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# Newsletter

The Salvation Army Goswell Road Street, Somerset



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## Dear friends

I need to spend several hours tending our gardens! I have to admit that I have neglected it for several weeks due to the bad weather and the busyness of life. This of course now means I need to spend so much more time sorting the garden out!

Weeding.....deadheading,....pruning.....feeding.....and trying to win the never ending war against the slugs, that are currently winning the battle with my flowers.

Just last month the flowers were beautiful and producing gorgeous blooms. One month later, however, they are looking like they need attention! I strangely marvel at how quickly pests moved in to feast on the beautiful flowers. Due to several weeks of sunshine and rain, weeds had sprung up like crazy. And, because I had neglected to weed for several weeks, I wasn't getting the explosive bounty I had earlier this season. As I reflected this week, I realised that our spiritual gardens need some tending as well.

We can neglect our quiet time with our amazing God when we let other things get in the way, And....pests and weeds creep in.....

We can allow the busyness and activities distract us from what is important.


Have you spent time in His presence, asking Him to prune away the dead parts of your life.

This week I realised that our “spiritual garden”, the garden of our heart, also needs constant tending. We need to spend time alone with God, pushing away all of the activities and distractions. We need to water it with the Living Water. We must feed it with the Word. Then, our spiritual life WILL produce a beautiful, abundant bounty of fruit.

“I am the Vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit. Apart from Me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

God Bless

Louise and John



The banner features a background image of dark-colored uniforms. A red horizontal bar at the top contains the text "Uniform Take Back Scheme" in white. Below this, a blue section contains the text "Help us to repurpose, reuse, recycle your uniform" in white. To the right of the blue section is a small red and white logo for "The Salvation Army".

Does your old uniform still have some working life in it? Do you want to repurpose your uniform with care and consideration?

SPS are committed to finding and implementing innovative solutions to protect the environment, minimise waste and maximise reuse and recycling, thus supporting The Salvation Army in its mission **to care for creation.**

The Uniform Take Back Scheme provides a convenient and cost-effective way for you to return pre-loved uniform items that could be reused or recycled.

This scheme covers Salvation Army jackets, overcoats, trousers and skirts. When you are ready to send your pre-loved items to us, contact the SP&S Customer Service team by email ([sales@sps-shop.com](mailto:sales@sps-shop.com)) or call on 01933 445 445 (Option 1, Option 2) and they will talk you through the process of sending your pre-loved items.



# STREET FOODBANK NEWS

The foodbank continues to be busy, and we are always thankful for donations of non perishable food that come through our door.

Whilst some of our shelves are full, we're still low on the following items:

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| ⇒ Tinned Meat            | ⇒ Fruit Squash         |
| ⇒ UHT Milk               | ⇒ Crisps & Snacks      |
| ⇒ Tea Bags (packs of 80) | ⇒ Tinned Custard       |
| ⇒ Instant Coffee         | ⇒ Strong shopping bags |

We work with agencies to identify those in need of help, but we do sometimes take self referrals if necessary.

Food parcels that we provide contain non perishable food, fresh or frozen food from FareShare where possible, and Aldi vouchers. All of which provides a good offering of food to those who need it. We take food parcel requests up to 1.00pm each day and then aim to deliver out to clients that afternoon.

*Please pray for everyone who receives food parcels this month.*

**Foodbank Phone No. 07511 313339**



# THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

8 - 16 JUNE



is a great opportunity to live out our mission priority to ***care for creation***. Play your part in caring for our world and tackle climate change, as well as show others in our community that The Salvation Army care about these issues too. Here are just a few ideas:



- **Clothes swaps** are a great way to circulate clothes and accessories with others, and a fun and sustainable way to refresh your wardrobe at the same time!



- **Share food in all forms.** Swap cooking skills, recipes and tips for limiting waste. Tell stories about why you care about climate change over a shared meal.



- **Litter pick** with neighbours and finish with a drink, cake and chat.



- **Grow vegetables and wildlife-friendly plants.** You could transform an unloved piece of land into a wildlife habitat.



- **Visit a repair café** (there's one every month in the Quaker Meeting Rooms) where people swap skills and bring old items that need fixing.







## Market Stall

Our market stall is a great opportunity for us to engage with our community, not just to sell items but to be available as a listening ear, or to chat, or offer prayer.

Everything that we sell on the stall (or via online sales through Facebook Marketplace) raises much-needed funds for our corps.

We're always looking for items that we can sell on our stall - we need new or nearly new items; things that would make good, affordable gifts!

Due to the shortage of volunteers, and the market clashing with other events, we're not out as regularly at the moment - listen out to the announcements from Wendy on a Sunday to know when we're out!

