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August &  
September 2024



I am sure that many of you like me will have watched the Olympic opening Ceremony. It was of course very different this year with the competitors from all the nations taking part travelling on boats along the River Seine in Paris, rather than parading through the Olympic Stadium.

This meant that the spectators in the city and the viewers on television could also enjoy the wonderful setting of Paris with its amazing buildings and landmarks.

The Olympics is of course a wonderful event when people from all around the world come together in unity. I enjoyed the humour when the person carrying the Olympic flame arrived at an 'empty' Olympic stadium, and had to be helped to ensure that the Olympic flame was redirected, and having travelled through the city, arrived at the right place at the right time to light the innovative cauldron and balloon. By day this will rest in the Tuileries Gardens but in the evening the 30metre high cauldron and balloon will be raised 30metres into the air.

As I reflected on this I thought about the parallels to our Christian lives how God wants all people from around the world to come together in unity, united as brothers and sisters through the Saving power of our Lord Jesus Christ. I thought about how we have all been entrusted as co-workers with God in sharing the light and flame of His love so that as individuals and as a body of His people we are all shining lights for Him just where He has placed us. Jesus said in Matthew 15: 16 'let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.'

May we all strive to continue to do just that.

God bless you Major Kevin

## Regular Activities

### Sunday:

9:30am Breakfast Church  
10:30am Morning Worship

4pm Messy Church (2nd Sunday of the month or otherwise stated)

Fellowship Lunch (3rd Sunday of the month—note change of date for this month overleaf)

### Tuesday:

10:00am CAMEO Club



2:00pm Over Sixties Club

### Wednesday:

7:45pm Songster Practice

### Thursday:

6:00pm Music makers

7:45pm Band Rehearsal

### Monday to Friday

Café on the Rec - open for business 8am to 4pm and

**Saturday** 9am to 1pm.

Also **Sunday mornings** 8.30am to 10am for the Junior Park run.

All items for the October newsletter: messages, prayers or prayer requests, please let Major Kevin, Caroline, Mags or Bev know by Sunday 22nd September 2024. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you each month, please let Bev know.  
[bev.robilliard53@gmail.com](mailto:bev.robilliard53@gmail.com)

Congratulations to John & Angela Handley and Mike & Pat Baker who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 15th August and 19th September respectively.

**Prayers for Southport**

Archbishop of Liverpool Malcolm McMahon OP was among religious leaders nationwide who called for prayers for all affected by the stabbings in



Southport. In a statement he said: "For those who have been injured, for those who are parents, family, and friends of the injured, for all involved in the emergency services, we pray for God's blessing, God's peace, and God's presence today."

Pray for the family of the mother of six children—Anita Rose who has died from her injuries after being attacked whilst walking her dog Bruce in Brantham. Why o why Lord do these atrocities happen!

Continue to prayer for those in war torn countries everyday facing fears they never thought they would ever have to face.

Remember all those who are house-bound, in nursing or care homes, those unable to worship with us each Sunday.

Pray for the ongoing ministries of our Corps—may the contact we make with our community bear fruit in many different ways. May we always be ready and available to help anyone in need .



Volunteers are still needed at our Café on the Rec. This has and continues to be a valuable ministry to our community, many relationships have been built and forged. Please have a word with Sandra or Steve Ambrose for further information.



**Diary Dates for August & September 2024:**

**August:**

Tuesday 6th 7.00pm Prayer Meeting

Sunday 11th From 1:00pm Messy Church on the Recreation Ground— Teddy bears picnic & Teddy Bear's Olympics followed by a BBQ.



Bring your own picnic or order a 'Picnic Box' by Friday 9th August @ Café on the Rec; by phone 01449 614133 or by email Sandra.ambrose@salvationarmy.org.uk £5.00 Adult £3.50 Child

Sunday 18th Come and celebrate with Cameron & Zoe as they both make a further commitment to God.

Saturday 24th Parish Church Churches Together Fun afternoon



**September:**

Monday 2nd 7.30pm Mission Group

Saturday 14th Youth Band & Youth Chorus at Ipswich Citadel

**HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS**

Friday 20th Hall open for Wheelbarrow decorating

Saturday 21st 10.00am Coffee Morning

Sunday 22nd : 10.30 am Morning Worship  
3.00 pm BBQ



Monday 23rd 7.30pm Corps Council

Sunday 29th Café Church 3.30pm to 5.00 pm

**A Couple of Motivational Quotes for you!**

"It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are."  
— E.E. Cummings

"Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you." — Walt Whitman