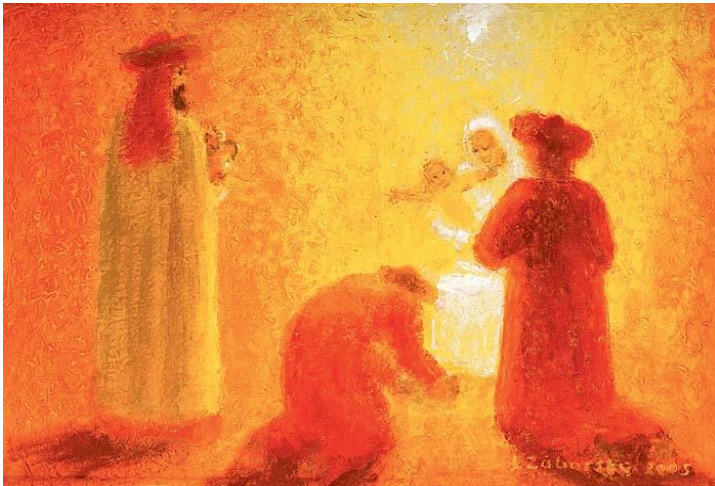


The Salvation Army
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Palmerston Road
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Sunday 5 January 2025

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

Epiphany 2025







Matthew 2:1-12

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 Sheila Moxham who has recently moved into a Care Home, for Ian Black who is currently in hospital and for Ruth Upton who has been in hospital recently
-  Please continue to pray for Arnie Butt, Sue Spencer and Louise.
-  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

Devotional books

If you have signed up for one of the new devotional books, 'Daily Bible Meditations' by Goldingay and Wright, they are ready for collection (with your £10) in the foyer after the meeting. We have ordered extras so you may still be able to have one even if you have not ordered one. We can also order more if there is demand. If you would like to be part of a WhatsApp group to journey this together, please see Jess Thompson.

Prayers for Territorial Appointments Conference

Each Corps in the Division has been asked to pray at a specific time for the upcoming Territorial Appointments Conference (12-15 January). Our slot is Sunday 12 January between 1.00pm and 2.00pm. Please take time wherever you are to pray for those involved and those it will affect. For details, see the noticeboard at the back of the hall.

Christmas Thanks

Majors David and Jane would like to express their sincere thanks to all those who contributed in whatever way over the Christmas period. Your hard work and commitment are greatly appreciated as part of our missional presence and witness in this area.

Christmas Collecting

A big 'Thank You' to all those who collected in Bournemouth Town Centre over the Christmas period. We are pleased to announce that we collected £3267.21.



Covenant Sunday - 12 January 2025

Covenant Sunday is an opportunity to reflect upon our walk with God, relationship with Jesus and openness to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We take time to prayerfully renew our personal covenant with God, humbly committing ourselves as followers, servants, and witnesses, whatever our discipleship path, age, or experience may be. In penitence and faith, we make ourselves available to



God trusting in His grace and love, seeking His power and leading for 2025.

PRAYER MATTERS

Compiled by Lynne Allcock

Happy New Year! At the start of 2025, bear with me as we take a closer look at some of the words we've heard during Christmas and how significant they are as we go forward into this new year.

Bible verse for the week: 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not depend on your own understanding; seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take'. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Monday 6 January – Immanuel. 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and she will call Him Immanuel' (Matthew 1:23). Immanuel simply means 'God with us' and that's not just for Christmas but for life! *Pray: Thank God for His continued presence in your life.*

Tuesday 7 January – Jesus. The name derives from Hebrew roots meaning 'The Lord is Salvation'. As we think about the year ahead it's good to remember that the baby, whom we have celebrated over the Christmas period, is also our Saviour. No matter how many times we may make mistakes, He will be there to forgive and lead us to a better way of life. *Pray: Thank you Lord for saving me, please keep me faithful.*

Wednesday 8 January – Messiah. 'The anointed one or the chosen one'. Jesus became the Messiah at the point at which He had been anointed by the Holy Spirit at His baptism, we read this in Luke 3:21-22. It signifies peace, purity, and divine approval. *Pray: Thank God for sending His son into our world.*

Thursday 9 January – Hope. Because we know Jesus, we have hope, and we can look to the future with assurance and confidence that He goes before us. Let this be your **Prayer** 'Let us hold on to the hope that we profess without the slightest hesitation, for He is utterly dependable' (Hebrews 10:24).

Friday 10 January – Blessed. We read in Luke chapter 1 Elizabeth, when visited by Mary, was filled with the Holy Spirit, and exclaimed, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear'. We too are blessed because of spiritual blessings as well as earthly blessings. *Prayer: Thank God for the many earthly blessings in your life, but remember, we are blessed by God's favour, an extending of God's grace.*

Saturday 11 January – Let's pause for a moment today and give praise and thanks to God for all His goodness to us. Ephesians 1:3-6 says: 'Praise be to God for giving us through Christ every possible spiritual benefit as citizens of heaven! For consider what He has done – before the foundation of the world He chose us to become, in Christ, His holy and blameless children living within His constant care. He planned, in His purpose of love, that we should be adopted as His own children through Jesus Christ, that we might learn to praise that glorious generosity of His which has made us welcome in the everlasting love He bears towards the Son'.

Sunday 12 January – A Prayer for 2025: *Lord, in this New Year help me to remember Your promises and who You are. It is because of You that I have hope because You are faithful. Let Your faithfulness be the thing that I remember and rely on.*

May the New Year bring you hope, abundant blessings, and a constant awareness of God's presence in your life.

BOSCOMBE CORPS PROGRAMME

This Week's Programme

Week beginning 6 January 2025	
All Week	BH1 Project – 10.00am to 2.00pm
Monday 6	MenMeet @ Leo Café – 10.30am PramaCARE Memory Lane Group – 2.00pm
Tuesday 7	Songster Small Groups – 8.00pm
Wednesday 8	Tiny Tots Playtime – 9.30am Retired Officers Fellowship – 12.30pm
Thursday 9	Friendship Circle – 11.00am Band Practice – 7.45pm
Friday 10	Lunch Club – 10.30am
Sunday 12	<u>Covenant Sunday</u> – SEE PAGE 2 Singing Company Practice – 9.30am Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am

Future Events

January 2025	
Sunday 19	Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am
Sunday 26	Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am
February 2025	
Sunday 2	Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am
Sunday 9	<u>Self-Denial Appeal Launch</u> Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am
Sunday 16	Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am
Sunday 23	Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am

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

