



“A HEAVY HEART AT CHRISTMAS”

It's a sad irony that the Christmas season, purported as a time of festive cheer and togetherness, is for some a time of loneliness and despair. As we busy ourselves preparing for family get-togethers, many are left to fall further through the cracks of our communities. Sadly it's the people in our midst, who are already marginalised through a lack of social connection, poverty, or mental health problems that struggle the most at this time of year.

And while we may feel bombarded by the myriad of consumerist messages, the hurried rush of another year coming to a close, or the desperate plight of people in developing countries – there are always opportunities to reach out. These opportunities may be far afield, closer to home or even right on our doorstep.

They may be significant financial contributions to a worthy cause or simple gestures of kindness and care. We may find ways to support international aid and disaster recovery initiatives, gift-giving programs for families in need, or simply volunteer our time to a local community initiative. This can often be the most meaningful contribution – to simply give your time. Each of us has a choice about what we'll do for others this season. As you enjoy Christmas 2018, spare a thought for those less fortunate – and consider how you could help. **Betty Green**

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By supporting the **Christmas Bowl**, you are helping mothers of Zimbabwe to become conservation farmers, support their children and harvest joy during their toughest seasons. Please give today

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Christmas Day – A service of Lessons and Carols. – Lay Leadership

December 30th- Lay preacher, Lyn Bromage.

A Christmas Eve service will be available at Croydon North UC.

JANUARY 2019

All January services will be led by Supply Minister Rev. Ric Holland.

30th DECEMBER 2018

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<u>Tea Station</u>	Leanne & Judy	<u>Sound Desk</u>	Dal Driberg
<u>Power Point</u>	Michael Down	<u>Chapel Cleaning</u>	Dal & Jenny