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Chatham Chatter

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Dear Friends,

What a great weekend we shared last week, from the Seder Meal to the final 'On the Sofa' with the Cadets: all well thought through and planned and excellent thoughts for us to consider from their sermons to us. It was wonderful to share with them and over 35 children from Lordswood and New Road Primary Schools. There was lots of laughter and creativity and energy in the Hall. I have written, individually, on behalf of the Corps, to all the Cadets to thank them for their preparation and challenge to us all and the promise of our prayers.

This past week I had the privilege of conducting the scattering of ashes ceremony of Lilian Corder. Please continue to pray for Andrew, Amy and Christopher and their families. It was a precious time and a privilege to minister to the family again.

This Sunday my thoughts are around 'What is the Truth?'. We live in a world where lies are often portrayed as 'Fake News'. I want to point us to the 'Truth-Teller' this Sunday and a very important conversation with Jesus, where He says 'I tell you the truth'.

May we never shy away from the truth that we find in Jesus for our lives in these days.

I look forward to welcoming you all on Sunday.



God bless you and us all

Ian F Payne Major

CAPTAINS STEVE & MEL SCOULDING

As part of our 150th Anniversary Year, former friends and Officers of the Corps have been invited back to lead our Sunday worship. I am delighted that Steve and Mel accepted the invitation and will be leading us next Sunday 23rd April. We look forward to welcoming them both 'Back Home'.

MAJOR KATHY WOODHOUSE

Also, I am delighted that Major Kathy accepted the invitation and will be leading us on Sunday 30th April. We look forward to welcoming Kathy 'Back Home' also.

BAGS OF HOPE

Trevor has asked if members would consider giving to our Bags of Hope project. In these times we are having a greater demand on supporting families with groceries as the cost of living bites hard. Your help is needed.

WE NEED

Long Life Milk, Tea Bags, Sweets, Jam, Crisps, Cordial, Coffee.

or any item that you can contribute. See Trevor for further details.

CHATHAM CHATTER

If you know members of the Corps who do not receive a 'Chatham Chatter' why not print one off and let them have it, a small act that I know will make a huge difference.

TOGETHER 2023 'WHOLLY HOLY'

UK Congress, 14-16 July 2023 at Croydon Fairfield Halls for a weekend of worship, teaching and celebration for people of all ages from across our territory as we explore what it means to be Wholly Holy. **Together 2023 combines Commissioning, Congress and Symphony Sounds** based around the words of Peter 1:15-16.

Tickets are now available from fairfield.co.uk or 0300 500 0595. Friday: £7, Saturday: £10, Sunday £10. Children 17 and under are free but still need a ticket.

WELCOME TO THE HIGH COUNCIL & FAREWELL TO THE GENERAL AND COMMISSIONER

On Saturday 20 May, 3.15pm, attend the free event at Central Hall, Westminster, or join the livestream of the Welcome to the 2023 High Council and thanks to General Brian Peddle and Commissioner Rosalie Peddle (World President of Women's Ministries) as they prepare for retirement.

Read more on salvationist.org.uk
To book your free tickets



SALVATION ARMY UNIFORM RECYCLING SCHEME

A new recycling scheme for preloved Salvation Army uniforms has been launched. The 'Uniform take back scheme' receives old formal uniform items so they can be recycled or re-used. Read the news item on salvationist.org.uk and go to www.sps-shop.com/uniform-take-back-scheme for more information.

TAKE ON THE THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

Trek Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in 24 hours and help raise funds to support your local corps or a Salvation Army cause close to your heart. To find out more and email any questions to the Events Team at challenge@salvationarmy.org.uk

RAISE FUNDS EVERY TIME YOU SHOP ONLINE

Give as you Live Online is the free and easy way for anyone to raise money for The Salvation Army when you shop online with more than 6,000 stores. Find out more and sign up to Give as You Live to start raising money at no cost to you. www.giveasyoulive.com



'For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life'. John 3:16

- Pray for healing for Iris Wells who has had surgery to repair a broken hip whilst visiting her son in Chatham. She is recovering well but needs our prayers.
- Pray for Alan Myners in this time when his health is deteriorating, that he will be painfree and at peace.
- Pray for Majors Malcolm and Angela Westwood as Angela is very poorly and will be moving into a care home near family in South Wales imminently.
- Pray for the families who have been bereaved but are still coming to terms with their loss.
- Pray for the children from Lordswood and New Road primary schools who came to the Holiday Club that they will want to find out more about Jesus.
- Pray for those who are suffering from mental health problems that they will receive timely health care so that they are more able to cope with life.
- Our prayers for healing are needed for many people who have long term health problems which seriously affect their quality of life.
- Pray for the twins, Sophia and Chelsea, that they will continue to thrive and get stronger and develop into healthy children.
- Pray for the Cadets who visited us over Easter as they continue their training at WBC and for Hannah as she prepares for

her commissioning and appointment to Deal Corps.

- Pray that people who used to worship with us and be a part of our Corps fellowship will come and celebrate our 150 years Anniversary and find joy in worshipping the Lord again with us.

Please let Jean know of any urgent prayer requests for the supportive prayers of the Prayer Chain. Email her on jeanm1938@gmail.com or text on 07787718273. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, please let Jean know.

PRAYER LINKS (Use your camera)



Daily Bible verses and Prayers

<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/weekly-verses/>



The Persecuted Church

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/>