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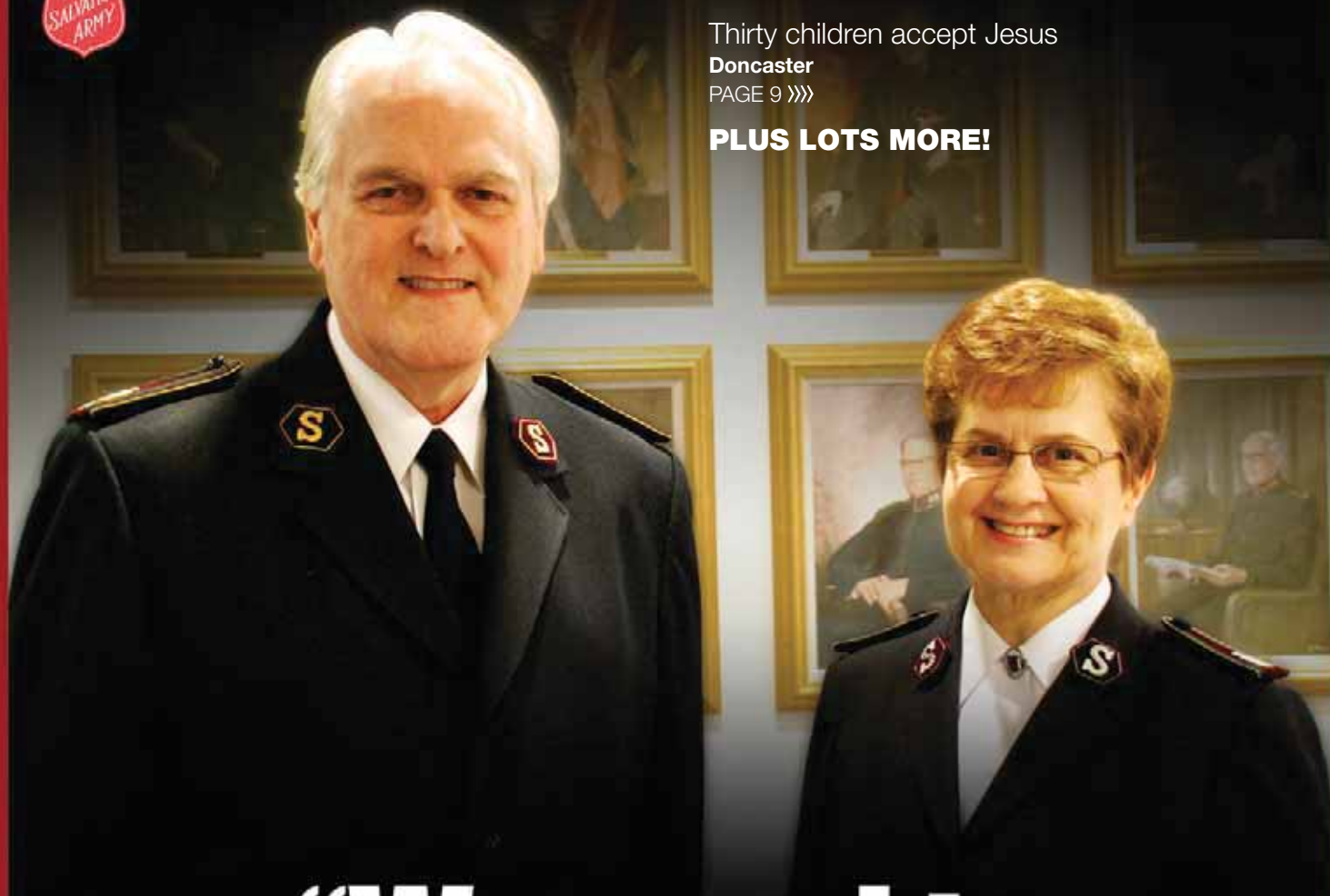
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### MPS SUPPORT WOMEN BISHOPS

**Labour MP Frank Field and other senior MPs have tabled an Early Day Motion in support of the Church of England appointing women bishops.**

**Under the current legislation, the law forbids the appointment of women bishops. However, because the Church of England is the established church, Parliament is required to study and vote on any proposals from the Church to change the law. The Early Day Motion (EDM) will be seen as an opportunity for Members of Parliament to voice their views on the matter.**

**Field said that the EDM was to bolster support for women bishops.**

*The Church of England Newspaper*

### EX-NEWSREADER SAYS CHRISTIANS ARE 'FAIR GAME' AT BBC

**A former BBC presenter has accused the corporation of bias, saying 'Christians are fair game' for its journalists.**

**In his memoirs Peter Sissons, a former BBC newsreader, said: 'Trade unions are mostly good things, especially when they are fighting BBC managers. Quangos**

**are also mostly good, and the reports they produce are usually handled uncritically.**

**'The Royal Family is a bore. Islam must not be offended at any price, although Christians are fair game because they do nothing about it if they are offended.'**

*The Catholic Herald*

### DEEP CUT IN PLACES FOR RE TRAINEES

**University and college teacher-training departments face a loss of 2,000 places for secondary-school teachers in September...**

**The overall 14 per cent cut rises to 30 per cent for religious education specialists, with an allocation of 460 RE places for 2011-12, compared with 675 for this year. All 14 of the Cathedral Group church-based higher education institutions are teacher-educators. They are the main providers of RE specialists.**

**Fewer secondary teachers are needed because there are fewer pupils in the secondary age group, the Government says.**

*Church Times*

### SALVATION ARMY RESPONDS TO TEXTILE-RECYCLING STORY

**The Salvation Army responded to a report in *The Guardian*... that the directors of the company Kettering Textiles (KT) had earned almost £10 million since 2008 by running the charity's network of textile recycling banks... Lieut-Colonel David Hinton said that the charity had 'been open**

**and transparent about all the facts relating to its relationship between itself... and KT'. He said that, as a 'separate, commercial, for-profit company' KT was 'entitled to pay its employees and directors as it deems appropriate'.**

*Church Times*

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# A time to be silent and a time to speak



***‘Answer now my soul’s desire,  
Purge my heart with holy fire,  
Soothe the hurt with gentle balm,  
Breathe within my life thy charm,  
Fill me now, so shall there be  
Christ, the holy Christ, in me.’***

(Colin Fairclough, SASB 479)

THIS week I am delighted to commend to you an interview with General-Elect Commissioner Linda Bond, in which she outlines some of her vision for The Salvation Army. Territorial President of Women’s Ministries Commissioner Betty Matear reminds us of the relevance of the Bible’s message as the bedrock of any such vision and Colonel David Guy offers a Bible study that I might, with his permission, use as a sermon one day. It’s all good stuff, and we here particularly appreciate the General-Elect’s gracious acceptance of our interview questions.

I need, though, to also devote space to two apologies. First, to Ruth Topping of Govan, who emailed to say that the cadet I referred to as ‘Cadet J. H. Edgar’ in my Comment dated 22 January was

in fact J. W. Edgar, her father, who became Colonel Edgar; gently reminding me that it was she who gave me his cadet’s handbook in the first place!

Secondly, to CSM Alan Norman of Luton. Alan made a mistake in his announcements and I corrected him straight after the meeting. I could have kicked myself in the head the minute I opened my mouth, because it was the sort of thing I loathed during 16 years as a corps officer. Not that officers or sergeant-majors stand above contradiction, but because my timing was awful. Likewise, the insensitivity of those who sometimes launch into their Complaint Of The Week seconds after the CO has left the platform. Such assaults not only imply that the meeting or the sermon wasn’t worth even a thank you or, more worryingly, any consideration at all, they also demand that a weary and vulnerable officer immediately gives his or her attention to, say, the shortage of biscuits or toilet paper. They kill the atmosphere, they discourage leaders (and potential leaders) and they bring to mind Jesus’ words in Matthew 23:24. Please, malcontents, consider undertaking the ministry of restocking yourself and, as the Iona Community sing, ‘do such as this unseen’. You will come to enjoy God’s blessing, and the meetings. Not only that, you will be freed to stake a claim in supporting the General-Elect’s vision.

It is not, actually, entirely unlike my experience of writing this Comment. Some think I am the best thing since sliced bread, while, at the other end of the spectrum, a retired officer told me, while I was still climbing out of my car, that she had thought I was a lot more intelligent (past tense noted). Oh well! As Kipling put it: ‘If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat those two impostors just the same...’

