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Rescue the Perishing

An [article](#) written by William Booth in 1906 described a vision of a world drowning in sin. Just a few people were willing to jump into this sea of human depravity and suffering to try to bring people to safety on Christ the Rock. The article was quite extraordinary (worth reading!), and calls us out of our complacency to a life totally focused on the very principles on which the Salvation Army was founded:

“You have enjoyed yourself in Christianity long enough. You have had pleasant feelings, pleasant songs, pleasant meetings, pleasant prospects. There has been much of human happiness, much clapping of hands and shouting of praises - very much of heaven on earth. Now then, go to God and tell him you are prepared as much as necessary to turn your back upon it all, and that you are willing to spend the rest of your days struggling in the midst of these perishing multitudes, whatever it may cost you.”

Are we prepared to meet that challenge today as we start thinking about returning to worship? Or have we become happy to just sit safely on the rock and watch others do the rescuing?

Paul Heath

PRAYER DIARY:

We invite you to pray for the following members of our fellowship during the coming week:

3 rd	Pat B; Peter & Mary J & James; June We; Viv W; Graham & Julie W; Linda P
4 th	Mary Ba; Mark & Michelle D; Jess, Matt, Charlie & Harry J; Kay & Marc W; Marcus B
5 th	Hilary & Mike D; Sally P; Rebecca S; Claire & Michael B; Dennis H; Daisy U
6 th	Jon B; Kirsty, Mark, Oliver, Freya & Henry F; David Jo; Alison C; Karen P
7 th	Beryl & Spence G; Margaret K; David L; Andy, Emily, Grace & Archie E
8 th	Marcia G; Anne & Dennis L; Laura R; Marion R; Francis & Ruth S; Catherine R
9 th	Linda & Rob H; Ian & Rachel R; Myriam, Steve & Noah S; John & Olive S; Margaret S

“In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy” [Philippians 1: 4](#)

THE SALVATION ARMY IN INDIA:

It has been troubling to see the recent pictures of the pandemic in India and during this week’s online worship, Nicola shares more information about the Salvation Army’s response in that country. If you want to support The Salvation Army South Asia Disaster Fund you can do so securely online at:

<https://secure20.salvationarmy.org/donation.jsp?projectId=IHQ-SAsia Fund>

GREAT NEWS FOR SUNDAY 9th MAY:

I hope you're all enjoying the little extra freedom the easing of restrictions is allowing now. With this in mind, The Mission Council have made the decision to resume in-person worship next Sunday 9th May. I know some of you are longing to meet together again, whilst others may still be a little apprehensive. So don't worry if you're not ready yet – our online worship will continue exactly as it is for the foreseeable future. But for those of you who are ready, you will be very welcome and here's what you need to know:

Starting: Sunday 9th May

Time: Choose either 10am or 11.30am

(each meeting will last no longer than 45 minutes)

Book-in: Use the online link on the covering e-mail with this

bulletin, or ring [0117 956 5232](tel:01179565232) *by 12 noon on Saturday*

Book-in Details:

We need your name, how many of your household are coming with you, your phone number and email address

Things to know:

- Please wear facemask unless you are exempt
- Unfortunately singing is not allowed at present
- Social distancing, extra cleaning & ventilation to keep you safe
- Come as you are – no need to wear uniform, unless you want to!

The main thing is we will be worshipping in the same room at the same time. We are really looking forward to welcoming you back in person, instead of just seeing your face on a screen. And if we've never seen your face on a screen or you have never been to our building for worship before – you are very welcome too, it will be great to see you.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

COFFEE ZOOM:

This Sunday (2nd May) will be the last Coffee Zoom meet up for the time being. So, if you've never been or not been for a while, make sure you log on. The link is in on the covering e-mail for this bulletin.

ROADMAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN:

We have made lots of tentative plans for the next few weeks – some of which are outlined within this bulletin, but we will let you know more details about the road map ahead in next week's bulletin - so look out for that.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Mission Council is planning for our return to Post-Covid worship at the hall in May. In order to make this possible, we need volunteers to welcome and help worshippers to keep to self-distancing rules and stay safe.

If this is something that you feel you'd like to be involved with, can you please contact Myriam Selfe by telephone 0786 747 0979 or email myselfe@hotmail.co.uk.

FLOWERS:

The flowers that would have graced our hall today would have been presented by Viv to mark what would have been Viv and Allan's golden wedding anniversary.

PRAYER NETWORK:

This week, we have been praying for:

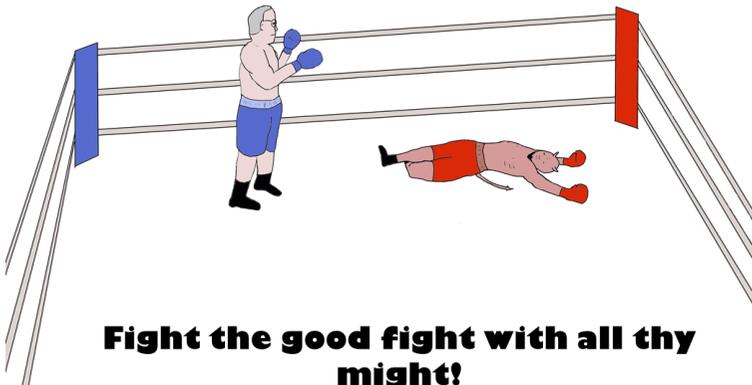
- India and the situation the hospitals are facing at the moment.
- Bram Selfe after a bad fall. Sadly, we later learnt of his Promotion to Glory, so we have also been praying for Steve, Andrew, their families and the wider family.

If you would like us to pray for something, then please drop us an email (a couple of sentences only, please) on staplehillprayers@gmail.com.

ACROSS OUR FELLOWSHIP:

Our thoughts are with Steve following the bereavement of his father, Bram, earlier this week. Bram was a soldier at Easton corps, along with his wife Joyce. Please remember Joyce, Steve and his brother Andrew along with their respective families, and with Joan, in your prayers at this sad time.

We are reminded that there many families in our fellowship who are grieving the loss of a loved and our thoughts and prayers continue to be with them.



**Fight the good fight with all thy
might!**

Salvation Army Song Book No 952

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY Sunday 2nd May

from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)

10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)

from 11am Sunday Worship – online

A king like no other “The King forgives”

[John 21:15-19](#)

Today will be the last ‘Coffee Zoom’ after the meeting

Tuesday 4th May

11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

Wednesday 5th May

2pm Extra Slice Group online

3.30pm Extra Slice Group online

7pm Extra Slice Group online

8.15pm Extra Slice Group online

Thursday 6th May

11am - 12pm Food Parcels available at Hall

8.15pm Extra Slice Group online

Sunday 9th May

from 10am Lighthouse Club Session available online (ages 7-11)

10am Youth Group meets online (ages 11+)

from 11am Worship – online / 10am & 11.30am (in person)

A King like no other “The King sends”

[Matthew 28:16-20](#)



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