



Outlook

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



Sunday Worship...Morning Service at 10am.

Sunday School at 10.45am.

Sun 20th led by Majors Bob & Barbara Davies

PROGRAMME FOR October

MONDAY

Home League. 1.30-2.30pm.
Get together for a varied programme, including guest speakers.
Meet new friends, all are welcome.

TUESDAY

Slimming World. 9.30am.

WEDNESDAY

Little Lambs Toddler Group 9.15-11.15am
Children up to 3yrs must be with an adult.
Call Arleen to book a place.

Seniors Lunch Club 12.00pm

Two Course meal for Over 60s.
Please call Arleen to book a place

Over 60s Sunshine Hour 1.30-2.30pm
All welcome (if you're over 60)

FRIDAY

Little Lambs Toddler Group 9.15-11.15am
Children up to 3yrs must be with an adult.
Call Arleen to book a place.

Thankful Friday 10am-noon.
Free refreshments & fellowship all welcome

Wednesday 2nd Ladies' Fellowship 7.30pm
soup making with Alison

Wednesday 9th Corps Council 7.00pm

Wednesday 16th Men's Fellowship 7.00pm
dominoes at the hall

Friday 25th Messy Church. 6pm
Free family event.

Sunday 27th Clocks go back

NOVEMBER

Sunday 3rd SUNDAY WORSHIP 10.00am
led by Majors Mark & Linda Billard (DHQ)

Wednesday 6th Ladies' Fellowship 7.00pm

Sunday 10th Remembrance Service 10.00 am.

Saturday 16th Christmas Market 10.00 am.

Wednesday 20th Men's Fellowship 7.30 pm.

Friday 29th Messy Church 6.00 pm

HOW GREAT THOU ART

As most of you will know, we recently returned from holiday. We had a great time, starting with seeing family in the Southeast and then stopping at various places around the coast on a little tour of England. Much of what we saw reminded me of song 49 – How Great Thou Art - which we sang on 22nd September. Near the beginning of the holiday we thought we had picked the wrong time, with thunder storms frightening our dog and demonstrating that my waterproof jacket isn't (waterproof). I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed. As we went on the weather improved. We had a lovely time in the New Forest, walking miles, enjoying the forest scenery and seeing the ponies. We spent a couple of days at Plymouth Sound where we enjoyed the cliffs and the beach. The walk down to the sea seemed much steeper coming back up! Going on to Cheddar, we enjoyed a walk along to see the Gorge and again appreciate something of the majesty of creation. A day at Cannock Chase with the ancient trees in the forest was really peaceful, and then a couple of days in Kendal showed the beauty of the Lake district and the power of water in the River Kent before stopping off at Haltwhistle (the centre of the UK) on our way home.

When through the woods and forest glades I wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,

And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:

How great thou art!

We are blessed to live in a beautiful part of the world and at this time of year we can see hints of the greatness of God in His creation. But He did much more. As the songwriter Stuart Wesley Keene Hine reminds us, this great creator God gave his Son so that we could become what He created us to be and join Him now and for eternity. Let's take time to appreciate the greatness of God and follow Him.



I wonder if you've noticed the shiny new signs on the outside of our worship hall yet? They really are a smart addition to the look of the building, and help us to project who we are and what we are about to the community around us.

Some of you might argue that The Salvation Army has been here for a long time, and that people already know what and who we are, with or without new signs. I guess it's a little bit like putting on a new outfit now and again, new clothes give us that little chance to represent ourselves slightly differently – the same person but in a new look. By updating the signs we remind people who pass by the hall that Bedlington Salvation Army is a living community, a living, growing and present part of our community.

This time of year has, to me, a sense of freshness – we see things begin to change. Children go back to school and into a new year – there are changes that happen alongside this that refresh the experience of school. We see the leaves changing colour on the trees, refreshing the look of places that are familiar. We start to see things in a new and different way when we accept the changes that are happening around us.

I wonder if there are aspects of our lives that need the same refreshing? What new and different ways can we use to show to people we come into contact with that Jesus loves them?

Father God, as we see change and renewal happening around us, help us to see the parts of our own lives that would benefit from that same sense of renewal. When we are tired, refresh us. When we feel low, inspire us. Help us to show to those around us that your love is new and fresh each day, in a way that is helpful to them. Amen.



Thoughts from
our Corps
Sergeant-
Major,
Steve Gibson



Church bells ring out, our heads are bowed,
Soft rain provides a gentle shroud;
Familiar words sound crisp and clear,
And all the people gathered here
Respond with their remembrance,
In spoken, solemn reverence...

So many names engraved in stone,
Yet, scanning them, I feel alone,
Silent among the shuffling crowd,
Grief stricken, but immensely proud
Of such brave men, who, freed from pain
In Heaven's light, we'll meet again...

Poem: We'll Meet Again by Stephen Pearson. Published in Salvationist 7 November 2020.

Remembrance Sunday (Sunday 10th Nov)

- 10:00am SALVATION ARMY REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE
- 2.15pm REMEMBRANCE PARADE
- 2.30pm from The Salvation Army, Hartford Road to the Bedlington War Memorial, Front Street
CIVIC SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE at the Bedlington War Memorial

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