

**Sunday 30 December 2018**

**11am – Morning Meeting led by  
Majors David and Jane Alton**



**To KNOW Christ ~ To LIVE Christ ~ To SHARE Christ**

## NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICERS

Did you have a good Christmas? We hear this question when we meet up again with people after the Christmas festivities. But how do you define 'good'? ... parties, presents, time off work, being with family and friends?

As believers and followers of Christ we understand that Christmas is about the birth of Jesus - 'God with us'. So we could ask instead 'Did you have a God Christmas?' When we've opened, used or returned the gifts we received as presents and forgotten about Christmas meals what are we left with? The answer is the Christmas story of Jesus. This is what we take with us into the New Year – this is the real gift of Christmas... the love of God. Hearing of his birth at Christmas is good, but we need to follow up on the story of his life and what he came into the world to say and do.

We step into 2019 with the love of Christ in our hearts, the message of Christ on our lips and the mission of Christ expressed in collective and individual lives. We step out in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit to embrace the challenges, opportunities and blessings that are yet to unfold.

Words of a Minnie Louise Haskins' poem are often quoted at New Year:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:  
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.  
And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

May we, as the Boscombe Corps family, know the presence, power and guiding of God as we step into 2019 and journey towards 'the hills and the breaking of day' with anticipation and excitement.

*Majors David and Jane*

HAPPY NEW YEAR



# PRAYER MATTERS

Compiled by Lieut-Colonel David Phillips

**Monday 31 December** – Lucy Maude Montgomery in her classic *Anne of Green Gables* book said, 'it is nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet!' Pray for a new beginning for all. Meditate on God's word. Read Ecclesiastes 3 v 11. (Song 581 'Father, Let Me Dedicate')

**Tuesday 1 January** – Isaiah 43 v18-19. Read the verses aloud, even if on your own! Maybe read with your spouse or why not invite a neighbour to share coffee and a reading. Do something new for the Lord. Pray for our Corps to freshen its vision to build the Kingdom of God. (Song 582 'Father, We Love You, We Worship and Adore You')

**Wednesday 2 January** – Jeremiah 29 v 11. Making plans is essential. What have you scheduled for today? Or tomorrow? What about this year spiritually? Pray for guidance. Pray for your family today that they will plan to serve the Lord. (Song 578 'Christ of Glory, Prince of Peace')

**Thursday 3 January** – Proverbs 16 v 9. The Lord determines his steps. Who is in control of your life? Pray for people out of control. Some have no idea where they are, they are completely lost. Pray for people to discover Jesus. (Song 626 'The Saviour of Men Came to Seek and to Save')

**Friday 4 January** – Psalm 65 v 11. You crown the year with your bounty. Give thanks today for all that we have. Homes, families, friends, food and raiment. We have God in our hearts. Intercede for the needy, for lonely hearts. (Song 395 'Thank You, Lord, For All Your Goodness')

**Saturday 5 January** – Ecclesiastes 3 v 11. He has made everything beautiful in His time. If you can go for a walk today and look for beauty ... flowers, trees, the sea, birds, the sky, smiling faces, children playing. Pray prayers of thanksgiving for His beautiful spirit all around us. (Song 396 'There are Hundreds of Sparrows')

**Sunday 6 January** – Psalm 96 v 1-3. Sing to the Lord a new Song. I hope you will worship the Lord at the Army today. An opportunity to glorify God in song and prayer. Give your testimony to others, do not wait for people to come to you. Reach out in His name. Give and receive a blessing. (Song 393 'Tell Out, My Soul, The Greatness of the Lord!')

# BOSCOMBE CORPS PROGRAMME

## This Week's Programme

Week beginning 31 December 2018	
This Week	BH1 Project – 10.00am to 4.00pm (Monday to Friday) 10.00am to 2.00pm (Saturday and Sunday)
Thursday 3	Home League – 11.00am Art Class – 2.00pm
Friday 4	Boscombe Corps Meal Run – 6.30pm

## Future Events

January 2019	
Sunday 6	<u>Vision and Commitment Sunday</u> Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am Bible Study – 6.00pm
Sunday 13	Major Alec Still (Divisional Mission Enabler) including the enrolment of Peter Evans – 11.00am
Saturday 19	Fundraising Quiz Night – Details to Follow
Sunday 20	Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am Praise Meeting – 4.00pm
Saturday 26	Marriage Blessing of Martyn and Gemma Moors
Sunday 27	Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am
February 2019	
Sunday 3	<u>Launch of Self Denial</u> Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am Bible Study – 6.00pm

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

