

## Notices Extra – Dec. 2018

This is our monthly update highlighting one group or activity from our church and one group / organisation that we support as a church. Please use the information as a focus for your prayers.

### Advent and Christmas

As you will see from this month's notice sheet, there is a lot going on at the moment. It is a very busy time of the year for most of us, but also it's a time of great opportunity for us as a church, to share the good news of the gospel.

As well as all the different events and activities highlighted in the notice sheet, each of us will have opportunities to celebrate either with groups from church, or with those on our frontlines. As a church family we all have a part to play in supporting one another and making things happen during this special time of year. This could be supporting the events at church, inviting people to the special events, helping out with refreshments or being part of the church cleaning team, giving to the charities we support and of course in praying!

We will again be making it possible to give a Christmas greeting to the whole church, rather than writing a card to each individual, during one of our services in December.

These verses from Philippians are great at any time of the year, but especially during December

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus*



## Spurgeons' Child Care

Is a charity we support every year through our Christmas Day offering (last year we gave £273)

The Spurgeons' Children's Charity is one of the UK's leading children's charities, supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged children and their families for 150 years.

Inspired by their Christian faith, their mission is to improve the lives of families and children who are struggling to cope and to give every child the opportunity of a hope-filled life.

Through the delivery of support and intervention services, and by speaking up on behalf of those who need them most, they give vulnerable children and families the chance for a better future. Over the last year, they made a real difference to the lives of almost 3,000 children, young people and adults, and protected 1200 from neglect, harm and abuse.

If you would like to give to this work but are not able to be at the Christmas Day Service – please have a word with Steve

“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done” – Proverbs 19v17.

For more information visit [www.spurgeons.org](http://www.spurgeons.org) or find them on Facebook

