

**Praise God:**

- 🔊 For the opportunity of taking the Christmas message into the community through Carol Services and other various activities.
- 🔊 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:**

- 🔊 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 the Mahons who are serving in Peru as part of BMS' long-term programme. See the Mission Board for more information.
- 🔊 For Rachel & Julio Reyes as they continue their work in Guatemala. A few copies of their latest newsletter is on the Welcome Desk.

**Week of Prayer 2020** - The date of our annual Week of Prayer in 2020 will be from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Please make a note of these dates. For details of the different daily gathering times go to our website [www.christchurchbaptist.org.uk/week-of-prayer](http://www.christchurchbaptist.org.uk/week-of-prayer). A printed list of all the Prayer Gatherings for 2020 will be available in the New Year.

- 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.org.uk/giving](http://www.christchurchbaptist.org.uk/giving)

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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
- 2.30pm: Traditional Carol Service, St Catherine's Hill
- 7.30pm: Beer & Carols at Arcado Lounge

**Prayer Requests** - If you would like to request prayer at any time, please email details to [prayer@christchurchbaptist.org.uk](mailto:prayer@christchurchbaptist.org.uk).

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
7.30pm: Evening Prayer Gathering

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
4.30pm: Fairmile Grange Carol Singing  
6.00pm: Carol Singing at Monterey

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
5.30pm: Pop-Up Carol Singing with Residents of Rutland Road

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
8.30am: A Time for Prayer  
9.15am: Morning Worship - When God Shows Up - 'Why God Shows Up'  
(Luke 1:46-55, 2: 25-40) Chris Brockway  
10.30am: Refreshments in the Christian Centre  
11.00am: Morning Worship - As 9.15am  
5.00pm: All Age Carols by Candlelight for Families  
7.00pm: Carols by Candlelight

**Advance Notice:**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day**  
10.30am: All-Age Christmas Morning Worship - When God Shows Up  
'The Child Shows Up' (Luke 2:1-7) - Chris Brockway  
(Please bring a small gift to unwrap to this service)

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December - Only ONE Service at 10.30am**

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

If you are not around next Sunday, you can pick up your Christmas Cards today. Also don't forget to look at the Christmas Cards sent to the whole church on the Notice Boards in the Foyer.

**Mince Pies** - We are serving mince pies at several events leading up to Christmas on 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> December**) into the Church Office. Many thanks.

**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 residents of Fairmile Grange on the 19<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm, please contact Kay Boulton - [kay@christchurchbaptist.org.uk](mailto:kay@christchurchbaptist.org.uk).

**Uganda Mission Trip 2020** - The church is planning a mission trip to Uganda from 24<sup>th</sup> October until 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020. There will be some exciting projects that you can get involved in to bless the community such as, a building project, teaching church leaders, evangelism, discipleship programs for children and young people, etc. If you are interested in joining David Ruilova and the team please let David know by **23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019**. Email him at [david@christchurchbaptist.org.uk](mailto:david@christchurchbaptist.org.uk) to express your interest and find out more details about the trip.

**Update From Derek Stringer** - Derek is preaching in Dawlish and taking his last meeting for 2019 today. This year, in between Bible Conferences and Seminary lecturing on three continents, his ministry has been with five churches. They have been without a Senior Pastor due to retirement or relocation. Derek has been preaching at services as well as giving support to leadership teams. Gradually each church is finding the Pastor with God's calling upon them. Please pray that the remaining churches will find the same in the early part of 2020.