

A warm invitation to our Carol Services...

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| Sunday 17th December | 5.30pm |
| Sunday 24th December | 4.00pm |
| Christmas Day | 10.30am |

...and to any of our services on *any Sunday*
(5:30 pm at 330 Hedgemans Road, RM9 6BX)



We usually aim to visit about 30 homes every Sunday. We send out a letter before we arrive, so that you know to expect us.

Other activities...

Toddler Group

Tuesdays at 9.30-11.00am

Free English classes

Tuesdays at 12.45pm-2.45pm

Midweek Bible Study

Tuesdays with a meal at 7.00pm

Youth clubs

Fridays at various times (see the website for more information)

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All I want for Christmas
is...?



'All I want for Christmas is...'

That was the start of a child's song in 1961. All she wanted was her 2 front teeth!
That's easy... teeth grow.

Another song wanted more. '**All I want for Christmas is you**'.

That's harder. A close relationship with someone can be elusive. Relationships can be lost. People die. Some live too far away. Others live at home... but aren't close. Relationships break.

Some still dream for that special person who'll make the difference.

In a way Christmas is the answer to that inner longing.

The truth is no one can fill the 'God-gap' that everyone has. We pile in the fillers; family, hobbies, work, food, drink, drugs, telly...

And they seem to plug the hole... but only for a bit.

Then emptiness kicks in; especially at Christmas (and January!).

God made people for relationship with him. But relationships break. We turn to God-substitutes that ultimately always disappoint us, and distance us from God. So God seems far away.

Christmas is about his desire to change that.

We hide. He seeks.

That's what Jesus came to do - it's the whole point of Christmas.

He found the lost, those far from God, and died on the cross to save them. And he hasn't stopped searching. He sends Christians like us to your front door to create the possibility of having the one relationship we need more than anything else.

This is a great year to discover that's true.

It just takes humility to admit we're empty and lost and far from God.

And in humility turn a Christmas song into a Christmas prayer...

"All I want for Christmas is you."



*Wishing you the
happiest Christmas
filled with good news*

*Join us this Christmas
& in the New Year*

From all at Becoutree Church