Ruth and Alan – my apologies.

General-Elect Commissioner Linda Bond – our prayers and goodwill.

MAJOR STEPHEN POXON, EDITOR

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## Internet resources support the General's call to prayer

**IHQ**

IN 2010 General Shaw Clifton announced the Global Call to 24-7 Prayer – A Day and Night Cry for Justice, starting on 1 January 2011 and continuing indefinitely.

The purpose of this global call was to provide a motivating focal point for the considerable attention to prayer being given throughout The Salvation Army and the need for justice for the oppressed as described in Luke 18.

On the Centre for Spiritual Life Development website ([SAGlobal247.org](http://SAGlobal247.org)) it is possible to link praying people with a global map displaying a perspective of The Salvation Army at prayer.

Lieut-Colonel Janet Munn (IHQ) says: 'Praying times can be registered as part of the Global Call to 24-7 Prayer by visiting the website and clicking on any of the registration options. A number of videos are available including a selection on 24-7 prayer (at [24-7prayer.com](http://24-7prayer.com)).

'The global prayer calendar displays the countries where people have already signed up to indicate their commitment to non-stop prayer in a specific location, for a set period of time ranging from a weekend to a full year.

'The General's letter as well as the videos can be shared with those you are inviting to join in the 24-7 prayer effort. As your interest, understanding and enthusiasm grow why not commit yourself to a set period of time when you will pray, in a fixed location, around the clock. Ask some friends to join you or co-ordinate with a number of faith communities so that all the hours in the day and night can be covered. You may even manage to link with groups or corps from another country that are awake when your country is asleep. Additionally, you may be able to establish a prayer room at your workplace, social service centre or school – in fact, the places that

can be utilised for non-stop prayer are limited only by the extent of our innovation and imagination.

'When you sign up online you will receive a confirmation notification of your participation. Then when you are actually in

your period of 24-7 prayer, your part of the world will ignite on the global prayer map. Eventually every nation where The Salvation Army serves will be enflamed with prayer for all to see and celebrate.

'Prayer requests, testimonies

and answers to prayer will be posted on the website. My prayer is that these encouragements will further unite us in intercession and strengthen our global response and resolve to cry out to God for justice day and night.'



## Hot potatoes provoke discussion

**Chatham**

BAKED potatoes were served before Sunday evening worship when Major (Dr) Eirwen Pallant (IHQ) conducted discipleship Sunday meetings, with her husband Major Dean Pallant (IHQ). More than 60 people took part in group discussions on one of three hot-potato subjects – abortion, euthanasia and punishment. Major Eirwen Pallant (pictured) used scenarios from her own medical practice and asked each group to decide the issues,

the ethical principles, the advice and support they would offer and – in one case – if, as a juror, they would convict. Twenty minutes of intense discussion provided some thought-provoking answers, after which the major outlined the Army's position on all three issues.

The evening concluded with a period of joyful worship. Major Eirwen Pallant summarised the discussions saying: 'When dealing with ethical issues we need to submit them to God; often there is no clear answer. We must involve him constantly in our decisions so that we can live with the consequences, knowing that God is in everything.' – M. S.



*At Fauldhouse corps officer Captain Ann Courdelle presents a certificate of recognition to Maisie Brooks in appreciation of 64 years' service during which she was primary sergeant, young people's sergeant-major, corps treasurer and corps sergeant-major as well as participating in the band and songsters*

## Annual Review 2010 now available

**THQ**

THE Salvation Army Annual Review 2010 for the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland is now available. The report demonstrates the breadth of the Army's work, ranging from engaging with young people, influencing major policy changes and supporting and training vulnerable people through to the enriching work of vibrant corps ministries.

Hard copies are being sent out to all corps and social service centres, as well as major key influencers including politicians, journalists and evangelical contacts. Visit [www.salvationarmy.org.uk](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk) for more information.

## How the 2011 High Council concluded

### Sunbury Court

THE final day of the High Council began in prayer with all council members seeking the will of God. It concluded with the election of Commissioner Linda Bond as the nineteenth General of The Salvation Army – the announcement being live-streamed worldwide via the internet.

After the President, Commissioner James Knaggs, announced that Commissioner Bond had been elected to succeed General Shaw Clifton, the General-Elect stood and saluted the Army world.

Commissioner Bond declared that her relationship with Jesus Christ is the most important relationship she has in the whole world and went on to say: 'I give him all the glory. Jesus is my redeemer and saviour. He has transformed my life and he is my lord.

'I am absolutely committed to living a life of praise and thanksgiving to him. I will obey him completely and seek to live a pure, passionate, Christlike life.

'And what is true for me is true for The Salvation Army. Our relationship with Jesus is what makes The Salvation Army



General-Elect Commissioner Linda Bond

great, effective and loved. This is the most important thing for the Army to centre on – uplifting the name of Jesus.'

The General-Elect said she

believed that The Salvation Army also needed to make a commitment to being an Army of praise, joy and thanksgiving to Jesus.

'And we must be an Army of obedience,' she added. 'The Lord has raised us up and given us a mission to save souls, grow saints and serve suffering humanity. Every day The Salvation Army must be obedient and give itself to God and say – we will do what you have called us to do and be who you have called us to be.

'The Salvation Army must also trust the Lord. We have lots of skills, capable people and wonderful resources but we need the Holy Spirit of God to come upon The Salvation Army to bless us. We need to trust God because we have a great world that needs us. We need to trust God to help us do things that will count for eternity.'

Commissioner Bond concluded by saying that she is a Salvationist through and through who loves the Lord 'with all my heart'.

Following Commissioner Bond's impromptu address General Clifton spoke, and after bringing greetings from Commissioner Helen Clifton assured the General-Elect that he and the Army would be praying for her.

'We love you and offer you our esteem and Christian love. God loves you and you are safe in his hands,' the General assured her.

In concluding the announcement meeting the General thanked the council members and support staff for the part they had each played. He read from Psalm 24, led song number 637 and prayed for the General-Elect and the council, thanking God for guidance and for pouring out his grace into every mind present.

## Holocaust remembered

### Heathrow

AIRPORT chaplain Major Melvyn Ackroyd organised a service for Holocaust Memorial Day featuring poems written especially for the event by Major Malcolm Westwood. People of various faiths

joined together for the lighting of a memorial candle by Heathrow's Jewish chaplain Hershi Vogel. A prayer from the Jewish reformed prayer book was used.

This is the third year that Major Ackroyd has organised the service on behalf of the Heathrow multi-faith chaplaincy team. – M. A.



Members of Sale's Young In Heart Club Choir enjoy what they do, which includes weekly rehearsals and participating in the worship meetings



Friends in the north

North Shields

YOUNGER members of the singing company provided a highlight of young people’s annual weekend when they sang ‘My Best Friend’. This emphasised the theme brought by Divisional Children’s Officer Alison Dare that children are special to God.

The young people’s band and the singing company joined in the celebrations with items including ‘My Great Redeemer’s Praise’ and ‘Walk Tall, Stand Firm, Be Strong’. Katie Mair (cornet), Hannah Montgomery (euphonium), Luke and Bill Monaghan (horn and euphonium, respectively), and Calum Montgomery (baritone) made individual contributions.

Children were invited to bring a toy or a special keepsake to meetings and were presented with attendance prizes.

A presentation was made to YP Band Leader Graham Mercer in appreciation of his services in that role, which he is now relinquishing. – J. G.

**Willingham:** The fellowship started the year by celebrating the 125th corps anniversary. Corps Sergeant-Major Gordon Spackman, who has served for 62 years, shared memories of the corps. – E. K.



Music from Maidstone marks milestone

Ilford

MAIDSTONE Songsters visited for 125th corps anniversary celebrations. Led by Bandmaster Kevin Ashman, the songsters sang a feast of inspiring songs combined with a holiness meeting led by Deputy Songster Leader Maria Kwoka to produce a time of spiritual enrichment. An after-

noon programme had the theme Songs Of Praise. Testimonies were a feature of the visit, and CSM Paul Hunt spoke of his years of absence from the Army before returning after hearing Maidstone Band carolling more than 12 years ago.

The spirited singing of the Ilford Youth Choir delighted those present, who greatly enjoyed the rhythmic African drum accompaniment.

Musicians from Maidstone joined with Ilford Band to add further blessing to the day. – G. P.



