

Praise God:

- 🔊 For the opportunity of taking the Christmas message into the community through the Nativity Presentations to local schools and the Carol Services in Monterey Retirement Apartments and Fairmile Grange Care Home.
- 🔊 For the work of the Christchurch Food Bank and others throughout the country. Please pray for them at this very busy time as they help those in need over the Christmas and New Year period. Please pray for health, energy and compassion.

Please Pray:

- 🔊 For Louis Scott's Nephew Michael, who has just been diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer and it appears to be invasive. Pray also for Michael's wife Wendy, their son Daniel and the whole family.
- 🔊 Please continue to pray for Maria & Jerry Ponsford.
- 🔊 Please continue to pray for Val & Gareth Wheeler.
- 🔊 For all those who struggle with loneliness, which can be even more noticeable and painful at this time of year.
- 🔊 For God's wisdom and guidance as we and the rest of the UK consider how to vote in the election on 12th December.
- 🔊 For Rachel & Julio Reyes as they continue their work in Guatemala. A few copies of their latest newsletter is on the Welcome Desk.

Annual Leave - David Ruilova is on annual leave from Monday 9th December until 13th December inclusive. Please remember him in your prayers.

- Rev Chris Brockway** (Team Leader)
- Kay Boulton** (MIT & Pastoral)
- David Ruilova** (Equip/Evangelism Lead)
- Jackie McGregor** (0-18s Ministry Lead)
- Josh Vallance** (Moorlands Student)
- Julie Dynan** (Administration)
- Mark Coleman** (Caretaker)

Recycle drinks cartons (Tetrapaks), coffee takeaway cups and tin foil in the Pit car park by the Fountain Roundabout.

Here for the first time...? You are very welcome! Today we have groups for children up to 14 years old in our 11am service. Please collect your children from the downstairs of the Christian Centre at the end of the service. We'd also be so pleased if you would fill in one of our Welcome Cards whilst you are here if you are new to the church.

During our time of worship, an offering for the work of God's Church will be taken. If you are a visitor with us today, please do not feel any obligation to give or any embarrassment to let the bag pass you by. If you would like to give and pay any form of Income Tax, please complete one of the Gift Aid envelopes or pick up the relevant forms from the Welcome Desk area at the back of the church. The forms are also available to download from our church website: www.christchurchbaptist.uk/giving

Sunday	8th December - Second Sunday of Advent
8.30am:	A Time for Prayer
9.15am:	Morning Worship - When God Shows Up - 'How God Shows Up' (Luke 1:26-38, Phil 2:5-8) Kay Boulton
10.30am:	Refreshments in the Christian Centre
11.00am:	Morning Worship - As 9.15am

Prayer Requests - If you would like to request prayer at any time, please email details to prayer@christchurchbaptist.org.uk.

Monday 9th December

9.30am: Nativity Presentations for local schools at CBC
 7.30pm: Leadership Team Meeting

Tuesday 10th December

12.30pm: Lunchtime Prayer Gathering
 2.30pm: Barnabas Fellowship - Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 12th December

10.30am: Open Doors Coffee Morning
 6.30pm: Connect (10-12 yrs)
 7.00pm: Connect (13-15 yrs)
 7.45pm: Connect+

Friday 13th December

10.00am: Stepping Stones
 3.30pm: Get in the Picture & Messy Christmas
 6.30pm: Trailblazers & Ignite Christmas Parties at Monkey Madness

Sunday 15th December - Third Sunday of Advent

8.30am: A Time for Prayer
 9.15am: Morning Worship - 'When God Shows Up' (Luke 2:6-7, Gal. 4:4)
 Chris Brockway
 10.30am: Refreshments in the Christian Centre
 11.00am: Morning Worship - As 9.15am
 3.00pm: Traditional Carol Service, Hall On The Hill, St Catherine's Hill
 7.30pm: Beer & Carols at Arcado Lounge

Message From Christchurch Foodbank+ - 'What a most wonderful time of the year' for many, sadly for some it is just another day to survive. We are so blessed to be able to help so many throughout the month of December and through the whole year. We just want to say a HUGE THANK YOU, your support whether financial, a tin or a prayer is invaluable to those who use our service. Donations are piling up and clearing daily, our volunteers are working so very hard. Together we are giving hope to those who feel hopeless. Thank you and Gods Brightest Blessings.

Engagement Announcement! - Many congratulations to David Ruilova and Hannah Agus who got engaged last weekend at Compton Acres. Please pray for them as they prepare for married life together.

Mince Pies - We are serving mince pies at several events leading up to Christmas on 15th, 20th and 22nd December and will need quite a few so everyone can enjoy one! Please bring mince pies you are able to donate (**use by dates need to be no earlier than 22nd December**) into the Church Office. Many thanks.

Get in the Picture & Messy Christmas - This year Get in the Picture is on Friday 13th December 3.30pm-5.30pm. Dress up and imagine yourself as a character in the Christmas story. Receive a free photograph which you can use on the front of your family Christmas card. We will have real donkeys for you to pose with!! Whilst you're waiting for your picture to be taken, you and the family can enjoy Messy Christmas where there will be opportunities to make lots of exciting Christmas crafts! If you would be willing to help out at this event please contact Jackie McGregor - jackie@christchurchbaptist.org.uk.

Christmas Cards - The red post box for individual cards for the church family is available in the church foyer until Friday 20th December. You can also send one card to the whole church which will be put on one of the Notice Boards.

Old Stamps For New Works! - As all your Christmas cards start to come in the post, please don't forget to save the used postage stamps from them. Cut (don't tear) them from the envelope, leaving a small margin and put them in the basket in the foyer. They will be forwarded to Missionary organisations who sell them to raise cash for the Kingdom.

Operation Christmas Child - Praise God that CBC sent 114 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes which will bring joy to so many children and let them know someone cares. Our boxes are being sent to Kyrgystan. Thank you to all who contributed.

Carol Service at Fairmile Grange - If you are interested in being involved in a Carol Service for the residences of Fairmile Grange on the 19th December at 4.30pm, please contact Kay Boulton - kay@christchurchbaptist.org.uk.