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Be still and know I am God

I have lived with this text in my heart for many years, yet it has never been more appropriate than during the coronavirus. During the last 4 months there has been many still moments. We have all experienced ‘time’ on our hands. At the beginning we enjoyed these moments because it helped us sort out drawers and cupboards; our wardrobes have seen new life. We have renewed paintwork and even our gardens are blooming. With time on our hands, we found knitting and baking helpful - until it had to cease because of weight gain! Drinks too came too often, and so we could go on. We had to adjust. Never have I ever found too much time to say “What shall I do now?”

The Bible tells us to ‘*be still & know that I am God*’. It is in these moments that the Lord has reminded me to ‘be still’. These are precious moments when I’ve sensed God’s presence ... when He’s said “Remember Me”, and I’ve experienced His Holy Presence, when I’ve felt alone with Him, when He’s said “I need your Love” ... “your time” ... “concentrate on heavenly things”.

His presence brings comfort, His presence brings peace. His presence abides in all things!! So in the lockdown, I’ve enjoyed all that He’s shared with me. I have learned how to ‘be still and know that I am God’.

I have been taught a great lesson. Share your time too - with Him.

Doris Pearce

CREAM TEAS (report submitted to The Salvationist):

For the past few years, the Corps has come together for a cream tea during May, and the proceeds raised have been added to the Big Collection Appeal.



With Covid restrictions in place this had to be cancelled, but last week over 150 cream teas were prepared and delivered to members of the congregation who have been unable to join in physical worship during lockdown, free of charge.

An opportunity was offered for recipients to make a donation to the Big Collection either on line or via post if they wished. Three members of the Corps baked over 600 scones and a team prepared each pack under strict social distancing procedures for delivery by a team of Corps volunteers.



This proved to be a valuable part of keeping the fellowship engaged, which together with Online meetings accessed via either Facebook or the Corps website, and five 'Extra Slice' Zoom groups which look in more detail at the message from Sunday's online worship, corps members are still kept involved.

Viv Wallington

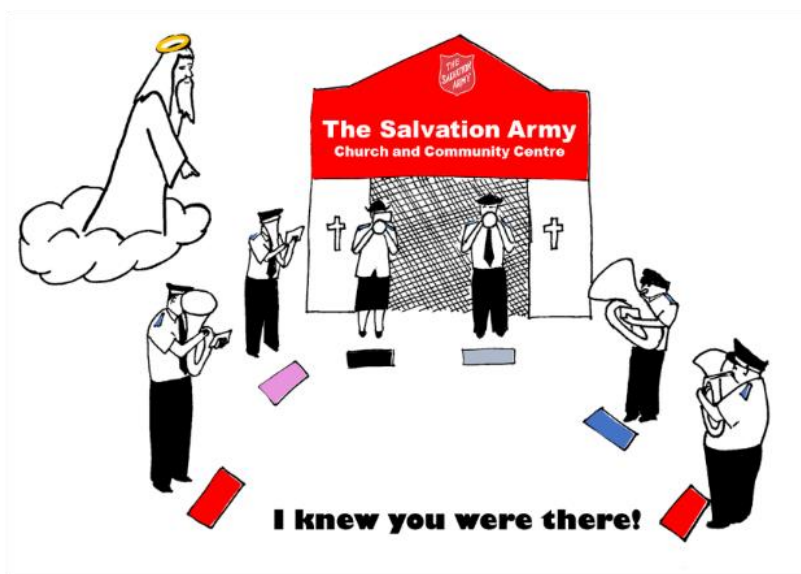
FLOWERS:

Our flowers today would have been placed by Neil and Laura in recognition of Lillian and Hilton's Golden Wedding Anniversary.

PRAYER DIARY:

This week, please pray for the following:

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
20 th	Tom C; Olive M; Loraine B; Haydn & Trudi B; Hannah & Katie



ACROSS OUR FELLOWSHIP:

- In worship we remember our young people who have and are returning to school, college and university. In particular we think of Alice, Freya and Robyn who have started school and Adam, Carys, Charlotte, Katie and Naomi who are starting at university. We also acknowledge that Harriet, Isabella and Vimbai have started secondary school - they also move from Light House Club to Youth and we have presented them with Youth Bibles. We pray for all these children and young people, along with every child and young person who comes to our church that God will keep them safe over these coming weeks and months. We also pray for every member of our congregation who works in an educational setting, that God will give them wisdom, patience and also keep them safe in their work.
- Mike Dyer is having an operation this weekend to remove a cataract, we pray for both Mike and Elsie.
- Jill Whitelaw has been taken into the BRI this week with a hernia and is in our prayers as she has an emergency operation.
- We give thanks for the safe arrival of Rob and Anne's grandson, Archie, arriving on Tuesday weighing 7lb 8ozs. Our thoughts and prayers are with mum & dad (Rebecca & Shaun), and brother Alfie-Ray.
- One more very important celebration this week – this time it is Rachel Roberts who celebrates a big birthday. Happy Birthday!

PRAYER NETWORK:

Since going to print last week, the prayer network (staplehillprayers@gmail.com) has been praying for:

- Karen (CSM Isle of Wight) and family. Karen's husband was Promoted to Glory last week
- Jill Whitelaw who was admitted to BRI for emergency surgery

THE WEEK AHEAD:

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

TODAY Sunday 13th September

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship available online
- 'Jacob's Ladder' [Genesis 28:10-22](#)

Tuesday 15th September

- 11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Wednesday 16th September

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

Thursday 17th September

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

Sunday 20th September

- from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)
- 10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)
- from 11am Sunday Worship available online
- 'I am with you' [Jeremiah 1:1-10](#)