*After 11 years of service as deputy bandmaster and 6 as bandmaster at Upper Norwood, with 32 years as a bandsman during which he has played every instrument and part possible, including percussion, Lieut-Colonel Michael Williams has relinquished his position. A service of recognition and appreciation was held, with a tribute from Songster Leader Russell Allen. Corps officer Major Jenine Main presented the colonel with a certificate of appreciation before he led the band in ‘Star Lake’.*

Image removed

Children receive prizes

Harlow

FIFTY-NINE children who attend activities at the corps during the week and on Sunday participated in the young

people’s anniversary weekend which started with parties on the Saturday.

The young people received their prizes during the Sunday morning meeting led by Divisional Children’s Officer Liz Hall. – R. H.



*Don and Edith Taylor (Abertillery) receive certificates from corps officer Captain David Womersley, having transferred to the songster reserve following a combined total of 104 years as songsters. Songster Leader Jan Davies thanked the couple for their service.*

**Alton:** As part of an ongoing process to help the corps review its ministry, Major Howard Webber (THQ) conducted workshops under the headings of The Ideal Church and Regaining A Burden For The Lost. The major also led meetings, challenging and encouraging the congregation to trust God and expect great things from him. – T. U.

## Signs of growth

### Clapton

JUST a few years after the corps came close to having to shut its doors for good, an influx of people has given it a new lease of life. Three youth leaders and a corps sergeant-major have been commissioned, two people have taken on the work of corps treasurer, a leadership team of thirteen has been formed and sixteen young people's workers care for a Sunday school with forty-eight children on the register. Three meetings a week are now catering for in excess of a hundred people.

Two of the newcomers, Mary and Matthew Eluwande, first visited the corps two years ago when they saw a sign outside saying 'Christian worship – all welcome'. They have attended every Sunday since and recently celebrated the birth of their daughter Tiffany, despite having been told they would never be able to have children. A week after breaking her heart in prayer to God, on Mother's Day 2010, Mary discovered she was pregnant. Tiffany's arrival was greeted as 'a miracle' by the hospital doctors looking after the family. Mary and Matthew's neighbours and their children now attend the corps and Matthew's sister has started to do so as well. – R. G.

## Holy Spirit power

### Arran

COMMISSIONER Keith Banks was the keynote speaker at the annual Christian Unity service held in Lamlash Church of Scotland. He preached to the large congregation on the subject Jesus Is Lord and there was a powerful sense of the movement of the Holy Spirit.

The commissioner also spoke to the children using artefacts from Papua New Guinea. – L. A.

**Grays:** Commitment Sunday was marked by the return of two former soldiers to the fellowship. Many of those present made use of the mercy seat to indicate recommitment. Worship was led by Grenville Burn (Upper Norwood), who enhanced a powerful message with the use of conjuring tricks that were of particular interest to the children. – D. E.



## Looking up

### Blackpool Citadel

THE theme for the young people's annual prizegiving was Are You Looking Up For An Adventure? Shelley Drake (THQ) led Sunday meetings which featured scenes from the film *Up* to show that for people of any age it is never too late for an adventure with God.

A number of the young people participated during the day including Rebecca Guillot who presented her first vocal solo, 'The Wise Man Built His House Upon The Rock'. – S. W.



## Beavers group opens

### Huddersfield

PARENTS, visitors and local media representatives gathered at the hall to witness the investiture ceremony of the new beaver scout group and their leaders. Leaders and members of the group affirmed their commitment to the scout law and received their neckers and badges.

The new beaver colony joins the existing cub and scout groups. – L. T.

## Self-Denial Appeal is launched

### Norwich Citadel

DURING meetings to launch the Self-Denial Appeal at the corps, Songster Lisa King (Felixstowe) spoke of a three-month nursing assignment she spent at Chikankata Hospital in Zambia. She shared her sincere and passionate desire to help the people of the country and spoke of her experiences at the hospital. In a presentation entitled A Vision For Chikankata,

she indicated that she was returning to the hospital with an oxygen concentrator purchased through funds raised by her corps.

A collection raised £440 towards an additional oxygen concentrator for the hospital. – B. C.

### CORPS PRESS REPRESENTATIVES

are reminded to send reports to [salvationist@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:salvationist@salvationarmy.org.uk) – to arrive no later than ten days after the event. Reports can also be sent by post to Salvationist, The Salvation Army, 101 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6BN

## Getting into the fling of things

### Regent Hall

KILTS and tartans were very much in evidence when around 200 people attended a 'Heeland Fling' organised by Bandmaster Steve Hanover. Guests enjoyed a traditional Scottish meal of haggis, neeps and tatties. As supper was served, a quiz was circulated, asking for the English equivalents of words and phrases that are commonplace north of the border. This created a lot of laughter and much guesswork!

Master of ceremonies Alistair Addison introduced guest soloist Robin Turnbull, who presented a range of Scottish songs. This led into a time of dancing, and reels such as 'The Gay Gordons' and 'Dashing White Sergeant' were thoroughly enjoyed. Major Heather Poxon (Director, Salvation Army International Development, UK) spoke about the work of her department and identified some specific initiatives that are in need of sponsorship. More than £750 was raised, to be divided between that department and Cancer Research UK in memory of Steve Hanover's sister, who died of leukaemia at the age of four.

The evening concluded with everyone joining in to sing 'Auld Lang Syne'. Corps officer Major Pat Brown, born and bred in Arbroath, bade everyone the traditional Scottish farewell of 'Haste Ye Back'. – J. A.

## Talents to celebrate

### Cottenham

A NUMBER of people took part in 125th corps anniversary celebrations, sharing with music, recitals and comedy. Retired Corps Treasurer Bernard Sanderson, whose mother Martha had cut an anniversary cake to commemorate the 100th anniversary, cut a cake decorated with an Army flag.

Morning worship was led by Majors Martyn Watson (THQ) and Sue Myhill (Brightlingsea), both of whom entered the training college from the corps. The special weekend concluded with a faith tea and café church. – A. D.



## United service gives encouragement

### Woodhouse

DURING a Saturday evening of worship David Willson (More Than Gold) gave a presentation explaining how the Church can be used during major sports events and particularly the Olympics. He shared his experience of outreach work undertaken at the last three Olympics and how Christians could become involved not only in international events but also in their own communities.

The following day, at the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Rev Andy Parker (Woodhouse Methodist Church) led the service and the congregation received much encouragement with the news of the coming appointment of a new vicar, an update of the enlarging youth and community work by recently appointed Salvation Army youth worker Andrew Watson and testimony by David Willson. Guest speaker Lesley Davies urged Christians to utilise the opportunities presented to them in their lives to reach out to those in need.

After the meeting, members of the various churches enjoyed lunch together. – T. G.

## Pam Rhodes visits fellowship

### Stotfold

TELEVISION presenter Pam Rhodes was the guest speaker at the monthly home league fellowship meeting. She enthralled 84 people with her BBC *Songs Of Praise* experiences – some very inspiring and humorous and others rather sad.

As part of a continuing ministry in the corps, Home League Fellowship Secretary Pam Smith invited people to the meetings and prayers were offered for the many visitors to the fellowship. – P. S.

**Portsmouth North:** Sally Ann's Club (home league fellowship) enjoyed an evening of historic interest and fun with members of the Mary Rose Trust who re-enacted gruesome operations carried out by a barber surgeon – all without anaesthetic! – M. J.

## Chapel Street challenge

### Southsea

DIVISIONAL ENVOY Russell Rook (Raynes Park) led weekend meetings sharing the concept of his ministry with Chapel Street, a change agency working with churches to transform deprived communities. The title stems from a recognition of the work of William Booth in taking the Church to the street.

Using a Saturday evening Chapel Street party to share news of what the agency does in terms of medical assistance, education, training and family support, Russell spoke of the great influence Christians are having in different projects. Joe and Nicky Davison provided music while everyone enjoyed a buffet.

Basing his message on the parable of the good Samaritan, and highlighting the fact that 'God first came to us; God first loved us', Russell referred to the

influences people had upon him as he grew up in the corps, and encouraged the congregation to demonstrate 'holiness through hospitality'. The young people's band and the singing company supported in the morning meeting.

Sunday Night Live featured a prayer time led by Charlotte

Rook (pictured with her husband, Russell) who played the cello to create an atmosphere conducive to quiet reflection. In contrast, Bandmaster Mark Streather brought items on the xylophone. The band and songsters sounded a note of praise with items such as 'Praise Party' and 'Blessed Assurance'. – T. M.



