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A campaign to encourage people to register as organ donors has been backed by the Church of England.

In an article on the C of E website, the Bishop of Carlisle, the Right Rev James Newcome, asks people to respond to the self-giving message of Easter by putting themselves on the NHS organ-donor register...

'Jesus' self-sacrifice and new life can be echoed in the sphere of organ donation, where we have the opportunity to enhance, prolong or even save another person's life through our own self-giving,' he writes. 'Although 95 per cent of Britons claim to support the idea of organ donation, less than 30 per cent are on the organ-donor register.'

Church Times

CHANNEL MORE FOREIGN AID THROUGH FAITH GROUPS

More foreign aid should be channelled through faith-based organisations, the Bishop of Gloucester has said.

Bishop Michael Perham also called for the Government to continue to support countries such as Burundi and Angola.

In a House of Lords debate on extreme poverty in the developing world he said that most aid flowed from

government to government but non-state providers are 'often the most closely involved in the wellbeing of the poorest people and are to be found where government cannot reach'.

'Changes in funding mechanisms are necessary to ensure wider access for faith-based entities to become partners with governments in working to overcome poverty,' he said.

The Church of England Newspaper

US CATHOLICS TURNING TO PROTESTANTISM

America's Catholic Church has lost one third of its members. Only the arrival of millions of Hispanic immigrants has allowed overall membership figures to remain stable. Up to now little research has been done on why people leave the Catholic Church but Pew Research Centre's Forum on Religion and Public Life has plugged the gap with

an extensive survey.

Pew found that one out of every ten Americans is an ex-Catholic. If they were a separate denomination they would be the third largest in the US...

The principal reason given by people who become Protestants is that they left the Catholic Church because their spiritual needs were not being met.

The Church of England Newspaper

THE LAST OF THE LAST

And then there were none. The death of Claude Choules at the age of 110 marks the passing of the generation that fought in the First World War. The last American veteran, Frank Buckles, died in February. Franz Künstler, of Austria-Hungary, was the sole-surviving Central Powers combatant when he died in 2008, the same year that the long life of Pierre Picault, France's oldest soldier, came to an end...

Now there is no longer a single combatant alive, it is important that we do not forget the sacrifice and suffering of a war that claimed the lives of many millions, a slaughter that is almost impossible to comprehend today. While there have been many wars since the guns fell silent in 1918, there will always be a special place in our annual Remembrance ceremonies for the generation that served alongside Claude Choules.

The Daily Telegraph

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Special relationship



'Reconciliation is both a message and a mystery... Calvary is God breaking through to save us. There was no precedent for Calvary: there has been no repetition... Calvary cries aloud to men: Come here, come near, and see what is God's mind towards you!'

(General Albert Orsborn)

What is essentially a reworking of the joke about an English woman who decided, after giving birth to triplets, not to have any more children because she read in the newspaper that every fourth child in the world was Chinese, I was interested to hear about the Swedish discovery that 70 per cent of people who are obese as young adults develop problems associated with senility in later life. Being a big Salvationist myself, I can't tell you how relieved I am not to be Swedish.

'Godliness with contentment is great gain,' wrote Paul (1 Timothy 6:6 *NIV*), and as the years roll by and the pounds pile on, I've come to appreciate that verse of Scripture more and more. You might say it has grown on me.

I mention this not so that you will saturate my inbox with dietary advice, but to inform you that at the time of writing I have almost completed a week living below the poverty line on £1 per day for food and drink.

The idea of the project is to raise awareness of the plight of some 1.4 billion people who have little choice but to go hungry not just for a week at a time, but for months and even years on end.

I don't know what it's like to starve. My mum tells me that when I was a baby in my pram, I would guzzle a bottle of milk then hang the empty receptacle out of my vehicle by the teat and repeat, over and over, 'Bore!' – which she interpreted as 'more' – until a refill arrived.

I can't empathise with anyone who starves, but I can at least hold out my hand in relationship to some who do.

Relationships, as Alastair Jones points out on page 17 of this week's *Salvationist*, are at the heart of The Salvation Army's mission: humankind's relationship with God (saving souls), our relationships one with the other (growing saints) and our relationships with people in need (serving suffering humanity). The Gospels teach that it was precisely in order to repair a sin-shattered relationship that Jesus came to earth, God and sinners to reconcile.

My relationship with Roots (see pages 6, 7 and 12 to 14) has, to be honest, lurched from one extreme to the other since its inception; from curiosity to appreciation. I am not long back from Southport, and I already know I'll miss my annual trip up north. Roots has done me good.

In a way, that little experience epitomises how relationships develop, in that they often take time to work. May it be the case, for us each, that God deepens and enriches our personal relationship with him – intent, eternally, on doing us good.

MAJOR STEPHEN POXON, EDITOR

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Chief's challenge yields responses

Maidstone

THREE seekers knelt at the mercy seat at the conclusion of the Good Friday morning meeting, as guest speaker Chief of the Staff Commissioner Barry Swanson challenged people to respond to the message of the cross.

