We are still looking for Collectors on Saturday in Bournemouth Town Centre. If you are able to help, please add your name to the list in the foyer.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post Box is now in the foyer and will be there until **Sunday 10 December**. If you wish to send greetings to your friends at the Corps via a single card then please hand these to CSM Nigel Bishop. Any donations you give for this service will go towards our Community Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day.



A huge 'Thank You' goes to Martyn and Maureen Mercer for decorating the hall again this year. It wouldn't feel like Christmas without all the tinsel and lights. Thank you so much!

PRAYER MATTERS

Compiled by Lieut-Colonel David Phillips

The Advent wreath will feature in our meeting for the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Our Bible readings this week are of Advent and will emphasise HOPE.

Monday 4 December – Read Psalm 31 v 24: 'Be strong and take heart all you who hope in the Lord'. Pray for your family today as they journey towards the coming of Jesus. (Song 104 'Come thou long-expected Jesus')

Tuesday 5 December – Read Isaiah 40 v 31: 'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength'. Our hope is for peace in our world. Pray prayers of peace. Pray for our Band as they present Advent music in the Rotary Concert tonight. (Song 107: 'Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes')

Wednesday 6 December – Read Ephesians 1 v 18: 'I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people'. What plans are you making for the future? It is important to know where you are going. What are your aims and desires? Pray especially for young people planning their future careers. (Song 101 'As with gladness men of old')

Thursday 7 December – Read Romans 15 v 13: 'May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust Him, so that you may overflow with Hope by the Holy Spirit.' Joy is in abundance during the Advent season. The street lights and decorations impart joy. Receiving Christmas Cards brings joy into our homes. Pray for people to experience personal joy. (Song 113 'Joy to the world! the Lord is come')

Friday 8 December – Read Psalm 119 v 11. So many families experience the loss of loved ones at this time of year. Families separated because of troubles within their family life. Pray for such families to seek and find refuge in Jesus and His word. (Song 124 'Silent Night! Holy night!')

Saturday 9 December – Read Hebrews 10 v 23: 'Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess for He who promised is faithful'. Professing our Christian faith is important and vital. Do what you can to uphold your personal faith in Jesus. Pray for the witness of our Band as they play carols in the Town Centre. (Song 115 'Noel, Noel')

Sunday 10 December – Read Psalm 130 v 5. 'As I wait for the Lord my whole being awaits and in His Word I put my hope'. Hopefully you will worship today in our meeting at Boscombe. The Advent Candle will be lit. Prayers will be offered, the Advent message will be preached. Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit today. (Song 114 'Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness')

BOSCOMBE CORPS PROGRAMME

This Week's Programme

Week beginning 4 December 2023	
All Week	BH1 Project – 10.00am to 2.00pm
Monday 4	PramaCARE Memory Lane Group – 2.00pm Men's Christmas Celebration – 7.00pm
Tuesday 5	Southbourne and Boscombe Rotary Carol Service featuring the Senior Band, Timbrels and Epiphany Junior School Choir – 7.30pm
Wednesday 6	Tiny Tots Playtime – 9.30am Alpha – 7.00pm
Thursday 7	Friendship Circle – 11.00am (Advent) Senior Band and Timbrels @ Christchurch Priory – 7.30pm
Friday 8	Lunch Club – 10.30am Kids Alive! Christmas Party – 6.00pm
Saturday 9	Christmas Carolling in Bournemouth Town Centre – 11.00am to 3.00pm Singing Company and YP Band taking part in the 'Live Nativity' being held in Boscombe Town Centre – 3.00pm to 4.30pm
Sunday 10	<u>Children's Christmas Celebration</u> Prayer Meeting – 9.45am Morning Worship led by our Young People – 11.00am Encounter – 6.00pm

Future Events

December 2023	
Saturday 16	Christmas Carolling in Bournemouth Town Centre – 11.00am to 3.00pm
Sunday 17	Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am Community Carol Service – 6.00pm

Please join us for tea, coffee and fellowship in the Community Hall after the morning meeting