If you'd like to volunteer some of your time on the stall, even if its for just half an hour, please speak to Wendy.

## Salvation Army periodicals

Weekly Papers are available every Sunday at the hall; you can pay each week by popping your money in the pot and entering how much you've paid on the sheet on the table.



War Cry is **50p per week / £25.50 per year**

Kid's Alive is **50p per week**

Salvationist is **70p per week / £35.70 per year**

Great value for the amount of content each week!

*If you pay for your papers for the whole year, please make sure you've done that* - you can pay by cash, cheque or card, or if you prefer, we can give you our bank details.

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it



PSALM 24:1



Drop in  
on Friday mornings  
for



# COFFEE MORNING



10:00am to 12:00pm

Bacon Rolls, Toasted Teacakes, Tea,  
Coffee, Biscuits, chat and company!



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Charity No 214779



# FATHER'S DAY - 16 JUNE

We are the apple of his eye! (Psalm 17-8)



01

## INTIMATE & INVOLVED

Read Psalm 139:1-18

03

## ACCEPTING & FILLED WITH JOY

Read Romans 15:7 & Zephaniah 3:17

02

## KIND & COMPASSIONATE

Read Psalm 103:8-14

04

## WARM & AFFECTIONATE

Read Isaiah 40:11 & Hosea 11:3-4

11

## COMMITTED TO MY GROWTH & PROUD OF ME AS HIS GROWING CHILD

Read Romans 8:28-29, Hebrews 12:5-11, 2 Corinthians 7:14

05

## ALWAYS WITH ME & EAGER TO BE WITH ME

Read Hebrews 13:5, Jeremiah 31:20, Ezekiel 34:11-16

# MY FATHER GOD IS...

10

## TENDER-HEARTED & FORGIVING: HIS HEART & ARMS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO ME

Read Psalm 130:1-4, Luke 15:17-24

06

## PATIENT, SLOW TO ANGER & DELIGHTS IN THOSE WHO PUT THEIR HOPE IN HIS UNFAILING LOVE

Read Exodus 34:6, 2 Peter 3:9, Psalm 147:11

09

## FULL OF GRACE & MERCY, & GIVES ME FREEDOM TO FAIL

Read Hebrews 4:15-16, Luke 15:11-16

07

## LOVING, GENTLE & PROTECTIVE

Read Jeremiah 31:3, Isaiah 42:3, Psalm 18:2

08

## TRUSTWORTHY & WANTS TO GIVE ME A FULL LIFE: HIS WILL IS GOOD & PERFECT & ACCEPTABLE FOR ME

Read Lamentations 3:22, John 10:10, Romans 12:1-2





**National Month  
of Prayer  
for toddler groups**

**June is the National Month of Prayer for toddler groups;** an ecumenical initiative of the '1277 Make Them Count' group. It encourages churches, individuals, and toddler communities to pray three ways - in groups, for groups and across groups in the UK. 1277 refers to the average number of days from birth to a child starting nursery.

Salvation Army toddler groups offer an amazing space for babies, toddlers and their parents and carers to experience a warm welcome, play, learn and develop a supportive community. They come in all shapes and sizes and are a place where the love of God can be experienced in so many ways but especially through the warm welcome that is offered to all who attend.

Here in Street, we are really blessed with a very busy Parent and Toddler group on a Tuesday and Wednesday morning each week.

***Some weeks we can see up to 60 children and just as many parents/carers!***

We always have plenty of toys out for play and some craft activities for them to do, which are often faith-based. Check out the toddler board by the kitchen to see their latest creations pinned up there! At the moment we're doing a 'Sky's the limit' board, and there are kites and hot air balloons on there from recent sessions.

There are plenty of snacks for the children (and parents!) while the sessions are on and they all enjoy a sing-along at the end. It's part of our mission to our community; an opportunity for parents to come and have a chat and a tea or coffee with others while their little ones get to play. We offer a safe, welcoming and friendly space and a listening ear, and offer prayer where its needed.

***Keep our toddler group in your prayers throughout this month!***



**Our Mission:**  
To *share* the good news  
To *serve* others without discrimination  
To *nurture* disciples of Jesus  
To *care* for creation  
To *seek* justice and reconciliation

### Refugee Week - 17 to 23 June



Even in the midst of a housing crisis, most people in the UK and Europe are fortunate enough to have a safe, secure, physical home. The UN reports that 1.6 billion people live in inadequate housing conditions.