Bandsman Geoff Stringer with the haggis

## Burns Night celebration

### Oldham Roundthorn

LOCAL residents and corps members of all ages donned kilts and tartan and packed into the hall for an evening of fun, dance and food to celebrate Burns Night.

This event featured Robert Burns' poetry including 'Address To A Haggis', energetic games, the traditional piping in and a supper of haggis, neeps and tatties. The evening continued with singing, Scottish dancing and concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne'. – I. H.



At Waltham Abbey Kathleen Jackson receives a retirement certificate from Divisional Commander Major Carol Bailey after 71 years' service as a songster and 56 years' service as a bandswoman; she also served as singing company leader for 34 years





## Thirty children accept Jesus

### Doncaster

THE long-awaited visit of children's worship leader Doug Horley (Duggie Dug Dug) began on Saturday afternoon when he led a teaching seminar for 30 children's workers from various corps and churches. This was followed by puppet training ready for the evening praise party.

More than 300 adults and children attended, many drawn from schools and churches as well as other corps. They entered fully into two hours of non-stop praise, fun and worship. The evening was a fantastic success as 30 children, for the first time, asked Jesus to be their friend.

Jono Stubbington with worship group Glow (Droitwich) led Children's Sunday where the emphasis was on running the race of life together. – C. W.

## Prayer and fasting

### Stamford

CORPS members spent 24 hours learning about prayer and fasting in support of the territory's Fast Forward initiative.

On Saturday they fasted from their normal routine and joined together at three separate times for worship followed by soup and a bread roll, Bible study on prayer and fasting and a reflection time during evening prayer and worship.

Teaching highlighted the need for preparation before fasting. Everyone was encouraged to prepare their own weekly diary and to use the next six weeks as preparation time with a weekly focus on each letter of the 'ACTS' acronym, meditation and, during the final week, to discover what God wanted them to fast from during Lent.

On Sunday morning the

meeting was preceded by an hour of prayer. Some corps folk broke their fast at Sunday

lunchtime when the corps had a united lunch to end their fasting season. – M. W.



Louise Gibb (Govan) receives an award that is presented annually to the young person in the corps who has shown most progress, spiritually and musically, over the past year. The award is given in memory of Songster Leader Chic Ramsay's father, Tommy. Louise is pictured with corps officer Major Derek Tyrrell, the songster leader and YP Band Leader David Cochrane.



## Curry club fundraiser

### Harpenden

THE Curry Club raised more than £300 for Life of Lynda – a fundraising project organised by Bandmaster Steve Hanover (Regent Hall) in aid of Cancer Research UK and Salvation Army International Development (UK).

Club members are pictured with corps officer Captain Ralph Walker, who cooked the curry, and Steve, standing (centre) behind the bicycle he is using as he raises money through sponsorship. – S. P.

## Great giggles!

**THANKS for the latest addition to *Salvationist* – the picture caption competition.**

In many a band or songster practice, a quick flip through the paper to the witticisms within have kept me smiling – and landed me in trouble in equal measure too! Bravo, *Salvationist* team, for a lighter read!

*Name and address supplied*

## All are welcome and needed

**I AM always interested to read the new commitments pages of *Salvationist* and discover how people link up with The Salvation Army.**

They seem to come by many routes including family connections, other churches, midweek activities, contact through the *War Cry* ministry or just passing by the hall. One thing is quite clear, God has not finished with The Salvation Army yet because he is still sending new people to us and bringing back former Salvationists.

The new commitments pages also tell me that there seem to be two clear reasons why people decide to stay: quite

simply they feel welcome and needed. Where would corps ministry be without those who are prepared to regularly serve in the charity shop and at the coffee morning or assist in the children's ministries?

It's also encouraging to see that in some places people can feel that their musical abilities are needed as well. Reports in *Salvationist* mention the community band at Keighley, comprised of brass musicians from the town, and the gospel choir at Southend Citadel, to which anyone who loves singing can belong. I understand that both of these groups enhance the meetings and bring people together in fellowship – for some, the band or choir has been the way in.

I feel that music is an important part of a worship meeting and yet, as I look around my division, there are some corps with little or no music at all, corps sections that do their best but sometimes struggle because of limited numbers or ageing membership.

Could a community band or gospel choir be the way ahead, not only for

corps faced with the challenges mentioned but also to complement or integrate with existing music sections and – ultimately – win others for Christ?

*Liz Smith,  
Birmingham*

## Glad Harry's over

**AM I the only one who is relieved the string of Harry Potter films is coming to a conclusion? I find it a real challenge that so many of our young people have got into the books and films that are filled with tales of witchcraft and sorcery. Have we in the Church forgotten the Bible teaches us to denounce such things?**

The Potter films make witchcraft and wizardry a seemingly 'safe, fun' way of viewing the occult – which does not sit well with me, neither as a young people's worker nor as a mother – and I have challenged a youth worker on this subject when she used the books to illustrate Bible teaching at our corps.

Surely the real battle between good and evil that rages all around us in this world is enough for us to contend with without unwittingly introducing our children directly to darker powers that suggest the occult is fun!

*Name and address supplied*

## Leaders need time to act

**A GENUINE welcome to Commissioner Linda Bond as General-Elect, and a big thank you to IHQ for making information about the High Council and the declaration of the appointment available online.**

Reading the list of nominees, I think some thought needs to be given to at least one issue before the next High Council. When I look at the age structure it appears that only three, maybe four, could actually have served a full term. I appreciate that the role of General is very demanding, and the travelling involved must be very tiring, but five years is not a long time to implement a vision and a strategy for the Army.

*Basil Canvin,  
Middlesbrough*

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# Spreading the word

by Commissioner Betty Matear,  
Territorial President of Women's Ministries

**T**HIS year is the 400th anniversary of the production of the *King James Bible – the Authorised Version*. In 1601 King James the sixth of Scotland attended the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in Burntisland and the proposal was made to undertake a new translation of the Bible. It became possible only when James later became King of England. There is a rightness and fullness of time that reminds us to seize the opportunities that come and to make it happen. The translating work began in 1604 and was completed in 1611.

From start to finish, the work had many political, ecclesiastical and episcopal considerations. It was not without opponents. There were power struggles and big egos to contend with. Making it happen required 47 translators in 3 locations, Oxford, Cambridge and Westminster, divided into 6 teams covering the Old Testament, the New Testament and, controversially, the

Apocrypha. Hebrew, Latin and Greek scholars applied themselves to the assignment. What emerged was the translation we call the *King James Bible*. Getting the word of God into the hands, hearts and minds of the people needs the strongest of wills and the best of minds. The Bible has made its mark throughout the world, not just in diction and poetry but also in the life-changing mystery of the words. In truth, too, the misuse of Scripture has hindered the spread of God's love and grace.

The miracle in it all was that God used the knowledge and fallibility of people to bring about a written word that was accessible, effective, spiritually powerful and life-changing.

'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work' (2 Timothy 3:16 and 17 *New International Version*).

Of course, before and since there were

and are other translations of the Bible and we do not limit ourselves to English. God intends that everyone should hear the word of God in their 'own tongues' (Acts 2:11).

In these days the Bible is available in a variety of idioms, paraphrases and front covers, aimed at particular target groups. We are enriched as we compare and absorb the numerous emphases, highlighted texts and nuances of the language as set out in particular translations. I imagine that at different times we all have had our preferences. I share with you that on some occasions, when my Bible reading becomes an effort, I change the translation I use. We are most blessed in the resources we have. Last year's 'must have' Christmas present for many was a portable e-book reader – and an electronic Bible is available for that. For many people this could be a refreshing introduction or reintroduction to the Bible. A friend says she reads her electronic Bible every day on the train to work.

I was looking in some boxes in recent days and found the *King James Bible* my dad bought for me when I was 15. It was a useful size, bound in black leather and in the back I had recorded my spiritual journey. Now the print is too small for me. Someone had written on one of the blank pages: 'This book will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from this book.' It was in that same Bible that God's call to me regarding Salvation Army officership was confirmed. The Great Commission became my commission – to spread the word, preach the word and live the word.

Popular news and views would have us believe that there is less biblical literacy in 2011, not only in general society but also among Christians. It is possible to know about the word but not know the word.

