

joy to the
World
the Lord has come

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

Parents' hearts must sink sometimes when the children present them with wish lists for Christmas. I never had the courage to do so but I occasionally dropped hints (usually listened to). Now I have to guess what grandchildren might appreciate. It's nice to be in that position and even to widen it by giving a great-grandson something even though he might not know who it comes from.

Christmas for Christians gives us a similar opportunity to widen our circle of recipients. Our recent Shoe Box response has started the process although we can only imagine the delighted faces of the children who will receive them. We could go further and respond, say, to the BMS Christmas Appeal for funds to buy a motor cycle for the pastor at the Christian Hospital in Guinebord, Chad. It will widen his already effective ministry in a largely Muslim area and aid the work of the hospital. Why not add this to your list? Pastor and people would certainly appreciate our generosity. The New Year will give us more opportunities. Whatever our Motto Text will be, it will surely help us to widen our horizons, increase our vision and spur us into action. Let us expect great things from God and attempt great things for Him. That will ensure the best Christmas and the happiest New Year.

Rev: Fred Stainthorp



This year the MEND-IT CHRISTMAS DAY FREE COMMUNITY MEAL WILL NOT BE TAKING PLACE. WE WILL BE PLANNING TO HAVE THE EVENT NEXT YEAR. THANK YOU, MEND-IT COMMITTEE



A multi-generational evening to gather the Black Country Church to celebrate what God is doing and to imagine what is yet to come.

On Saturday 4th January 2020, you are invited: **FREE EVENT**

suggesting a donation of £3 per person

- To **GATHER** with the Church of the Black Country, to make a statement to our children and young people about the size of the Body of Christ to which they belong.
- To **CELEBRATE** what God is already doing through our togetherness across our region.
- To **IMAGINE** together what else God could do if we will stand and work as one.

The event starts at 5pm till 8pm

Arrive early at 4pm to get a parking space

**Bethel Convention Centre
Kelvin Way
West Bromwich
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