# SUGGESTED TIMETABLE OF THE DAY

## (FOUR HOURS MAXIMUM)

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| **Time** | **What’s happening** | **Further Information** |
| 9.30 am | Gather volunteers/staff for  United Prayer | See United Prayer provided. Explain how this will be used throughout the UKI Territory to pray for guests joining the lunch. |
| 10.00 am | Guests start arriving | Have coffee/tea ready and a nice welcoming seating area.  Have music playing or a screen with words of Christmas hymns or pictures playing. |
| 10.30 am | Coffee and gift opening | Have a small gift wrapped and tagged personally for each guest and a hand-written Christmas card with a Christian theme to ensure that if this is the only card someone receives, it is a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. |
| 11.00 am | Christmas Service | See service plan and sermon outline provided. |
| 11.45 am | Comfort break and time to ‘Meet your neighbour’. | Befrienders to guide people to meet who they will be sitting next to for the meal. |
| 12.00 pm | Christmas Lunch | See guidance for set up, tips and suggestions. |

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| **Time**  1.15 pm | **What’s happening**  Christmas fun and games  ‘Time to watch and play’ | **Further Information**  Remind volunteers/staff that it’s OK for those who don’t want to join in, as many find enjoyment in watching others taking part. |
| 2.00 pm | Home time | Packed tea / goody bag ready to be given to each guest. If possible, avoid using plastic bags and use paper bags that look special. Perhaps the children of the corps could decorate brown bags for people and personalise them. |

# UNITED PRAYER

## for volunteers and staff to pray prior to the Christmas Celebration

**Dear Father God,**

We pray for those who will share this day with us.

Give courage to those who are nervous and anxious.

Comfort those who are grieving.

Bring joy to all who will share this day with us.

Strengthen our hands and calm our anxious thoughts.

Lord, hear our prayers in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

# CHRISTMAS SERVICE OUTLINE

Bible readings contained within the ‘Sermon Outline’:

Luke 1:28; Isaiah 9:6; Romans 10:9, 12:1

**Handy music tip:** Music to accompany the carols can be easily downloaded from

<https://samusicindex.com/celebrating-christmas-at-home/carol-accompaniments>

**Handy monologue tip:** These are intended to help build the story as you go through the service and are light-hearted. Download and print copies of the scripts for each of the characters. Choose readers of different ages who can bring a sense of joy and wonder to the reading.

1. Opening video clip: ‘Today is the Saviour’s Day’ by Rend Collective <https://youtu.be/5787vapqkXY>
2. Carol – ‘O come, all ye faithful’(*SASB* 116)
3. Prayers *(If appropriate ask children and parents to come and light the Advent wreath).*
4. Carol – ‘While shepherds watched their flocks by night’ (*SASB* 132)
5. Monologue – ‘The Extra Ordinary Shepherd’
6. Carol – ‘Hark! the herald angels sing’ (*SASB* 108)
7. Monologue – ‘The Extra Ordinary Angel’
8. Carol – ‘Away in a manger’ (*SASB* 102)
9. Monologue – ‘The Extra Ordinary Sheep’
10. Short Thought Outline - ‘An Extra Ordinary Christmas’
11. Carol – ‘Silent Night!’ (*SASB* 124)
12. Benediction and closing music – ‘Noel’ by Chris Tomlin and Lauren Daigle  
    <https://youtu.be/wVY2F69qLps>