As Christians we need to read the word of God intentionally and hear it faithfully for there are many questions that God gives answers to. We learn regarding our purpose and destiny. It addresses the issue of why, when we try to do good, we often fail. It is relevant for us today, for human nature does not change, nor does God. It is our resource as we seek to live life in all its fullness. Through the word of God, souls are saved, saints grow spiritually and serving suffering humanity is mandated.

The Bible is not just a book to be read, or read about, but spread and applied.

As we read in our songbook (number 658):

*Thy word is like a deep, deep mine;  
And jewels rich and rare  
Are hidden in its mighty depths,  
For every searcher there. ■*

*On some occasions, when my  
Bible reading becomes an effort,  
I change the translation I use*

# We need to be convinced of our mission

General-Elect Commissioner Linda Bond, who has previously resided in the UK – she was the Divisional Commander in Manchester and worshipped at Bromley Temple while serving at IHQ – answers questions posed to her by *Salvationist* shortly after her election to the Army's highest office



General-Elect Commissioner Linda Bond in the High Council chamber moments after her election as the Army's nineteenth General; the front-page picture shows General Shaw Clifton with the General-Elect at IHQ

## WHAT PARTICULAR AREAS OF SALVATION ARMY MINISTRY ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT?

I am really passionate about Jesus, the universal Saviour. I am passionate about our mission. I am passionate about The Salvation Army communicating our faith, moving out into the world with the transforming message of the gospel.

I am passionate about growing saints – grounding our people in Scripture, teaching the depth of our spiritual life and calling our people to a Salvationism that is alive and daring, an Army marked by prayer and holiness.

I am deeply passionate about us serving people with integrity and doing what we have always done: meeting people at a point of need.

## WE LIVE IN A WORLD THAT SHARES ALL SORTS OF INFORMATION AT THE CLICK OF A BUTTON. AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, HOW DO YOU THINK THE SALVATION ARMY CAN BECOME MORE OPEN ABOUT ITS MESSAGE, ITS MINISTRY, ITS FUNDING AND ITS ADMINISTRATION?

Well, I would be curious as to why we would use the expression 'more open'. Probably I need to explore where you think we are closed! Our annual reports – at least in the territories I have been in – have been very upfront about our funding. The Army isn't closed about its ministry and message, surely not. If we are, we shouldn't be.



With technology today there is so much going on, on the web, on YouTube, Twitter and Facebook. For example, the High Council has never before been as open as it is, thanks to technology. As we learn to use technology to the best advantage, it will give people an opportunity to know the Army better and it may very well prove to be the open-air meeting of the 21st century.

*I am pleased that we serve in an Army that does not exclude someone because of age or gender*

**CURRENTLY, LONG-ESTABLISHED ORGANISATIONS IN THE UK ARE UNDER FIRE OVER PERCEIVED SEXISM AND AGEISM TOWARDS HIGH-POWERED WORKING WOMEN. HOW IMPORTANT IS IT THAT THE SALVATION ARMY HAS ELECTED A WOMAN GENERAL OF NEAR-RETIREMENT AGE IN THIS CURRENT CLIMATE?**

The positive note about this is that it should suggest that the Army values the contribution of people, no matter what their age or gender. We have just witnessed the whole of the Army world taking a great interest in the 2011 High Council. People have been praying for us, and my experience was that our own prayers were also very intense, very passionate – and this continued all through the High Council.

What our people have prayed for and what High Council members prayed for is that we would discern the will of God. But the prayer was also accompanied by a careful

consideration of each individual candidate. Each candidate had to answer a list of questions and then also give a speech, sharing his or her vision for the Army. In all of this, High Council members would have been considering the needs of the international Army and the gifts, skills and leadership style they were looking for in its next leader. The process was very thorough. We also have to believe that we prayed, God heard, God answered.

It's not for me to wonder whether they should have chosen someone younger, or a man, or a married woman. I am pleased that we serve in an Army that does not exclude someone because of age or gender.

**WHO (APART FROM JESUS) HAS BEEN INFLUENTIAL IN YOUR CHRISTIAN JOURNEY?**

I would say my oldest sister who is now in Heaven (I was the youngest of 13 children). She, as a child, fell in love with The Salvation Army. My parents weren't even attending at the time.

She became the YPSM for 25 years, then the home league secretary for 25 years. But as YPSM in our small corps, if there was no one to lead an activity, she led it. So she taught me as a brownie, she was my guide captain, she was my singing company leader, she led Sunday school and YP meetings, she also taught in the junior youth group meeting. She was just a Salvationist through and through.

I have had great friends, a great family and great mentors all through the years. But other than Jesus, in terms of my Salvationism, it would be my oldest sister who has been the most influential.

**IN THE UK TERRITORY AROUND 60,000 PEOPLE ENTER SALVATION ARMY BUILDINGS FOR VARIOUS WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES. THIS IS CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN WORSHIP IN OUR HALLS ON SUNDAYS. HOW CAN WE TRANSLATE THIS 'COMMUNITY GATHERING' INTO A 'WORSHIPPING CONGREGATION'?**

This is the kind of question that needs to be answered on the front line. We need to have people who are creative and innovative, who capture opportunities to find out how we can reach people with the gospel who may never come into our halls on a Sunday. It's happening in many places and probably what we need to do as an Army is share our ideas better.

**CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP IS EXPERIENCING PHENOMENAL GROWTH IN AFRICA AND SOUTH AMERICA. WESTERN EUROPE, BY CONTRAST, IS CHARACTERISED BY GROWING SECULARISM AND MILITANT ATHEISM. HOW CAN THE SALVATION ARMY IN THE WEST BEST EQUIP ITSELF TO MEET THESE CHALLENGES?**

It is essential that we look at our teaching resources. The Salvation Army must make sure it has in place a programme of teaching and training for the youngest child up to the most experienced adult. We need not only to know Jesus but also to be convinced of our standing as Christians, and convinced of our mission as Salvationists. ■

*Next week's Salvationist will carry an interview with the General-Elect conducted by IHQ Communications Secretary Lieut-Colonel Laurie Robertson*

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# BABIES, BURROWS AND BONUSES

Major Philippa Smale reviews  
the latest *Link* DVD

**THE 45th edition of the *Link* video magazine starts by focusing on babies. It visits Babysong programmes in different parts of the country to discover how corps are using this structured programme of songs and activities to reach the youngest members of the**

**community and their families. Parents and babies obviously get a great deal of fun and stimulation from these sessions.**

Then proud grandmother Major Anne Read introduces viewers to her beautiful new granddaughter and takes the opportunity to think about the Millennium Development Goal to reduce maternal mortality rates around the world.

Did I Ever Tell You...? features Ken Daley, who has been cleaning windows at Salvation Army centres in the southeast of England for 34 years. Ken talks about his life and some Army characters he has met. He was especially impressed by General Eva Burrows and the interest she took in him.

The team pays a return visit to Sri Lanka, nearly six years after the tsunami, to see how The Salvation Army is continuing to help communities and individuals

devastated by the disaster. People are deeply appreciative of the work the Army is doing in providing housing and support and it is inspirational to see the dedication of Army personnel.

To round off the programme, viewers can join the International Staff Songsters at the 2010 carol concert at the Royal Albert Hall as they sing the 'Ukrainian Bell Carol'.

Bonus tracks include a five-minute version of the Sri Lankan feature and the celebrations in New Malden as the Salvation Army Trading Company Ltd opens its 100th shop. ■

■ **The *Link* video magazine is available in DVD or VHS format priced £10 per issue or £30 by subscription for four issues from the Video Production Unit, THQ, by telephoning 020 7367 4975.**



## OTHERS

In another of his occasional series, Gordon Taylor looks at the story of a one-word telegram

**WHEN I was young, we used to sing a chorus based on the letters 'J, O, Y': 'Jesus first, yourself last and others in-between.' I learnt that chorus many years before I heard the suggestion that William Booth sent a one-word telegram – 'Others' – to officers around the world, because he could not afford to send a longer message. This telegram is sometimes said to have inspired the song, 'Others', by Charles Meigs, which begins:**

*Lord, help me live from day to day  
In such a self-forgetful way  
That even when I kneel to pray  
My prayer shall be for others.*

Although this story has captured the popular imagination, the tradition is not based on sound foundations. For a start, there is

no evidence that William Booth ever sent such a message, and the economical argument breaks down on practical grounds, because it would have been impossible to send one telegram to reach all the officers in the world. William Booth would have had to send a separate telegram to each officer, which would have been expensive.