For many people seeking sanctuary, there are significant barriers to accessing housing, even in the UK. The British Red Cross's commissioned research shows that Ukrainians are 4x more likely to be homeless, or be at risk of homelessness than the general population. The Refugee Council's 2024 'Keys to the City Report' reports that 2 in 5 refugees granted asylum in London

were reported as homeless/living on the streets. We may have a safe, secure, physical home but we cannot forget our responsibility to those who don't. Hebrews 13:2 says, 'Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it'; and Matthew 25:34-40 speaks of this responsibility strongly. The Founder of The Salvation Army William Booth's reported words echo in our ears: 'Go and do something!'





**Prayer Matters** is a resource that seeks to inform, encourage, disciple and ensure that the UK and Ireland Territory is immersed in prayer.

We want to pray for renewal in our worship and mission, and we want to pray for the people God is sending us to.

Each day of the week has a theme, and the themes are based on the five following 'Mission Priorities':

*Monday: Sharing the good news*

*Tuesday: Serving and caring (Serve others without discrimination)*

*Wednesday: Growing in faith (Nurture disciples of Jesus)*

*Thursday: International Salvation Army (Worldwide prayer meeting)*

*Friday: Justice and reconciliation (Seek justice and reconciliation)*

*Saturday: Care for creation*

*Sunday: Sabbath prayer*

**The June 2024 edition of Prayer Matters is now available online at**

[www.salvationist.org.uk/resources/discipleship/prayer-matters](http://www.salvationist.org.uk/resources/discipleship/prayer-matters)

- let us know if you would like us to print you a copy.





# Belongings

A musical by Stephanie Lamplough and Paul Sharman

**SAVE THE DATE**

**5th October**

The Princes Hall Theatre

2 Princes Road,  
BS21 7SZ

New Salvation Army musical  
coming to Clevedon!  
We'll look at arranging lifts  
for those who would like to  
attend!

PHOTOGRAPHY



Music and  
Creative Arts

## Flower Rota

Helen has a list of those who'd like to provide flowers on dates that are special to them throughout the year.

**There are lots of gaps for June, July & August!** Please get in touch if there's a date you'd like to provide the flowers for.



## Street Corps online

[www.salvationarmy.org.uk/street](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/street)

or on Facebook at [facebook.com/streetsalvationarmy](https://facebook.com/streetsalvationarmy)

Share with your friends & family who are online!

Email - [street@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:street@salvationarmy.org.uk)

## Just Giving Page

**JustGiving™**

We have an online fundraising page for donations towards the work of our foodbank in Street:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tsa-community-support-000376](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tsa-community-support-000376)

'Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.'



1 PETER 4:10-11





## Wordsearch - Creation

Once you've found all the words below, the letters remaining form a mystery answer:

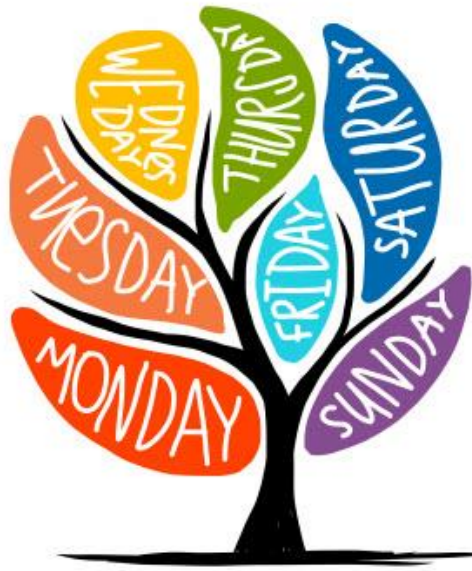
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Adam  
Animals  
Beautiful  
Birds  
Cool of day  
Dark  
Divided  
Dominion  
Eden  
Evil  
Fifth day  
Figs  
First day  
Fish

Flaming  
Flee  
Flowers  
Fourth day  
Fruitful  
Garden  
God  
Good  
Light  
Moon  
Multiple  
Night  
Rested  
Sabbath

Satan  
Sea  
Second day  
Separate  
Serpent  
Sixth day  
Stars  
Sword  
Tempt  
Third day  
Torches  
Tree of knowledge  
Waters



## *Corps Programme during June*

<b>Monday - Friday:</b>	all day	<i>Food Bank</i>
<b>Mondays:</b>	morning	<i>Job Club with Job Centre Plus</i>
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	9.30am	<i>Toddler Group</i>
	2.00pm	<i>Hindhayes School Christian Assembly</i>
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	morning	<i>Paper sales - Wells</i>
	9.30am	<i>Toddler Group</i>
	1.45pm	<i>Home League Ladies Fellowship</i>
<b>Thursdays:</b>	all day	<i>Street Market</i>
<b>Fridays:</b>	10.00am	<i>Coffee Morning</i>
<b>Sundays:</b>	10.30am	<i>Sunday Worship</i>