

The Salvation Army

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Palmerston Road

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Sunday 12 January 2025

COVENANT SUNDAY

**11.00am – Morning Worship led by
Majors David and Jane Alton**

Stand Up Step Out!







To KNOW Christ ~ To LIVE Christ ~ To SHARE Christ

BOSCOMBE CORPS NEWS

Prayer Requests

We have a number of our corps family who need our prayers:

-  Please pray for Phil's wife Audrey who has just been diagnosed with cancer.
-  Please continue to pray for Ian Black, Ruth Upton, Arnie Butt, Sue Spencer and Louise.
-  Please continue to pray for all those who have been bereaved recently.
-  Please pray for those who are unable to join us for worship and in particular for our shut-ins and those in Nursing/Care Homes

Ladies Fellowship/Crafty Ladies Christmas Meal

It is not too late to put your name down for the Ladies Fellowship/Crafty Ladies Christmas Meal this **Wednesday (15 January) @ 7.00pm** at Cooper Dean Toby Carvery. Please speak to Sheila Clapcott TODAY if you are interested.

Joy's Jigsaw Library

The first Jigsaw Library and Social of the New Year will be held on **Tuesday 14 January from 10.30am to 1.00pm**. Joy is looking forward to seeing you.

Devotional books

If you have one of the new devotional books and would like to be part of a WhatsApp group to journey this together, please see Jess Thompson.

Prayers for Territorial Appointments Conference

Each Corps in the Division has been asked to pray at a specific time for the upcoming Territorial Appointments Conference (12-15 January). Our slot is Sunday 12 January between 1.00pm and 2.00pm. Please take time wherever you are to pray for those involved and those it will affect. For details, see the noticeboard at the back of the main hall.

Important Notice

Majors David and Jane will be on holiday from **Thursday 16 January until Wednesday 29 January**. Please contact either Corps Administrator Joanne Allcock or CSM Nigel Bishop in their absence. Thank you!

Recruits Courses

Thinking about exploring membership in the Salvation Army? If you are interested in knowing more about the Salvation Army or want to understand what it means to be a Soldier in the Salvation Army or simply want a refresher course on Salvation Army Soldiership, then this course is for you. A new course of Recruits Classes begins next **Sunday (19 January) @ 6.00pm** here at the Corps. Please speak to Major John McCombe to find out more.

New Corps Database/Directory

TABLE SET UP AT THE FRONT OF THE HALL

Please remember to fill out one of the forms with all your contact details for our new Corps Database (and remember to indicate if you would like your details to also be used in the new edition of the Corps Directory). Thank you, Joanne.

PRAYER MATTERS

Compiled by Lynne Allcock

Hello again, hope you've had a good week. Let's continue our theme on words we've heard during Christmas. Have you any favourite words? My favourite three words are Shalom, Grace, and Compassion.

Bible verse for the week: 'Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassion never fails. They are new every morning, great is Your faithfulness. I say to myself, 'The Lord is my portion, therefore I will wait for Him'. (Lamentations 3:22-24)

Monday 13 January – Love. A word, I'm told, used 801 times in the NIV version of the Bible and described as 'an intense feeling of affection'. God's love is unconditional, how awesome is that? No matter who we are, what we do, our status, our rank, our attitude, do you get it? God loves each one of us without exception. It's overwhelming and incredible but it's true. *Pray: Thank you Father, thank you, thank you.*

Tuesday 14 January – Compassion. For me, this word is an extension of love. Love in action I guess, with concern, comfort and sympathy for the sufferings or misfortune of others. A kind of compulsion to provide a comfort blanket. The whole Christmas story is about compassion! 'For God loved the world so much that He gave His only son, so that anyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life' (John 3:16). Now that's compassion! *Pray: 'O for a heart of compassion, moved at the impulse of love'.*

Wednesday 15 January – Grace. Our Doctrine Book defines this as 'The undeserved favour of God'. There is absolutely nothing we can say or do to earn God's grace, it's a gift, and all you need to do is accept it, so rest in His grace now as you pray: *Father, your Grace is sufficient for me.*

Thursday 16 January – Peace. Sadly, peace can be used in a negative way to describe the absence of commotion 'A bit of peace and quiet!' but the kind of peace God brings is a contented peace that comes with resting in God's presence. In Philippians 4:6,7 we read about 'The peace of God which transcends human understanding'. *Pray: Lord, grant me Your peace I pray.*

Friday 17 January – Shalom. Shalom, the Hebrew word for peace, is the presence of serenity, wholeness of life, completeness. For me, it's that deep inner peace which brings calm in whatever situation comes our way. Take time out, have a cuppa and read Philippians 4:4-9 then pray for the gift of Shalom.

Saturday 18 January – Yahweh Shalom. *The Lord is Peace. So, in my breathing may my body and soul be one with You. In harmony with You. At ease with You. May I be still and know that You are God. May I be still and know that You are the Lord who brings healing. Help me to hear Your still, small voice Lord Jesus. May I now hear Your words 'peace be still'. Shalom.*

Sunday 19 January – Joy. Do you remember the old children's chorus, 'Jesus first, yourself last and others in between' what an ethos to live by! A simple sentiment, yet, if we all adopted that attitude the world would be a better place. *Pray: Lord, the change of attitude starts with me, grant me, by Your grace, to show compassion and bring peace, even in my small world. Amen.*

More from me next week, enjoy your day.

BOSCOMBE CORPS PROGRAMME

This Week's Programme

Week beginning 13 January 2025	
All Week	BH1 Project – 10.00am to 2.00pm
Monday 13	PramaLIFE Memory Lane Group – 2.00pm
Tuesday 14	Songster Practice – 7.45pm
Wednesday 15	Tiny Tots Playtime – 9.30am Ladies Fellowship/Crafty Ladies Christmas Meal – SEE PAGE 2
Thursday 16	Friendship Circle – 11.00am (Guest Speaker: Major Noreen Batt) Band Practice – 7.45pm
Friday 17	Lunch Club – 10.30am
Sunday 19	YP Band Practice – 9.15am Major Denise Cooper – 11.00am Recruits Class – 6.00pm (SEE PAGE 2)

Future Events

January 2025	
Sunday 26	Majors John and Jennie McCombe – 11.00am
February 2025	
Sunday 2	<u>Self-Denial Appeal Launch</u> Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am
Sunday 9	Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am
Sunday 16	Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am
Sunday 23	Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am

Please join us for tea, coffee and fellowship in The Sanctuary after the morning meeting