One version of the story is that he sent the message to officers gathered at a conference or convention. This is at least a possibility and we cannot entirely rule it out, although supporting evidence is lacking.

What we do know is that *Others* was the title of the Army's Annual Report for 1894-95, and was also Bramwell Booth's new year motto for 1895. 'Others' was adopted as the Campaign Covenant Motto for a three months' Pentecostal campaign in South Australia, May-July 1895, and Commissioner Frederick Booth-Tucker wrote a poem headed: Our Self-Denial Motto: 'Others', in *The War Cry* of 28 September 1895:

*This is why we Self-Deny:  
Others' joy to multiply,  
Others' sorrows to decrease,  
Others' lives to crown with peace...  
Living only to be brothers  
To the world – our motto 'Others!'*

In later years 'Others' was often used as a Self-Denial motto, and when Evangeline Booth was National Commander in the USA the word 'Others' appeared on small white cards pinned up anywhere and everywhere throughout the New York headquarters.

We may never know whether William Booth actually sent a one-word telegram or not, but 'Others' is clearly one of the great, inspirational slogans of The Salvation Army. ■

■ **Gordon is Historian and Associate Director for Historical Services at the International Heritage Centre**



# Staying true to God's calling

In October 2010 Mitch Menagh was appointed Director of Homelessness Services at THQ. Major Jane Kimberley finds out more about him as he heads up the territory's homelessness services – the management of which is due to be centralised to THQ in August this year

## WHEN DID YOU FIRST COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE SALVATION ARMY?

I first met up with the Army at the age of ten. My mother died when I was nine and my father, who had a drink problem, struggled to look after me and my siblings. As a result of this the family was split up and placed in care. I went with my two brothers to the Army's former Redheugh Boys Home in Kilbirnie. Salvationist George Steven was influential in guiding my life and introduced me to the idea of ministry and working for the Army.

When I was 15 God spoke to me through the words of a song – 'His love has no limits, his grace has no measure' – and I went to the mercy seat, was converted and made a serious commitment of my life to God. The only member of my family to become a Salvationist, I was enrolled as a soldier at the age of 17.

## WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

The day after my enrolment, and guided by George, I was on my way to the former Bute Street Hostel in Cardiff, where I was a sergeant – next man down to the hostel sergeant-major. Since that small beginning, 33 years ago, I have

gained a social work qualification and worked for the Army in many roles including work with children and adolescents and as a divisional director of social services in two divisions before moving to the Research and Development Unit at THQ in 2001. For the past two years I've served as director and felt happy and fulfilled in that area of work.

## WHY DID YOU APPLY FOR YOUR PRESENT ROLE?

I didn't actually apply for the position of Director of Homelessness Services, but



after discussion initiated by the territorial leadership I was appointed to the role in October 2010.

## HOW SHOULD THE ARMY WORK WITH HOMELESS PEOPLE?

I believe that we need to be clear why we do what we do. We need to be true to what God has called us to be, offering a professional service to vulnerable, marginalised people with the added dimension of an holistic approach – caring for the whole person: body, mind and soul. We need to be in the business of saving souls, growing saints and serving suffering humanity – although not necessarily in that order.

## WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?

I believe that God has a purpose for the Army but we have to be prepared to change.

In the present economic climate central and local government, which provide so much of our funding, want more for less. When we tender for funding we know that there will be other organisations that might undercut us. However, we must be true to what God has called us to be and not be solely driven by finance – always serving the Master rather than the paymaster.

In our Lifehouses we need Christian managers who deliver a quality service that is relevant to people. In providing this service we need to be prepared to work in partnership with others but at the same time we need to ensure that the identity of The Salvation Army stands out.

Where decisions have to be made concerning matters such as staffing numbers and the location and type of services we provide, we need to ask the question: 'What does God want us to be?'

## TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

My wife Liz and my two daughters Kimberley and Nicola live at our home in Kilbirnie. I commute from there to London each week for my work at THQ.

## WHAT ABOUT YOUR ARMY LIFE?

I worship with my family at Kilbirnie Corps where we're involved in various ways. I'm the corps sergeant-major, Liz is the corps treasurer, Kimberley is the singing company leader and Nicola, who was recently enrolled as a soldier, is involved in children's ministry.

# Dazzling the onlookers

The third of Colonel David Guy's four-part series on The Temptations Of Jesus

CONSIDERING how Jesus came to be open to temptation, we have thought about the first of the three temptations – to turn stones into bread. But just as a person may meet new temptations through obeying the leadings of the Holy Spirit, so one temptation may arise out of the very way in which they have repudiated another.

According to theologian and author J. C. Fenton the temptation to impress by a display of miraculous acrobatics (Matthew 4:6) arose out of the way Jesus answered Satan's suggestion of turning stones into bread by pointing to God's care for his children. The text Jesus quoted (Deuteronomy 8:3) said that God provided not only bread for the body, but also his own words to feed the soul.

Fenton suggests that Satan reasoned as follows: 'Fair enough. But if God cares for those who are his, then they will come to no harm whatever they do. Therefore, throw yourself down from the pinnacle of the Temple. Not only will you prove the reliability of God's promises, you will also grasp the attention of the multitude and be able to put your message across to admiring hearers.'

Professor C. B. Caird has suggested that while Jesus was in a state of spiritual exaltation following his time of fasting and prayer, he was led to imagine himself on a

pinnacle of the Royal Porch in the Jerusalem Temple which overlooked a sheer drop of more than 400 feet into the Kidron Valley. 'Right,' says Satan, 'you want people to accept you as the Messiah. Here is a simple but spectacular way to convince them. Jump!'

When repudiating the first temptation, Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy. Now the insidious voice in his mind quotes from the Book of Psalms: 'For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a

*We may not have been confronted by a tempter with horns and a tail, but we have known some human being who has been his mouthpiece*

stone' (91:11 and 12 all quotations from *New International Version*).

Many people, myself included, have problems with that particular psalm because it seems to promise a divine shelter from danger for all those who rely on God – something not borne out by the experience of many Christians and not, when he came to the cross, in the experience of Jesus himself.

Of course, we will not be surprised to find the Devil quoting Scripture. Many of us have known this to happen in our own experience. We may not have been confronted by a tempter with horns and a tail, but we have known some human being who has been his mouthpiece, arguing against the truth of the gospel or trying to turn us from the path of faithful obedience. They have either done it aggressively: 'So, if you believe the Bible, how do you explain...?'; or subtly, gently, persuasively: 'After all, the Bible itself says...'

Jesus answered Satan by returning to Deuteronomy. He answered Scripture with Scripture. 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test' (Matthew 4:7; see also Deuteronomy 6:16).

The command recalls an incident in the wilderness after the Israelites had been delivered from slavery in Egypt. Despite all the wonderful things God had done, the people asked: 'Is the Lord among us or not?' (Exodus 17:7).

Their reaction to a new crisis is uncomfortably familiar. Like them, we have known God's saving power. Like them, many of us have found his providential care sufficient in difficult times. And like them, we still sometimes ask: 'Is God there or not?'

Jesus repudiated the second temptation by saying that it would be wrong to put his Heavenly Father's power to the test – a principle he was to hold to when facing the cross.

We have to learn the subtle yet enormous difference between claiming the promises by faith and putting God to the test. The first we do by venturing out in service or accepting sacrifice in the confidence that God will be true to his word and validate what we are doing in the name of his Son; the second, when faith is in abeyance and we cry out for proof (or demote God to the position of handy problem-solver, not otherwise wanted).

Often this spiritual declension is associated with fear, personal comfort or preference, rather than with longing for holiness or yearning to see more of the Kingdom of God in the world. ■

■ Colonel Guy worships at Bromley Corps in retirement



**Patthy Daw**  
Adherent member  
Cottenham

PATTHY has been attending the corps with her children, Izaak and Carys, since Christmas Day 2009 and her strong faith and willingness to help are a real blessing to corps folk. Corps leaders Territorial Envoys Alison and Russell Day welcomed Patthy as an adherent member during 125th corps anniversary celebrations. – A. D.

**David Blackstone**  
**Graham Parfitt**  
Adherent members  
Hereford

DAVID has attended the corps with his mother for many years. A change in personal circumstances has encouraged him to make a commitment to corps membership at this time. He is already actively involved in service to the community through the work of the emergency vehicle and the weekly corps programme for homeless people. Corps officer Captain Steve Brevitt welcomed David as an adherent member.

