And finally

FIRST RESPONDER - Simon is our first responder for all urgent matters for the time being. For less urgent problems, please use our pastoral care system by contacting your pastoral group coordinator. Derek.

FAMILY PRAYER MEETING – Our monthly family prayer will be on Tuesday 5th December at 7pm. Please do try to join us as we seek God's will for the church.

ARUN LODGE – Please do pray for our three residents in Arun Lodge, Val Collet, Pam McLaren and Kay Tucker. Pray for peace of mind, good health and a chance to witness to others at the Lodge. If the weather is fine, they would welcome a stroll along the esplanade in a wheelchair and a breath of beautiful fresh air

DAVID HANCHARD – David is still having problems with the muscles in his right foot tightening up, and some discomfort when he walks too much, especially when shopping in Tesco. He is also having trouble on the left side of his foot where the skin broke. Broke. The swelling has gone down but is painful to touch. Please pray for pain relief, correct treatment and an uplift in his general wellbeing.

DEREK ROBINSON – Hopefully by the time you read this, I will have had the lump in my parotid gland completely removed. Hopefully too, I will be at home resting! As I won't be able to drive for a while, I am not sure when I will be back in church. I would value your prayers for healing and peace of mind.

DON'T SPEND CHRISTMAS ALONE- The Shore Church (Victoria Drive) are kindly inviting you to come and share Christmas with them. They will be serving a beautifully prepared traditional lunch with all the trimmings at 12 noon – absolutely free of charge. There will also be vegetarian options. Singles and couples are welcome. If you would like to join them, please contact the church office (office@theshorecommunity.church) and book by 14th December.

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ABC NEWS



Sunday 3rd December 2023

Our Monthly Family Service

The Nativity - Amazing days

Simon



TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – This morning's service is our monthly family-based service. This service is also our annual Nativity service, built around the Christmas story.. We have invited families from Toddler Time and Messy church. We will also be lighting the first Advent candle Brenda's band will be leading worship and today's service will include such favourites as Mary did you know, Little donkey, Silent night, O come all ye faithful, Light of the world, Hark the Herald angles sing and Holy, Holy, Holy. Do come ready to worship the Lord! The service will last around 45 minutes.

The service will also include an ongoing drama involving our young people and some of our older "young people". Because of this, the service will not be streamed live – so you need to be there!

BRIAN GOLDSMITH – Brian is preaching at Southbourne Free Church this weekend. Do pray for Brian's preparation, good health, safe travel and a receptive congregation. Do also pray for the minister Paul, his wife Veronicas and this faithful congregation. Do also ask God to add to their numbers.

PRAYER ROOM - Dear Friends, please go into your prayer room and pray the many requests of your brothers and sisters. Do add any of your own requests onto the wall. It is so encouraging to see God's answer to prayer. Angela

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! So now is the time to enter these dates in your diary.

- Carols in the Car Park (Christmas) – Wednesday 13th December2023
- Christmas Services:
  - Carols in the Car Park – Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 18.00
  - Carols by Candlelight – Sunday 17th December at 18.30
  - Midweek Carol Service – Wednesday 20th December at 15.30
  - Christmas Eve Service – Sunday 24th December at 10.30
  - Christmas Day - Monday 25th December at 10.30

BACK DESK OPERATORS – We are in need of additional operators for the back desk. We will give you full training and ongoing support. Please talk to Simon if you feel you can contribute to our worship in this way.

DELICIOUS HOME CAKES – As you might remember from last year, we like to serve delicious home-made cakes after our mid-week afternoon Carol service. This service lasts under an hour and is ideal for inviting friends, neighbours and relatives to join us. They will be made most welcome. In addition, if any of you would like to supply us with a 'delicious home-made cake, then do let Liz or me know! Derek.

This week Arthur's poem reminds us that whether you are up or whether you are down; whether the sun is shining or it's pouring down with rain – just look around you and you will see that Jesus is always there.

Jesus will be there

It's great when the sunshine comes
And we can relax in its warm rays.
How we look forward
To those sunny days.

Sometimes we struggle
Through the storms and the rain.
How great it is
When the sun shines again.

When we see the golden sunrise,
After the long dark night;
How wonderful to see
The morning light.

"Yes", we all have dark days to endure
But of one thing you can be sure;
The sun will shine again
And Jesus will be there.

Arthur Magee



AN INVITATION - WHEN LOVE CAME DOWN – We would like to invite to join us as we celebrate the true story of Christmas. When we read of organisations such as the National Trust continuing to attempt to eliminate Christmas (and Easter) although propagating "other religions", it is essential that the Church of Jesus Christ stands firm in bringing the gospel to all.

We hope that many will feel able to respond to this invitation. The programme will comprise singing, readings, video clips and refreshments which many have enjoyed over the years!