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Newsletter

The Salvation Army Goswell Road Street, Somerset



What does the
LORD
require of you, but to
Act Justly
to **LOVE MERCY** and to
Walk Humbly
WITH **GOD**
YOUR
MICAH 6:8



Dear friends

Wow, doesn't time fly. As I sit here writing this letter, just over 1 week away from commissioning, I can't believe that this period in my life is nearly over.

Firstly, I want to express my thanks and gratitude to all those who have stepped up and taken on different roles within the corps allowing me to be away as often as I have been. You will never know the sense of peace and release this has given me, knowing that I have been able to call upon you at a moments notice to allow me to meet the deadlines and the targets that have been expected of me during my time at William Booth College. Sincerely thank you for all you have done.

I would also like to take this opportunity to again thank my awesome wife Louise and my wonderful sons Jacob and Noah for all the sacrifices they have made. For the early mornings setting up of the toddler group, to the countless trips to Castle Cary station and for allowing me to step away from some of my family responsibilities to achieve a personal and professional goal, I know the cost this has had and I count myself as truly blessed to have their love and support throughout this time.

It's fair to say that God's call upon our lives isn't always going to be that is straight forward or even convenient for us. As we look at scripture and at characters such as Moses or Jonah, the disciples and Paul, we see that God can call us at anytime and when He does we need

to be prepared to either answer, or spend our lives wondering what we may have missed out on.

The words of the Bible verse on the front of this newsletter have certainly been words that have inspired all of the Defenders of Justice session as we have spent the past 2 years in training together, as they call us to a deeper sense of fellowship and obedience with the Lord. And this is a message for us all as we consider His call upon our lives, no matter what it may be. Or what it might cost.

It is only when we listen to his will for us and respond in the way that he is leading us that we will know his peace and his mercy in our lives.

His call is for us to humble ourselves before Him and the world, Just as Christ did, so we can be the servants that He needs us to be. And when we do this, we will know his peace for us that is truly beyond anything that we can ever hope to understand.

Friends whatever it is that the Lord is saying to you please speak to someone about it, there are people here in this church that will delight in sharing each step of your faith journey with you, all you need to do is ask. And who knows what you will be able to achieve for the Lord if you are brave enough to take that small first step with Him.

Bless you and thank you.

Cadet John Melia



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 | ⇒ UHT Milk |
| ⇒ Tinned Custard / Rice Pudding | ⇒ Instant Coffee |
| ⇒ Tinned Fruit | ⇒ Fruit Squash |
| ⇒ Jars of Cooking Sauces | ⇒ 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.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

Matthew 25:35,40



STREET CORPS - SUNDAY 14th July 2024

There will be no meeting in our hall on Sunday 14th July as John will be commissioned as a Lieutenant in NEWPORT.

Please remember John, Louise, Jacob and Noah, in your prayers, as they celebrate, and start the beginning of a new chapter of their lives in ministry.

If you wish to attend another church that day, services are as below: -

The Mission Church - 10.30am

Street Baptist Church - 10:00am

Methodist Church – 10.30am

♪♪ Summer Sunday “ Song of Praise” ♪♪

Join us

Sunday 28th July at 10:30am

*To sing our favourite songs and hymns,
and share why they're special to us! ♪♪*

The Lord is more pleased when we do what is right and just, than when we offer him sacrifices.

Proverbs 21:3

Defenders of Justice



At 10:30am on Sunday 14 July at the ICC Wales in Newport, the Defenders of Justice session will be **commissioned and ordained as Salvation Army officers**. This Commissioning at “Together 2024” will be historic: it will be the first to take place outside England.

The impact of this moment of commitment will inspire everyone witnessing it, and also challenge us to explore how we are called by God. Territorial Candidates Director Major Mark Sawyer says *“Our openness to the Spirit of God is particularly heightened at events like Together. We are gathered for worship and teaching, inspired by God’s work through corps and centres and we witness the commitment of the territory’s newest lieutenants. It is a wonderful place and space for hearts to be stirred.”*

The meeting will include a Scripture message from Territorial Leader, Commissioner Paul Main, speaking from Amos 5:24, **‘Let justice roll on like a river’**.

In the afternoon will be a time of celebration and worship, led by territorial leadership and supported by the staff sections, this informal all-age celebration will include the sending out of the new lieutenants.

If you have the technology, you will be able to watch both the Commissioning of John and the rest of the Defenders of Justice, and the afternoon's celebration as they are streamed live, at [youtube.com/salvationarmyvideo](https://www.youtube.com/salvationarmyvideo) on Sunday 14 July at 10.30am and 3:00pm.

Home League

The Home League Ladies would like to invite everyone to join them for a ***Cream Tea*** at the hall the hall on ***Wednesday 24th July***.

All are welcome to attend for a donation. Please let Louise know if you plan to attend, so we can cater for numbers.



There will be no Home League during August!



Prayer
MATTERS

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 July 2024 edition of Prayer Matters is now available online at

www.salvationist.org.uk/resources/discipleship/prayer-matters

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

Each week, Prayer Matters is also featured in the Salvationist magazine.

POVERTY & JUSTICE

FACTS ABOUT GLOBAL POVERTY

Extreme Poverty: Approximately 719 million people, which is 9.2% of the world's population, live on less than \$2.15 a day. (This threshold represents the International Poverty Line set by the World Bank and the UN to monitor extreme poverty globally).

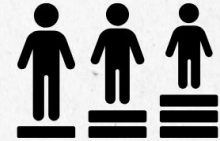
United States: In 2022, 11.5% of the United States' population (about 37.9 million people) lived in poverty.