Graham had been a Christian and a church member but had a period of backsliding and illness. While Graham was completing admission forms during a hospital stay, the Holy Spirit challenged him about having no church and having abandoned his faith. He decided to visit a number of churches in the city but the warmth of the fellowship and the support he received at the corps during a very difficult time meant that he needed to look no further. Graham's personal experience of Jesus Christ is real and, through prayer, he is trusting God to heal him.

When Captain Brevitt welcomed him as an adherent member, marking a new beginning in his life, Graham gave a powerful testimony and the Holy Spirit used this to touch others in the meeting. – L. B.

**Janet Wesley**  
Adherent member

**Jessica Thompson**  
**Jessica Duff**  
Junior soldiers  
Kettering

JANET first went to the Army with a friend when she was a young girl, becoming a junior soldier and singing company member. She went on to be a soldier and songster but subsequently left the Army. More recently, Janet started going to meetings to be with her mother, Betty Swain, and felt at home at the corps. She made the decision to become an adherent member and corps officer Lieut-Colonel Geoff Blurton welcomed her.

The two Jessicas both come from Salvationist families and their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents were there to support them when Lieut-Colonel Blurton enrolled them as junior soldiers. They are now singing with the singing company and are active members of the Kids Alive group. – G. B.

**Catherine Brown**  
Soldier  
Scarborough

SHORTLY after Catherine moved house in the town, her neighbours invited her to the Army. She had been a Methodist all her life but there was no Methodist church in the area. Catherine enjoyed her visit to the corps, appreciating the welcome she received. She became an adherent member in 2001 and started working in the coffee shop and helping in Sunday school and the parent-and-toddler group. She is also involved in collecting at Christmas and for the Annual Appeal. Catherine made the decision to become a soldier, saying: 'The time was right. The Lord was ready for me and I was ready for him. This is the most content and happy time of my life.'

Divisional Commander Lieut-Colonel Bill Heeley enrolled Catherine as a soldier when he and Lieut-Colonel Gill Heeley led 130th corps anniversary celebrations. – J. M.

**Daniel Jones**  
Soldier  
Coedpoeth

DANIEL comes from a family with strong Army connections and his relatives were very pleased to see him commit his life to God by becoming a soldier. His grandmother advised him to 'ask Jesus before making any major decision'. Friends from Wrexham Young People's Band supported Daniel when Major Pam Edwards, who had taken him through preparation classes, enrolled him as a soldier. Daniel, who was marched into the hall behind the flag to 'Dare To Be A Daniel', read a prayer and a passage from Psalm 54. – J. H.

**Stella Munn**  
Soldier  
Ottery St Mary

STELLA grew up in a Salvationist family and was active in various corps as a songster, singing company leader and sergeant and was also in the original West London cast of the musical *Take-over Bid*. She stopped going to the Army regularly about 20 years ago but always kept in contact. After a rededication of her life to the Lord, she started attending the corps, where her late mother and sister had been soldiers. Stella testified to God's work in her life, saying: 'He sought me and found me. O, what a wonderful day!' She made the decision to become a soldier again and corps officer Captain Steven Watson enrolled her. – S. W.

**Ashton White**  
Junior soldier  
Northampton East

ASHTON was brought up in the Army by her parents. Her mother, Tracey, is soon to become YPSM, her father, Neil, is an adherent member and her elder brother, Ryan, is a junior soldier. Ashton is looking forward to taking an active part in the corps. Corps officer Major Michelle Huggins enrolled Ashton as a junior soldier. – N. R.

ARMY PEOPLE

Following the conclusion of the 2011 High Council, the General has made these announcements:  
The General-Elect, Commissioner Linda Bond, has cordially requested **Commissioner Barry Swanson** to continue to serve in his present capacity as the Chief of the Staff. Commissioner Swanson has graciously agreed to Commissioner Bond's request. The General-Elect has appointed **Commissioner Sue Swanson** (currently World Secretary for Women's Ministries) to be World President of Women's Ministries, effective 2 April. She succeeds **Commissioner Helen Clifton** who will be retiring. Commissioner Sue Swanson will continue to serve also as World President, Salvation Army Scouts, Guides and Guards. The General-Elect has appointed **Major Lorraine Hart** (currently serving in the Canada and Bermuda Territory) to be her Private Secretary, effective 2 April. She succeeds **Major Richard Gaudion** who will take up an appointment in the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland. Major Hart will not accompany the General when the General travels internationally.

**LOCAL OFFICER APPOINTED**  
**YPBL Emma Gowler**, Kilbirnie.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
*Golden:* **Majors Keith and Doreen Sharp** (25 February).

**DEDICATED TO GOD**  
**Ethan** and **Aydin**, sons of Carl and Neriman Monk, at Staines by Majors Hazel and Ken Monk; **Harrison Tobias**, son of Jamie and Joanna Clayton, at Doncaster by Majors John and Teresa Carmichael.

ENGAGEMENTS

**GENERAL SHAW CLIFTON:**  
ICO, Tu 1 Mar

**THE CHIEF OF THE STAFF**  
**(COMMISSIONER BARRY SWANSON)**  
**AND COMMISSIONER SUE SWANSON:**  
Korea, Tu 15 Feb - Mon 21; ICO, Fri 4 Mar

**THE TERRITORIAL COMMANDER**  
**(COMMISSIONER JOHN MATEAR) AND**  
**COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH MATEAR:**  
Sheringham, Sat Sun 13 Feb; Lambeth Palace, London (Nikaean Club dinner in honour of the Patriarch of Georgia, His Holiness Ilya II), Mon 14\*\*; Crewe, Sat Sun 20; Swanwick (social services conference), Wed 2 Mar; Horsham, Sat Sun 6; William Booth College, Wed 9; South and Mid Wales (divisional congress), Sun 13

**THE CHIEF SECRETARY**  
**(COLONEL BRIAN PEDDLE) AND**  
**COLONEL ROSALIE PEDDLE:**  
Ushaw College, Durham (local officers conference), Sat Sun 20 Feb; Sunderland Millfield, Sat Sun 27; Swanwick (social services conference), Mon 28\*; Morriston, Sat Sun 6 Mar

**BEREAVED**  
**Captain Dani Mayo**, Penarth, of her sister Michaela Brimble; **Bandsman Lee Wheaton**, Upper Norwood, **Songster Gail Stewart**, Croydon, and **Ray Wheaton** of their mother S/Reservist Pamela Wheaton; **Audrey Snell**, Boscombe, of her mother Bertha Wills.

**RETIRED OFFICERS**  
*Birthday congratulations:* **Colonel Hubert Boardman**, [redacted] (85 on 16 February); **Major Joan Daffon**, [redacted] (80 on 19 February); **Lieut-Colonel Christopher Parker**, [redacted] (80 on 19 February); **Major Evelyn Munn**, [redacted] (85 on 22 February).  
*Retirement addresses:* **Mrs Major Helen Watters**, [redacted] Ballyholme, Bangor [redacted]; **Major Pauline Hedges**, [redacted] Polegate [redacted]; **Major Muriel Irvine**, [redacted] Irvinestown, Co Fermanagh [redacted].

**PROMOTED TO GLORY**  
**Dolly Skiffins**, Woodford; **Brenda Marshall**, Whitby; **Marjorie Brierley**, Halifax.  
**Mrs Commissioner Lilian Fewster from North Vancouver, Canada, on 30 January.**  
Her daughters, Mrs Anne Bauer and Mrs Trish Gauntlett, can be contacted c/o [redacted] [redacted] t, North Vancouver, British Columbia [redacted] Canada.

