



## **AFCU PRAYER ALERT December 2024**

### **Armed Forces – Christmas in the military**

As December arrives many of our thoughts turn to Christmas. This is also true across the Military community. Many Military units will have a Christmas service and Christmas lunch in mid-December. The Chaplain will seek to share the real meaning of Christmas with those they serve alongside.

Many personnel across the Navy, Army and Air Force will be seeking to bring the Christmas message of 'Peace on earth and goodwill to all people' in tangible ways as they spend their Christmas away from family and friends in various locations around the world both on land and at sea, defending, protecting and supporting those in areas of conflict.

This year as we join together to sing our Christmas carols and celebrate with family and friends, may we also pause to pray for those who are away from their loved ones, both those Military personnel who are deployed and those who are here waiting for their safe return.

#### **Prayer points:**

- Please pray for all our Military Chaplains in all three services as they prepare for their Christmas services. Pray that God will give them inspiration and imaginative ways to share the hope and joy of the Christmas message and the good news of Emmanuel – God with us.
- Please pray for all those who are currently deployed, on ground, on sea and in the air protecting our freedoms and supporting those whose freedoms are being taken away and who really need to feel a sense of hope.
- Please pray for the families of service personnel who are currently longing for their loved ones to return home safely from tours of duty overseas and who will be especially missing them at this time of year.