

Sunday 17 November 2024

Anniversary Celebration

10.45am – Morning Worship led by Majors David and Jane Alton



'LIVING STONES'

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 Roy Wood who is not well.
- Please continue to pray for Sheila Moxham, Louise and Sue Spencer.
- Please continue to pray for 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

Funeral Details for Margaret Nimmo

The funeral is being held on Friday 22 November at 10.30am at Harbour View, Randalls Hill, Lytchett Minster. Please continue to pray for Margaret's daughter Amanda and the rest of the family at this time of bereavement.

Christmas Carolling

Christmas Carolling in Bournemouth Town Centre commences on Saturday 23

November. If you are able to help us by collecting, please add your name to the list on the noticeboard in the foyer.

Christmas Quiz

Our next social event is being held on **Friday 6 December @ 7.00pm**. The entry price is £1 per head. Free tea, coffee and squash. Other refreshments are available for a small charge (cans, crisps, flapjacks etc). Please wear your Christmas Jumpers.

New Daily Devotional Book

If you are interested in purchasing this new Daily Devotional Book for the reduced price of £10, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Craft Fayre

We will be hosting this year's Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 30 November from 10.00am until 2.00pm. Breakfast Baps will be on sale until 1.00pm. All money raised will go towards the YP Corps. 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 gratefully received for one of the stalls. Please give these to Joanne.

MenMeet

MENMEET is a new expression of our Men's Fellowship. You are invited to join us for breakfast, fellowship and conversation at 10.30am on Monday 2 December at Leo Café, Richmond Gardens Shopping Centre, Bournemouth BH1 1EN (Breakfast and refreshments are at attendees' own cost). Further meetings will take place on the first Monday of the month.

Foodbank Christmas 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 1 Litre cartons of UHT Milk and 100 x 1 Litre cartons of Long-Life Fruit Juice 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!

New Corps Database/Directory – IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

Please remember to fill out one of the forms with all your contact details for our new Corps Database (and remember to indicate if you would like your details to also be used in the new edition of the Corps Directory). Thank you, Joanne.

PRAYER MATTERS

Shared by Anwyn Mingay

Thoughts from *The Book of Creation* by J. Philip Newell.

Monday 18 November – Kenneth White wrote 'the grand volume of God's utterance is in all he created'. Open the book and the words fly out of the page. Father, we look upon your creation and see the golden, orange and red trees glowing in sunshine, the blue sky and sea and we worship you. Amen.

Tuesday 19 November— The roots of British spirituality were strongly influenced by St John's gospel and teach us 'in the beginning was the Word' meaning 'all life has been uttered into being by Him'. *Father, give us eyes and ears to notice the beauty around us which shines forth your light upon us. Amen.*

Wednesday 20 November – Early Celtic Christians in Britain had a loose federation around the monasteries and women headed up some of these centres of education, medicine and social care as well as of worship. *Dear Father thank you for the first Christinas in our land in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth centuries, for in their poetry and songs they praised your creative work and, living near to the land, worshipped you within it. Amen.*

Thursday 21 November – John says 'the light (of Christ) enlightens everyone coming into the world' (John 1:9). *Dear Father, you enlighten us from within and invite us to receive your Spirit to reside within us. These things are mystical, unfathomable and beyond our understanding and yet they are also full of simplicity. Let us accept you in childlike trust and love you in uncluttered joy.* Amen.

Friday 22 November – George McCleod prayed 'Show us the glory in the grey'. Dear Father, we find you in the ordinary routines of life, and know even in the horrors and frights, you are there. We pray for all those suffering in war zones, make our grief their blessing and help them all to resist hatred and be consoled by shared love. Amen.

Saturday 23 November – Lord, sometimes we long for you to be a God of force against evil, but you have chosen to use power through gentleness. 'Your beauty draws all things to yourself' (Eriugena). May it be so Lord that when we are hard-hearted we may be drawn by this magnetism of love.

Sunday 24 November – 'God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it' (Genesis 2:3) *Dear Father, make us whole, to worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.*

BOSCOMBE CORPS PROGRAMME

This Week's Programme

Week beginning 18 November 2024	
Monday to Saturday	BH1 Project – 10.00am to 2.00pm
Monday 18	PramaLIFE Memory Lane Group – 2.00pm
Tuesday 19	Senior Timbrels – 7.00pm
	Songster Practice – 7.45pm
Wednesday 20	Tiny Tots Playtime – 9.30am
	Alpha/A Life Worth Living Course – 7.00pm
Thursday 21	Friendship Circle (Favourite Recipes) – 11.00am
	Band Practice – 7.45pm
Friday 22	Lunch Club – 10.30am
Saturday 23	Christmas Carolling at Bournemouth Christmas
	Market (Bournemouth Square) – 11.00am to 1.00pm
Sunday 24	YP Band Practice – 9.15am Prayer Meeting – 9.45am Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am

Future Events

November 2024	
Saturday 30	Craft Fayre – 10.00am to 2.00pm
	Christmas Carolling in Bournemouth Town Centre –
	11.00am to 3.00pm
December 2024	
Sunday 1	Toy Service
	Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am
Tuesday 3	Southbourne and Boscombe Rotary Carol Service
	featuring the Senior Band and Epiphany Junior
	School Choir – 7.30pm
Thursday 5	Senior Band and Timbrels @ Christchurch Priory,
	Quay Road, Christchurch – 7.30pm
Friday 6	Christmas Quiz Night – 7.00pm

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



Our Toy Service is being held on **Sunday 1 Decemmber** 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 Bournemouth Council, we are working in partnership with local schools and Trussel Trust Foodbanks in the hope that we can help even more families in the Boscombe area.

So how can **YOU** help:

- ▶ Provide <u>NEW</u> toys. As we did last year, please help yourself to one (or more) of the tags from the 'Be a Star Tree' which will be located in the main hall next Sunday (24 November) and buy a suitable toy for the gender and age of the child indicated on the tag. Please do not wrap the present but make sure that the tag is attached securely to the gift and bring it with you for Father Christmas to collect at the Toy Service.
- Offer your time and volunteer for any of the following:
 - On Monday 9 December we will be sorting out the toys into specific age groups.
 - From Monday 9 December until Thursday 12 December we will be making up the toy parcels in preparation for them being picked up by the relevant schools and agencies.
 - On Friday 13 December we will need to pack away any leftover toys and move them out of the sanctuary.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER IN ANY WAY, PLEASE SPEAK TO MAJOR JANE OR JOANNE

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



THANK YOU!