



# Outlook

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Monthly news and information service for the members, friends, and community of Bedlington and surrounding areas.

**LIVE** Sunday Worship...Morning Service at 10am.Sunday School at 10.30am Corps Officers Majors Carrie & Philip James  
2<sup>nd</sup> Major Carrie, 9<sup>th</sup> Majors Carrie & Philip,16<sup>th</sup> Major Philip, 23<sup>rd</sup> Major Carrie, 30<sup>th</sup> Major Philip.

### PROGRAMME FOR JUNE

**MONDAYS** HomeLeague. 1.30pm.Get together for a varied programme including guest speakers. Meet new friends. All are welcome

**TUESDAYS** Slimming World.9. 30am.  
Call Joy tel 0790551028.

**WEDNESDAYS** Little Lambs Toddler Group. 9.15am-11.15am. Children 12 weeks to 3 years must be with an adult. Call Arleen to book a place.  
Seniors Lunch Club 12pm. 2 course meal.  
Please Call Arleen to book.  
Over 60's club 1.30pm-2.30pm Relaxed meeting for men and women. Talks, singing and friendship.  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Women's Fellowship 7.30pm  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Men's Fellowship 7.00pm Bowls at Dr Pit Park

**FRIDAYS** Little Lambs Toddler Group. 9.15am-11.15am. Children 12 weeks to 3 years must be with an adult. Call Arleen to book a place  
Thankful Friday Coffee and Toasted Teacakes 10.00 - 12noon.  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Messy Church

**SAT & SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup>/9<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND**  
BBQ on Saturday 6pm  
Morning Service on Sunday at 10am

Sunday 16<sup>TH</sup> FATHERS DAY

On the weekend of June 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Bedlington Salvation Army will be celebrating our 146<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We began life as a Christian Mission Station, one of 51 new Stations opened in 1878, but quickly became a Salvation. Army Corps when William Booth ordered the name of our movement to be changed from the Christian Mission to the 'Salvation Army' to better reflect a focussed evangelical perspective. Opposite you will find the first sizeable report from Bedlington ever recorded in the Christian Mission Magazine, appearing in the December 1878 edition



# HAPPY 146th



## BEDLINGTON.

STILL further north? Yes, further north. We like the pitmen and we will fly the standard within sight of every colliery in the kingdom, God helping us. But there was another attraction to Bedlington besides the fact of its being the centre of a network of coal mines, and that was a newly built unoccupied theatre. This we seized, and threw the doors open on Sunday with an entire change of performance, Brother Borrill, the Happy Gardener, being the chief actor.

The first services were a success, and the work has been taken up and is being pushed forward by Sister Mary Ann Smith with energy—victory after victory having been obtained. Read the following scrap of intelligence:—"On the 9th we had a wonderful meeting, for we had a number of valiant soldiers who were heroes for the devil, but now they are heroes for the Lord, their experience was something wonderful."

### SNAILS FOR THE FAMILY.

One man said I thank God that he has spared me, for I was a great sinner, I was so bad, I was too bad to live. I used to go out and spend all my wages; once I was so bad I brought a large stone into my house with a lot of snails on it, and I told my family that they had to live on these the next fortnight and get fat; but, thank God, friends, I am now restored to my right mind.

### CHRIST FOR BILL.

Another man said, if any man has a right to thank God, it is me, for the devil, who I used to serve, was a bad master. I was a drunkard, was a gambler and a card player, and I would go to the theatre and play the fool for to please the people, and then for my services in that army, they sent me to Morpeth Prison for my wages. Friends, it is a poor place to go to, for to get fat. Now the people tell me I am going wrong in my mind, but, hallelujah! I am now getting right, for praise God I never was so happy in all my life. You may laugh at me, I will wait till you get your laugh out; you all know that I thought it no shame to come out into the streets and fight for the devil, and now do you think I would be ashamed to fight for God? No, hallelujah!—for he has made me happy, and you can think of me what you like—but Christ for Bill.

Our sister is fighting bravely, and waking up the whole country side. The place is very poor, any help will be very welcome, and may be sent to,

MARY ANN SMITH,  
Salvation Army.

146<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BBQ  
Saturday 8th JUNE 6pm



## CORPS ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

June 8<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm BBQ Celebration Evening  
*Join us for an evening of good food, fun & fellowship*  
June 9<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Celebration in Worship  
*Led by Majors Carrie & Philip James*

## GARDEN PROJECT PROGRESS

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, a group of around 20 people gathered to make a start on bringing the grounds of our building back into a better, useable space for everyone who uses the building. We want to say a **huge thank you** to everyone who came along. Lots of laughter and a very welcome supply of hot and cold drinks throughout to keep us all going...



... On this first occasion we made a start at putting together raised beds, building a new bench and picnic table, painting fences, weeding pathways, cutting back the overgrown bushes that run down the side of the garden, as well as planting some new honeysuckle and other similar plants that will go on to provide both beautiful colour and aromas next spring, we also cleaned the climbing frame which is once again ready for the patter of tiny feet.

We have much still to do but are already seeing an increased ownership and use of the space as a result of everyone pulling together. Still to come are Wes' lessons on how to grow your own veg, and many more opportunities to help in various ways as the seasons allow. Our toddler and messy church groups are going to be putting their own skills to good use in planting bulbs and seeds and creating bug hotels and other little things to encourage wildlife.

Our back garden is a very serene space and, if you haven't already, try to spend time there as it develops and allow yourself to connect with the God of nature. We hear a lot about poor mental health in the news these days, and how the connection with the outdoors can help people to overcome battles with this, and hope that by taking some time in this space, it may help us all mentally and spiritually.

We want the project to be open to everyone so please come along and get involved any time you are at the hall and have an opportunity. Watch out for future dates for group garden events, and speak to Lyndsay, Wes or Carrie if you have ideas that you think would be good to try.

In his first letter to the church in Corinth, Paul writes, ***"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. For we are co-workers in God's service, you are God's field, God's building."*** CJ

Foodbank Referrals Mon to Fri  
Mornings  
08.00 – Noon. For Collection.

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