

# The Salvation Army

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**Sunday 26 November 2023**

**11.00am – Morning Worship led by  
Majors David and Jane Alton**



**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 continue to pray for Daniel Bentley, Michael Thierry, Nola, Megan Main and Envoy Doug Barlow.

👉 We thank God for answers to prayer for both Major John McCombe and Captain Simon Rowney who are now home and continue in their recovery.

## 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.

## 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.

## Christmas Quiz

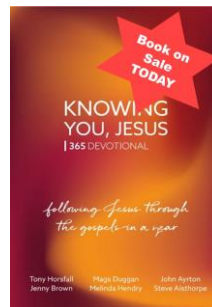
Our next social event is being held on **Saturday 2 December from 6.00pm to 8.00pm**. The entry price is £1 per head, under 16s free. Free tea, coffee and squash. Other refreshments are available for a small charge (cans, crisps, flapjacks, etc). Please wear your Christmas Jumpers.

## 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!

## Toy Appeal – PLEASE READ

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 Present Appeal



Our Toy Service is being held next **Sunday (3 December)** where we will be asking you to donate toys and gifts which will be used to support families in need at this particular time of year.

This year, as well as working with Social Workers and Health Visitors from Bournemouth Council, we are working in partnership with two local schools in the hope that we can help even more families in the Boscombe area.

We are, therefore, looking for volunteers to come and help staff this event.

## So how can YOU help:

- ▲ Provide NEW toys for the children (please read notice on Page 2 of the newsletter and help yourself to some tags from the 'Be A Star' Tree)
- ▲ Offer your time and volunteer for any of the following:
  - On **Monday 4 December** we will be sorting out the toys into specific age groups.
  - From **Monday 4 December** until **Thursday 7 December** we will be making up the toy parcels in preparation for them being picked up by the relevant agencies and schools.
  - On **Friday 8 December** we will need to pack away any leftover toys and move them into the Songster Room.

***IF YOU ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER IN ANY WAY,  
PLEASE CONTACT JONATHAN SEARLE***

- ▲ Pray that we will form lasting relationships and make a real difference to those with whom we come into contact.

**THANK YOU!**



# PRAYER MATTERS

Shared by Anwyn Mingay

Heavenly Father we pray for all peoples whose homes, lives and families are damaged by war, for all agencies which seek to bring aid, for doctors and ambulance staff, for lorry drivers carrying relief provisions, and for all who care. We pray for leaders of the countries torn apart that they may seek peace and pursue it, placing the welfare of their populations above their personal ambitions. We pray for self-worship to cease everywhere and for all people of faith to turn to prayer and compassion. Lord, we grieve for the evil imposition of needless human suffering. Loving Father have mercy on our sad self-seeking world and lift us to bring a flame of light and hope into the arena of our own lives for we are not a people without hope nor are we left without a Counsellor. Amen.

Heavenly Father, we give thanks at the prospect of a new beginning of shared reading and spirituality as we approach, 'Knowing You Jesus'. This a wonderful opportunity to grow closer to you as we grow closer to each other, and we pray that you Holy Spirit will strengthen and warm our hearts through this endeavour. Continue to speak through our Majors David and Jane that they may be to us as we may be to them truly beloved. Amen.

Thanks be to you our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, for all the pains and insults you have borne for us. O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother, of you three things we pray: to see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly day by day. Amen. (*Richard of Chichester*)

*And finally, a prayer by Renee Swope entitled 'The Manger of My Heart' preparing us for the Advent season:*

*This Advent, Lord, come to the manger of my heart. Fill me with Your presence from the very start. As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given, remind me of the gift You gave when You sent Your Son from Heaven. The first Christmas gift, it was the greatest gift ever. You came as a baby born in a manger. Wrapped like the gifts I find under my tree, waiting to be opened, to reveal Your love to me. Restore to me the wonder that came with Jesus' birth, when He left the riches of Heaven and wrapped Himself in rags of earth. Immanuel, God with us, Your presence came that night. And angels announced, "Into your darkness, God brings His Light". "Do not be afraid", they said, to shepherds in the field. Speak to my heart today, Lord, and help me to yield. Make me like those shepherd boys, obedient to Your call. Setting distractions and worries aside, to You I surrender them all. Surround me with Your presence, Lord, I long to hear Your voice. Clear my mind of countless concerns and all the holiday noise. Slow me down this Christmas, let me not be in a rush. In the midst of parties and planning, I want to feel Your hush. This Christmas, Jesus, come to the manger of my heart. Invade my soul like Bethlehem, bringing peace to every part. Dwell within and around me, as I unwrap Your presence each day. Keep me close to You, Lord. It's in Your wonderful Name I pray. Amen.*



# BOSCOMBE CORPS PROGRAMME

## This Week's Programme

<b>Week beginning 27 November 2023</b>	
All Week	BH1 Project – 10.00am to 2.00pm
Monday 27	PramaCARE Memory Lane Group – 2.00pm Crafty Ladies – 7.30pm
Tuesday 28	Bournemouth Area Fellowship Band Practice – 9.30am Senior Timbrel Practice – 7.00pm Songster Practice – 7.45pm
Wednesday 29	Tiny Tots Playtime – 9.30am Alpha – 7.00pm
Thursday 30	Friendship Circle – 11.00am (Literary Morning) Art Class – 2.00pm YP Band Practice – 6.15pm Senior Band Practice – 7.45pm
Friday 1	Lunch Club – 10.30am
Saturday 2	Christmas Carolling in Bournemouth Town Centre – 11.00am to 3.00pm Christmas Quiz – <b>SEE PAGE 2</b>
Sunday 3	<u>Toy Service</u> – <b>SEE PAGE 2</b> Singing Company Practice – 9.30am Prayer Meeting – 9.45am Junior Timbrel Practice – 10.20am Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am Senior Band @ Hurn Post Office – 4.30pm

## Future Events

<b>December 2023</b>	
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

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