Sub-Saharan Africa: This region has the highest rate of children living in extreme poverty, reaching 40% in 2022. Extreme poverty remains concentrated in parts of Sub-Saharan Africa, fragile and conflict-affected areas, and rural regions.

What about the UK? 1 in 6 people in the UK were in relative low income (relative poverty) before housing costs in 2022/23. This rises to just over 1 in 5 people once housing costs are accounted for. The number of people living in absolute poverty (income below 60% of median income in a base year) increased to 12 million in 2022/23, which corresponds to 18% of the population.



The Bible addresses poverty and justice with deep compassion and a call to action.



SELF SACRIFICE

Jesus' ministry emphasises helping the poor, releasing captives, and bringing freedom to the oppressed. He calls us to self-sacrifice, as seen when he told a rich young man to sell everything and give to the poor (Luke 18:18-30)



JUSTICE & FAIRNESS

The Bible denounces exploitation, oppression, and corruption as causes of poverty. It calls for justice, defending the weak, orphan, and destitute (Isaiah 1:17; Psalm 82:3)

LOVE AS CURRENCY

Jesus' economy operates on love. Instead of focusing on what we lack, we should use our resources to benefit others. The second greatest commandment is to love our neighbour as ourselves (Luke 10:27; Matthew 22:39)



Love God
Love Others

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



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 clashing with others things, 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.



A musical by Stephanie Lamplough and Paul Sharman

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The Princes Hall Th

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!

The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love

Psalms 33:5



Drop in
on Friday mornings
for



COFFEE MORNING



10:00am to 12:00pm

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



Salvation Army Papers

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

New Government

By the time you read this newsletter we should have a new Government.

The Salvation Army will continue to urge the Government to make supporting the most vulnerable in society a priority. ***We will continue to speak up for the poor, the homeless, the marginalised, and the forgotten until there is positive and meaningful change.***

To help people trapped in poverty we are calling for:

- Reform of Universal Credit to ensure that the basic rate covers the cost of life's essentials.
- A breathing space for Universal Credit claimants who have existing debt, legal protections from credit action, to give time to find a solution.

To combat homelessness and rough sleeping we are calling for:

- A change to homelessness legislation in England so that rough sleepers are a priority for local authority emergency and longer-term housing.
- Regular recording of the numbers of rough sleepers in regions with high homelessness populations.
- Increased funding for homelessness and rough sleeping services.
- An increase in housing stock, especially social housing.

To support people who are dealing with addiction we are calling for:

- Investment in support services that help overcome addiction ***and*** address the roots causes.
- A Government-funded national programme for overdose antidote Naloxone in England, including NHS emergency departments, mental health Trusts and ambulance services to issue take-home antidote Naloxone to those at risk of opioid overdose.

To help people overcome the barriers to employment we are calling for:

- Adequate funding of specialist employment support services, that help disadvantaged jobseekers into work.
- A cross-Government taskforce to tackle, with empathy and compassion, the reasons why people are unable to enter the workforce.

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,
for the rights of all who are destitute.
Speak up and judge fairly;
defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Proverbs 31:8-9



Almost half of all Salvation Army territories (42%) have within the last five years undertaken new strategies or implemented programmes relating to the eradication of poverty. Initiatives include the opening of **shelters, foodbanks, microfinance** and **employment assistance** programmes, **skills development** training, **farming** training, low-interest **loan programmes**, providing **emergency housing, street clinics** and **hospitals, language classes, food distribution, social skills training**, and the establishment of **community gardens**.

Source : Salvation Army International Social Justice Commission

School Holidays start on 25th July!

In August, we'll be doing our usual summer fun days for kids in the Library Gardens, more details to follow!

Summer blessing for families:

May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.

May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts during these months of summer and holidays.

Grant us refreshment of mind and body.

May we constantly strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our loved ones and in the world around us as we enjoy the warm days of summertime.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 a couple of gaps for July & August, so 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

or on Facebook at facebook.com/streetsalvationarmy

Share with your friends & family who are online!

Email - 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

This is what the Lord Almighty said: 'Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another.'

Zechariah 7:9

Wordsearch - Social Justice

The theme for this month's wordsearch ties in with the name of John's session - Defenders of Justice

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FAIR
GENDER
GLOBAL
HUMAN
JUSTICE
PHILANTHROPY
POVERTY

PREJUDICE
RACISM
RELIGION
RIGHT
TOLERANCE
WEALTH



Corps Programme during July

Monday - Friday:	all day	<i>Food Bank</i>
Mondays:	morning	<i>Job Club with Job Centre Plus</i>
Tuesdays:	9.30am	<i>Toddler Group (not 23rd or 30th)</i>
	2.00pm	<i>Hindhayes School Christian Assembly (not 23rd or 30th)</i>
Wednesdays:	morning	<i>Paper sales - Wells (not 24th)</i>
	9.30am	<i>Toddler Group (not 24th or 31st)</i>
	1.45pm	<i>Home League Ladies Fellowship</i>
Wednesday 24th	1.45pm	<i>Home League Cream Tea - open to all</i>
Thursday 27th:	all day	<i>Street Market</i>
Fridays:	10.00am	<i>Coffee Morning</i>
Sundays:	10.30am	<i>Sunday Worship</i>
(7th, 21st, 28th)		<i>(no meeting on the 14th July)</i>
Sunday 14th July:	10.30am	<i>John's Commissioning, in Newport</i>