**Commissioners Larry and Gillian Bosh:** South America West (Latin American soldiers seminar), Th 17 Feb - Mon 21  
**Commissioner William Cochrane:** Anglia, Sat Sun 20 Feb  
**Commissioners James and Jan Condon:** Singapore (zonal faith-based facilitation, implementation and training workshop), Wed Th 17 Feb; Taiwan, Fri 18 - Mon 21; China, Tu 22 - Thu 24; Hong Kong, Fri 25 - Mon 28  
**Commissioners Kenneth and Jolene Hodder:** India Eastern, Wed 16 Feb - Mon 21\*; USA Southern, Th 24 - Sun 27  
**Commissioners Lalkiamlova and Lalhlimpuii:** India Eastern, Th 24 Feb - Fri 4 Mar  
**Commissioners Robert and Janet Street:** Sweden and Latvia (installation of territorial leader), Sat 12 Feb; France and Belgium (installation of territorial leaders), Sun 20; ICO, Tu 22\*

\*wife will not accompany  
\*\*husband will not accompany

ON THE AIR

**BBC Radio Devon (95.7 and 103.4FM):**  
Major Martin Hill (South-Western DHQ) will be presenting *Thought for the Day* (7.25 am) on Saturday 12 February

OFFICIAL GAZETTE

UK Territory  
RETIREMENT FROM ACTIVE SERVICE  
*Effective 1 February:*  
**Major Gillian Miller** out of Wickford in 1988 and last appointment Personal Assistant to the Chief Secretary, THQ.  
**JOHN MATEAR**,  
Commissioner,  
Territorial Commander

TRIBUTES



**BRIGADIER PHYLLIS ALLENBY**  
PHYLLIS was born in 1915, and entered the training college in 1935 from Wainfleet. From her first appointment after commissioning in 1936 to Marsden, she was engaged in corps ministry until 1957 – often moving every year, and sometimes twice. Transfer to the British Red Shield Services Department at NHQ in 1957 was followed by service in the British Commissioner's office from 1962. The brigadier retired in 1975 to Diss.

Her nephew David writes: 'For 30 years while living in Diss, my aunt was known as Kay (her second name). This was evidently because when she moved into the flat, she was the second "Phyllis" living in the block and so her neighbours called her "Kay" to avoid confusion. It was only when she left she confessed that she didn't like that name! It was typical of her that she was happy to comply silently for 30 years simply because it suited others.

'Auntie Phyll was stoic about her failing health. I only ever recall her complaining twice in the 60 years that I knew her. Once was about the ill-fitting shoes supplied by The Salvation Army when she was commissioned, and the second when she described her perpetually painful feet ulcers as "a jolly nuisance".

'I've no doubt that people let her down on numerous occasions in her life. I'm sure that I did – particularly as a teenager – but I never once heard her criticise anyone. I remember well an aunt who sat up all night knitting because her nephew didn't have a cricket jumper to wear at school.

'The Salvation Army figured largely in her life and was very precious to her. She was close to God in everything that she did. She once told me that she had prayed for me every day of my life; my wife calculated that this was in excess of 3,000. I suspect that I was not the only person on her prayer list.

'She was a great family person, loved through four generations, including her great-great nieces and nephew. It was the joy of her week to share Tuesday and Thursday tea with her great-great niece Scarlett. Interestingly – although not surprisingly –



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the two-year-old took equal delight in the event.

‘As I have spoken to friends and neighbours, I have been impressed time and time again by the warmth and affection that people had for her.’

## MRS IVY JONES, MERTHYR TYDFIL

PART of a large Salvationist family, Ivy was soon involved in corps activities. She became a songster, and was a capable elocutionist. Following in the family tradition, she became a successful shopkeeper and owned several properties before retiring with her husband Tudor.

Ivy was a regular attender at Sunday meetings and the over-60 club, and – after her husband’s death – always grateful to those who gave her lifts to the hall.

She is greatly missed by her adopted family, and for her quiet influence on the life of the corps. – E. B.

## RETIRED OVER-60 CLUB SECRETARY MRS BETTY HEMMING, MERTHYR TYDFIL

BORN into a Salvationist family at Dowlais, Betty became a songster and YPSM. When the corps closed she and her husband Bill transferred to Merthyr, where Betty served as

assistant home league secretary before taking responsibility for the over-60 club. The club flourished under her leadership, with attendances often exceeding a hundred. She loved organising holidays for them, and – after her husband’s promotion to Glory – at a fairly late stage in her life she learnt to drive in order to carry out the pastoral care of her members.

She also loved working in the corps charity shop, where her past shopkeeping experience stood her in good stead.

Failing health later necessitated entry into residential care. – E. B.



## DORIS SHORT, SOUTHAMPTON SHIRLEY

DORIS was No 1 on the roll. She grew up in Freemantle Corps and became active in the YP and senior sections, including service as sunbeam leader.

Doris always put the needs of others before her own and was a great encourager – especially to her family, who she brought up to know Jesus. She was pleased that they continued to follow the Christian faith.

Doris regularly attended Sunday meetings

and the over-60 club until prevented from doing so by failing health but continued to witness to God’s special comfort in her life. – J. W.



## CYRIL SWANSBURY, WINTON

CYRIL’S life was an open Bible. Born to officer-parents in 1931, he daily renewed his very real experience of the Holy Spirit.

The YPSM at Poole and recruiting sergeant at Winton, Cyril was very successful in bringing in newcomers – including ten home league members.

For 20 years, in retirement, Cyril was the barber at Winton’s community centre, and contacted countless people through War Cry ministry several days each week. He saw Annual Appeal collecting as a God-given opportunity; many now at the corps first came via Cyril’s knock on their door.

In 2010 he received the Certificate of Exceptional Service from General John Larsson (Retired).

Cyril was devoted to his wife Hilda, who died 6 years ago after 49 years of marriage, and his family. – G. T.

## PICTURE CAPTION COMPETITION



Picture: DAVISON MURROPA

BIRMINGHAM Citadel timbrelists take part in seafront open-air ministry during a visit to Paignton. Send in your suggested captions for this picture by email to [salvationist@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:salvationist@salvationarmy.org.uk) with the subject line ‘Picture caption competition’, or by post to *Salvationist*, 101 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6BN. A selection of the best captions will be printed in *Salvationist* next month.



# BOOK OF THE WEEK

***Prayer: The Communication Of Love* by Ian Southwell, Salvo Publishing A\$15 (plus postage and packing)**

‘How can your prayer life be transformed from a ritual to a relationship?’ asks Lieut-Colonel Ian Southwell, an Australian officer of more than 40 years’ experience, in his book *Prayer: The Communication Of Love*.

Through a series of activities, questions, anecdotes and biblical reflections, the reader is encouraged to encounter God through prayer in fresh ways.

The book is divided into three parts: The Dynamics Of Developing Relationships, Relationship With God – Through Prayer and Developing Relationships With God And Others In Prayer.

The first part looks at patterns of communication in relationships and the theme is picked up in the second part when the colonel begins to examine in depth a Christian’s relationship with God. He focuses on awareness of God, attention to God, responses to God, commitment to and trust in God and a fresh awareness through challenges.

The third part looks at different ways of praying: public prayer compared with private prayer, small group praying, prayer walks, family prayer and much more.

Each chapter concludes with suggested activities to help the reader explore the subjects covered more fully. For instance, the author asks: ‘How do you best communicate with your friends and family?’, while in another section the questions are: ‘What has been your experience of prayer so far in your Christian experience? How have you encountered God? How has God responded to you?’

Often the activities include using a Bible passage as a focus for prayer and Lieut-Colonel Southwell encourages the reader to turn Scripture into ‘an expression of love to God’.

The book is full of helpful suggestions and guidelines and would be an extremely good starting point for people just beginning their Christian journey who would like to know more about prayer. There is also a lot in it for more mature Christians who are, perhaps,

seeking to revitalise their prayer relationship with God.  
The book is the second in the Stairways Series – teaching books designed to help Christians rise to higher levels in their relationship with God and others. – P. S.

■ ***Prayer: The Communication Of Love* is available from Australia Southern Territory and can be ordered online at [salvationarmy.org.au/supplies](http://salvationarmy.org.au/supplies) or by telephoning 00 613 8878 4700**

## BIBLE VERSE

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples’ (Luke 11:1 *New International Version*).

## SONG

*He walks with God who speaks to God in prayer,  
And daily brings to him his daily care;  
Possessing inward peace, he truly knows  
A heart’s refreshment and a soul’s repose.*  
(Dorothy Ann Thrupp, SASB 580)

## QUOTE

‘Relationships can grow only if both parties value the relationship so highly that they are prepared to continue to keep in contact. They need loyalty to and trust in each other. Investments of time and energy are also needed. The parties need to be willing to act themselves, or on behalf of the other, to achieve the best results for both!’

Lieut-Colonel Ian Southwell writing in  
*Prayer: The Communication Of Love*

# PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Sunset, Boulogne, France. Picture: COLIN EVANS