## **Praise God:**

- For the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life that we might live! Praise Jesus, Emmanuel, Almighty Saviour, Light of the world!
- 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.
- For family and friends. Pray for all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones or are alone this Christmas.

## Please Pray:

- Please continue to pray for Maria & Jerry Ponsford, Val & Gareth Wheeler and Margaret Pointer.
- 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.
- Helena Schiefer who is serving God in Asia.
- For all those involved with Voice of the Gospel in Poland, Edith's Home in Uganda and Smile Charity Uganda.
- For the persecuted believers who have to celebrate Christmas in secret.

**Prayer Requests** - If you would like to request prayer at any time, please email details to <a href="mailto:prayer@christchurchbaptist.org.uk">prayer@christchurchbaptist.org.uk</a>.

**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)

Don't forget to take your reusable shopping bags for any last-minute dashes to the supermarket.

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: <a href="https://www.christchurchbaptist.uk/giving">www.christchurchbaptist.uk/giving</a>

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 Carol Service by Candlelight Service for Families

7.00pm: Carols by Candlelight Service

**Church Office closed from 24**<sup>th</sup> **December 2019 – 2**<sup>nd</sup> **January 2020**The next Notice Sheet will be available on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Wednesday 25th 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

and if you have a Christmas jumper why not wear that too!)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December - Only ONE Service Today

9.45am: A Time for Prayer

**10.30am:** Morning Worship - When God Shows Up - 'After God Shows Up'

(Matt 2:1-12, 2 Cor. 4: 7-18) - Chris Brockway

Refreshments in the Christian Centre

**Happy New Year!** 

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

9.30am: Morning Prayer Gathering - (With a Specific Emphasis on Intercession)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January

8.30am: A Time for Prayer

9.15am: Morning Communion - Vision Sunday - Chris Brockway

10.30am: Refreshments in the Christian Centre11.00am: Morning Communion - As 9.15am

**Christmas Cards** - Please remember to collect your Christmas Cards TODAY. Also don't forget to look at all the cards sent to the whole church in the foyer.

Christmas Greetings From The Staff Team - The Staff Team would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a joy-filled New Year. May you all know God's presence with you as we celebrate the birth of Emmanuel, Jesus our loving Saviour and Light of the world. 'Unto us a child is born' - Hallelujah!! God bless you all - Chris, Kay, David, Jackie, Mark and Julie.

**Fun On Christmas Eve** - Fancy visiting Avon beach on Christmas Eve? The Brockways would like to invite you to pop along to the beach hut that they have hired on Christmas Eve, anytime between 11am and 3pm for hot drinks and playing on the beach. Hut number 10, just along from the Noisy Lobster.

**Many Thanks From Kay Boulton** - A big thank you to everyone who came along to help at the Carol Services at Fairmile Grange and Monterey on Thursday especially the children's choir.

**Congratulations** - Many congratulations to Sue Neillings who has been awarded carer of the year by her employer. Well done Sue.

**Meal Ministry** - Dave and Rachel's twins are due in the next couple of weeks! As a church family, we would like to celebrate these new lives and support the family with 2 weeks of evening meals, following the birth of their babies. We will be providing meals from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January, delivering them hot and ready to eat between 5.30pm and 6pm. They need to be Dairy and Soya free. If you are able to cook and deliver a meal to them, please let Meg Brockway know, so that she can give you the details and arrange a date. If you can't manage a meal, but would like to bake them a cake, or help in some other way, please speak to Meg or email: <a href="mailto:megbrockwayuk@gmail.com">megbrockwayuk@gmail.com</a>.

**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.

**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 **tomorrow 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019**. Email him at <a href="mailto:david@christchurchbaptist.org.uk">david@christchurchbaptist.org.uk</a> to express your interest and find out more details about the trip.