

SUNDAY 5th MARCH 2023



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Annual Self Denial Appeal

I don't know about you, but I have been watching the video's produced for this year's Annual Self Denial Appeal with significant interest. They have taken a very different format this year from previous years, focussing on the Salvation Army's work specifically among young people rather than attempting to cover the wider needs within the featured countries. Haven't they been excellent? I have found myself really moved and inspired by the stories that have been presented.

Today, all that preparation comes to an end with an opportunity to lay our monetary gifts on the altar table to support that wonderful work – our chance to make a difference in the life of a young person in a far-off country. We have seen in the videos the smiles on the faces of the young people already being helped and supported by the Salvation Army – just imagine how much broader those smiles will become through our small financial sacrifice today!

And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them. [Mark 10: 16](#)

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SELF-DENIAL 2023 APPEAL – WAYS TO GIVE:

During the service today, we will have the opportunity to give our Self-Denial envelopes. The card reader will also be available before and after the meeting for those who prefer to give this way. And you may also give by BACS using the details below

Account Name: The Salvation Army
Sort Code: 60-01-73
Account No: 00130997
Please use ref: SelfD

Thank you for supporting the work of The Salvation Army.

PEOPLE:

As of writing (Friday afternoon), Roy is still in hospital although John A. is hoping to be home for the weekend. There are a number of people in our fellowship who have contracted COVID, including Nicola, so please continue to be careful. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jill who remains very poorly. If you are ill or know of someone who is ill, please let us know.



Invitation to find out more!

Would you like to know more about the Salvation Army? Have you questions about our worship, our organisation, our symbols, who's who, and what part you can play? Choose one of the following dates, where you can come and eat cake, drink coffee and ask questions - we'll even have a tour of the building!

- ◆ Saturday, 11th February @ 10.30am
- ◆ Tuesday, 14th February @ 2.00pm
- ◆ Saturday, 11th March @ 10.30am

All welcome to come and find out more - it will be good to see you!
If you can't make any of these dates, please let us know.

FLOWERS:

Many thanks to Margaret Boxell for the flowers enhancing our worship this morning. They are to remember her parents, Majors Cyril and Ruby Chadwick.

SUNDAY 5th MARCH:

We thank the band for leading worship today. Hopefully, Nicola will be well enough to attend, but I, Colin, have been asked to lead the YP Annual at Easton - please pray for them!

YOUTH RETREAT:

A big thank you to Tash and the Team for organising and facilitating the Youth Retreat last weekend. Whilst we missed the young people, we know that they had a wonderful and transformational time. Why not ask them how they got on?





An Altar Service - the placing of our gifts upon the holiness table

A MESSAGE FROM BRISTOL EASTON CORPS:

On Sunday 12th March, Easton are hosting a visit from Ken and Patricia Downie. During the afternoon they are taking the Band and Songsters in an open rehearsal of some of Ken's music at 2pm. As this is an open rehearsal, we want to extend the invite to anyone from local corps who might want to come along to sing, play or just to watch.

IN THE MONTH AHEAD:

Sunday 19th March	Mothers' Day
24th – 26th March	Territorial YP Workers weekend 'Shalom'
Monday 27th March	CAMEO
Saturday 1st April	Coffee Morning
Sunday 2nd April	Palm Sunday Messy Church
3rd to 7th April	Holy Week
Friday 7th April	Good Friday
Sunday 9th April	Easter Sunday inc. Concert in Page Park

SOME MORE KEY DATES THIS YEAR:

Sunday 7th May	Page Park Coronation Event
Sunday 14th May	Page Park Praise
Sunday 4th June	Page Park Praise
Saturday 17th June	Armed Forces Day in Page Park
Sunday 2nd July	Page Park Praise
Sunday 6th August	Page Park Praise
Sunday 17th September	Page Park Praise
30th Sept / 1st Oct	Harvest Weekend
14th / 15th October	YP Prizegiving Weekend

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TODAY Sunday 5th March: *led by the Senior Band*

- 10am All Age Worship
inc. Self Denial Appeal Altar Service Collection
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities

Monday 6th March:

- 8pm Mission Council Meeting

Tuesday 7th March:

- 11am-12noon Extra Slice Group at the Hall (leader: Kelvin)
12noon-6pm Hall open for a *Warm Welcome*
6:30pm YP Band Practice
7:15pm Singing Company Practice
8pm Songster Band Practice

Wednesday 8th March:

- 9:30am-11am Tots on the Hill
3:30pm-4:30pm Extra Slice Group online (leader: Gerry)
7:45pm-9pm Extra Slice Group at Linda's house
8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leader: Beth)

Thursday 9th March:

- 12.30pm Lunch Club
6:45pm Extra Slice Group at Colin & Nicola's house
8:15pm-9:15pm Extra Slice Group online (leaders: Ian & Rachel)

Friday 10th March:

- 12noon-6pm Hall open for a *Warm Welcome*
From 7pm Divisional Youth Rehearsals in our hall

Saturday 11th March:

- 10am-12noon Coffee Morning
10:30am *Invitation to find out more*
6pm YP Bands & Singing Company at Stroud

Sunday 12th March:

- 10am All Age Worship
Spirit: Our Human Thirst for Community
- 11.30am-12:15pm Children & Youth Activities
5pm YP Band & Singing Company at Stroud