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Ambassadors

'We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.' [2 Cor 5:20](#)

In the Salvation Army, we talk a lot about being ambassadors for Christ, and various intakes into the Salvation Army Training College have borne the 'ambassadors' aplet. It is also the title of a great festival march for the band. It seems important to us, somehow, to be seen to occupy that role within our society – more so, perhaps, than for any other churches or denominations.

Is that a good thing? Instinctively, we would say 'yes'. But with the title comes responsibilities that cannot be shirked. We are answerable to Christ to do and to say the right things, to be the medium through which Christ can make his appeal direct to those we meet. It isn't going to be easy, but it should be a great honour to be viewed in this way – something to aspire to and to live up to.

The question is are we truly ready to be ambassadors for Christ in the world of today?

Paul Heath

PRAYER NETWORK:

This week we have been ask to pray for the following situations:

- Marc's Dad Ken who is seriously ill in Hospital
- Landi who is having tests for serious health problems
- Ruby James who was Promoted to Glory this week - and for Kelvin and the family at this sad time
- David Banfield who is far from well

If you would like to join the prayer fellowship, please send an email to: staplehillprayers@gmail.com

PRAYER DIARY:

As a church, we know how important it is to uphold each other in prayer, so we invite you to pray for the following during this coming week.

13 th	David & Janet B; Valerie C; David Ja; Valerie & Martyn P; Marion W; Jill We; Gary W
14 th	Margaret & Peter B; Adam D; Nathan, Rachael, Poppy & Alice J; Gerry & Malcolm W
15 th	Aimee B; Brenda D; Matt, Ruth, Isabella & Amara A; Louise, Karen & Natalie P; Josie K
16 th	Margaret B; Hannah, Nick & Arthur; Garry & Gill J; Bob & Pauline P; Josh D; Robert H
17 th	Ed Bowen, Becky G; Joe S; Martin, Amy S & family; Sharon D; Iris & Ivan D; Brian & Vera R
18 th	Derek & Liz B; Gwen L; Joan W; David, Rachel, Charlotte, Georgina, & Harriet N
19 th	Helen, Michael, Gracey, Isabella, Joseph, Leonie & Thomas L&W; Clive & Pauline E; Jill Wh

FLOWERS:

The flowers that would have been placed on our altar table today would have been from Pat Tilling in memory of Edna Baker.

FELLOWSHIP BULLETIN:

You will be sad to learn that Ruby James was promoted to glory this week. Ruby was a lovely, gracious lady and one of the saints of the corps – she was also No 1 on our soldiers' roll. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kelvin and the family.

There are a number of people in our fellowship who are poorly, so please remember them in your prayers. In particular please pray for Ken, Marc's dad, who is far from well and David Banfield. We pray that you will give them and their families courage and strength over these coming days. In [Joshua 1:9](#) we read, '[Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.](#)'

As I mentioned in the bulletin a couple weeks ago, we have been trying to find ways of enabling those without the internet to be able to share in worship. We have since acquired a couple of 'tablets' on which we can upload the meetings. These have enabled some in our fellowship to join us in worship. Please contact me (Colin) if this might be useful to you. Also, if you can help in the practical delivering, collecting, etc., of the tablets then also please contact me.

EXTRA SLICE TAKE AWAY:

During August we are hoping to send/deliver an Extra Slice Take Away box! A takeaway box of readings, prayers and resources to help you in your Christian journey. We are making up 150, so if you can help with the distribution please let us know.

THANK YOU:

Now that all the totals have been finalised, a big thank you to Linda Hall who's fundraising 10k run raised £871.25 for the Youth Group. Thank you also to everyone who donated.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

All activities within our buildings continue to be suspended until it is deemed safe, but the following activities continue:

TODAY Sunday 12th July

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship available online
'Daniel & the Lions' [Daniel 6:1-28](#)

Monday 13th July

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall
- 8pm Mission Council Meeting on-line

Tuesday 14th July

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Wednesday 15th July

- 2pm Extra Slice Group online
- 3.30pm Extra Slice Group online
- 7pm Extra Slice Group online
- 8.15pm Extra Slice Group online

Thursday 16th July

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall
- 8.15pm Extra Slice Group online

Saturday 18th July

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Sunday 19th July

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship available online
'Creation' [Genesis 1:1 - 2:4](#)