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Prayer

Prayer is so important. I know from many, many personal experiences throughout my life how prayer can make a real difference in all sorts of situations. And yet, often our prayers become just a habit with no real conviction behind them. Why is that? Prayer is without doubt the greatest resource we have – and should be central to absolutely everything we do.

This week, we begin to focus on prayer in our worship and during the past few days we have held an initial prayer event in our hall. It is something that we can all be involved in ... in the hall, at home, at work and around town. And as we pray for each other, for our community and our mission – we will all experience the uplifting power of God.

*Prayer gently lifts me to highest Heaven,
From earth's confusion to Jesus' breast;
My sin and weakness, my doubt and sorrow,
Are lost for ever in sweetest rest.*

Salvation Army Song Book No. 783

Paul Heath

FLOWERS:

The flowers on the altar table today are provided by Anne and Rob in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

THE WILETTS DICKENS CAR BOOT SALE FOR THE BIG COLLECTION:



Well, it's nearly that time of the year again when we hope to do what we used to do The Car Boot Sale for The Big Collection! We couldn't do it last year due to the Pandemic but as we emerge from restrictions, there's seems to be no reason not to do it this year. We'll do the selling but we need you to provide your unwanted rubbish that could be someone else's treasure. I'm sure you've either been cleaning out your cupboards, garage & shed or you're going to, so we'd like all the stuff you don't want & we'll sell it sometime during August. We can even come & collect it and store it if that helps (but not before the beginning of August). Any questions, speak to Marc, Kay, Mark or Michelle.



Time for another car boot sale

PRAYER DIARY:

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

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; 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
10 th	Gary M; Roy R; Jason R; Holly, Chris, Dylan, Oscar & Charlie S; Christine K
11 th	Rita A; Wesley C; Keith, Mary, Victoria & Sophia H; Jay & Lydia M

EMERGENCY COVID FOOD BANK:

Throughout the Pandemic until 21st June 2021, we operated an emergency COVID food bank. We are so grateful to all those who helped with this project, either by helping 'make up' and 'give out' parcels or supporting practically with donations. As the project has now come to an end, we felt that you would like to know how many parcels were given out and how many people were helped.

From March 2020 - June 2021 we gave out 1149 food parcels, helping 1685 adults and 461 children. Each parcel provided enough food for 10 meals, so over the time that the project was running we provided over 20,000 meals. This was a massive achievement, and we are so thankful for all your support and encouragement. Over the coming weeks we will be assessing the ongoing need for this type of project as part of our programme review.

PROGRAMME REVIEW:

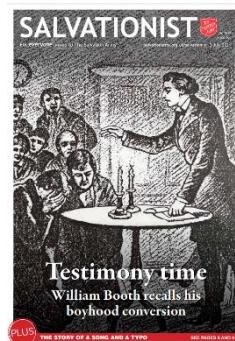
As restrictions are hopefully lifted and there is more freedom, we are reviewing all our pre-COVID programme activities. To help us achieve this it is our intention to identify the most important parts of our programme. This could be explained by taking an empty bucket and rather than filling it with smaller pebbles so there is no room for larger ones, we are wanting to place the larger pebbles in first and then place the smaller ones after.

Over the pandemic we have been sending information out concerning our worship hall renovations and an informal uniform, but from conversations it has been evident that many of you have missed this information. As we are still restricted in our opportunities of meeting together, we feel that we need to find a way in to canvas opinion more successfully. Following the Mission Council meeting on Monday, it was felt that we should use the Extra Slice groups to share and garner information, along with praying for the corps. Over the coming weeks, we will use the Extra Slice groups to do this. If you are not part of an Extra Slice group, then please contact us for more information.

COMPUTER SYSTEM:

Some of you will know that the Salvation Army computer system has been experiencing some problems recently, please see more information in this week's Salvationist.

If you are reading this online, then just click on the picture to be taken straight to a copy of this week's Salvationist.



CASUAL WEAR:

Recently, the Mission Council has been exploring casual wear options that will be available to anyone connected with our corps to wear on a Sunday, but also at other times when it is useful. Several samples have been on display at the hall.

Orders can then be made between this Sunday 4th July and Sunday 1st August for whatever item you would like with an estimated delivery time of around 3 weeks. If none of the samples meet your requirements, there is an option to check out our supplier's website (apcworkwear.com) to identify and purchase something that would make you feel more comfortable. It only needs to be navy and have our logo.

After a long absence from the building, the Mission Council would like to encourage you all to come back and wear whatever helps you think more about Jesus and less about yourself – and what will help others do the same. Ultimately, the only dress code that matters to Jesus is that we clothe ourselves with humility. If we clothe ourselves with humility, if we “count others more significant than [ourselves],” and “look not only to [our] own interests, but also to the interests of others,” then no matter how we dress, we will honour and reflect Christ (Philippians 2:3-4).

AROUND OUR FELLOWSHIP:

- We continue to remember and pray for those within our fellowship who are living with serious illness, or who are unwell. Whilst we know there are many in this situation, our thoughts are with Charmaine, Alan T, Iris, Joyce, and Clive.
- We continue to remember those who have been bereaved and surround them with our love and support during their time of loss.
- Last Friday, Nneka Hitchcock celebrated her 21st birthday. We hope you had a great day, Nneka!



Let's Pray

As we look to the future, would you join us in Prayer?
During July, we are organising a number of events to pray for our corps and our community.
Please join us in Prayer.

Prayer Walk

Monday, 12th July 2021 - 3pm and 7pm

Join us in prayer as we walk around the local community praying.
We'll be leaving the hall at 3pm or 7pm - a virtual prayer walk will be available.

Please join us in prayer.

Prayer Meeting

Monday, 19th July 2021 - 7.30pm - 8.00pm ish

Join us on-line in prayer as we spend time praying for our corps and community.

Please join us in prayer.

If you would like any further information, please speak to either Colin Nicola or Linda.



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SALVATIONIST PUBLISHING & SUPPLIES LTD (SP&S):

SP&S, the Salvation Army 'uniform shop' are visiting Bristol Easton Corps (Hassell Drive BS2 0AN) this week:

- 7th July 2.30pm -8pm
- 8th July 9am-1pm

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK:

If you want to attend worship in the building on Sunday next week:



Book-in: Use the online link on the covering e-mail with this bulletin, click on the picture to the left, or ring **0117 956 5232** *by 12 noon on Saturday*

Time: Choose either 10am or 11.30am (each meeting will last no longer than 45 minutes)

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 a facemask unless you are exempt
- Unfortunately singing is not allowed at present
- Social distancing, extra cleaning & ventilation will help to keep you safe
- Come as you are – no need to wear uniform, unless you want to!
- Windows will be open, so it may be cold!
- Please do not use the back door – only the front entrance on Broad Street

Please get in touch if you have any questions.
We look forward to seeing you.



THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY Sunday 4th July

11:15–12:15pm	Children and Youth under 18's meeting - in the hall
10am	Worship – in the building
from 10am	Worship – online
11:30am	Worship – in the building

Bouncing Forward
'Stop to pray'
Nehemiah 1: 5b-11a

Wednesday 7th July

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

Thursday 8th July

8.15pm	Extra Slice Group online
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Sunday 11th July

11:15–12:15pm	Children and Youth under 18's meeting – in the hall
10am	Worship – in the building
from 10am	Worship – online
11:30am	Worship – in the building

Bouncing Forward
'Pray to act'
Nehemiah 2:1-5

Please note:

- We are no longer open for food parcels on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- We have now stopped the weekly delivery of papers and worship material. These are available for collection at the hall on a Sunday for those who have indicated that they would still like to receive them.