'We are living in a world of pain, sorrow, anger and injustice,' the Chief told the congregation of nearly 200, 'but Christians have hope. We are looking forward to Resurrection Sunday.'

Home League Secretary Jacqui Hall gave a relevant and challenging testimony as she spoke about suffering a cardiac arrest and having to undergo open-heart surgery last year. 'The Lord gave me a miraculous healing,' she averred.

Focusing on the central symbol of Good Friday, the band played 'The Challenge Of The Cross' and the songsters sang 'Wondrous Cross'.

Before the meeting, there was a Churches Together march of witness through the town and an open-air meeting led by the Rev Clifford Newman (Maidstone Methodist Circuit). The Chief (pictured below) spoke about how the cross has universal significance.

World President of Women's Ministries Commissioner Sue Swanson was the guest at the Saturday morning women's prayer breakfast, where 50 people enjoyed her ministry. The commissioner invited them to 'come and see' Jesus for themselves and then go and tell others.

The commissioners were supported throughout the weekend by Divisional Director of Women's Ministries Lieut-Colonel Gillian Cotterill and corps officers Majors Grayson and Janice Williams.

The hall was full for the Saturday evening meeting, which commenced with the band playing the march 'Stars And Stripes' as Commissioners Barry and Sue Swanson entered.

The Square Mile Gospel Choir, made up of corps members and people from the community, sang two numbers. The Square Mile Covenant is an



initiative the corps has undertaken to touch the lives of everyone within the immediate area surrounding the corps building over the next four to five years.

'If 10 per cent of those people came we would have to build three new corps,' said Corps Organising Secretary Keith Thomas in his introduction. 'If we don't reach out we'll never extend the Kingdom.' The choir's song 'Prayer For The Town' echoed these sentiments.

In her testimony, Commissioner Sue Swanson told how she came to faith in Christ, after which the band played 'Jesus Folk' and Sittingbourne's Revelation Worship Group took part.

The Chief then spoke about Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, who had been 'secret disciples'. Referring to the Square Mile Covenant, he noted: 'This will not be achieved through secret discipleship. It will happen when men and women stand up for Jesus.'

After a sunrise service, the Easter morning meeting

commenced with the songsters presenting 'Alleluia!' and the congregation singing 'Christ The Lord Is Risen Today', before Colonel Martha Pressland prayed. The singing company brought a message, after which Major Grayson Williams enrolled Anneleise Brice as a soldier and welcomed Dorothy Graves as an adherent member. They both knelt at the mercy seat before the major presented them to the corps family, who cheered and applauded the new members.

The songsters sang 'He Had To Hold To Calvary', with Nathan Cripps as soloist, and Andrea Ashman offered a worship dance to the song 'To Thy Cross I Come, Lord'. Commissioner Barry Swanson then spoke about the 'wonderful moment' when, after his resurrection, Jesus called Mary's name. 'That's when Easter happens for us - when we hear our name,' the Chief said. After his invitation for people to kneel at the mercy seat there were a number of seekers.

The meeting concluded with the band playing the 'Hallelujah' chorus.

There was a well-attended open-air meeting in Mote Park in the afternoon and the weekend then culminated with evening worship, which took the theme YES! Major Raelton Gibbs (IHQ) prayed before the songsters brought a powerful presentation of 'I Know A Fount', accompanied by readings and multimedia images.

In a humorous segment, Commissioner Swanson brought out her ukulele and, along with members of the band, sang the chorus 'Father, We Love You' (pictured), before new soldier Anneleise Brice gave her testimony. 'The Lord has been nudging me towards soldiery for some time,' she said. Picking up on the Chief of the Staff's theme from the morning meeting, she added, 'I don't want to be a secret disciple. I know God has work for me here and I can be more effective wearing this uniform.'

The band then played 'Introit On Easter Hymn' and a choral group sang 'The Empty Tomb' before Commissioner Sue Swanson spoke about the criminals who were crucified with Jesus: one who said 'No' to Jesus, the other who said 'Yes'.

'The cross forever stands between these two answers,' the commissioner concluded. Following her invitation to again say 'Yes' to Jesus, people readily came forward to the mercy seat.

The weekend concluded with the congregation heartily singing 'Thine Is The Glory'. - L. R./P. S.



Picture: JOANNA SPICE

Corporate and public support help Army take next steps in earthquake response

New Zealand

THE Salvation Army is taking the next steps in its reaction to the Christchurch earthquake, having concluded the concentrated visitation programme that formed a major part of its initial response. The focus now is on helping people become more independent and meeting medium and long-term needs in the city.

Unemployment is rising and likely to increase once government support for local businesses ends at the end of May. The Salvation Army recognises that its recovery work needs to be long-term and sustainable.

Divisional Commander Major Clive Nicolson (Southern) says that, while residents needing material and emotional support will continue to receive help from the Army, those who are able will be encouraged to take responsibility for their own day-to-day needs.

Major Daryl Crowden is an Australian International Emergency Services officer working alongside Major Nicolson. He says a significant number of resi-



Picture: HAYDEN SHEARMAN

dents are still 'hunkered down', rarely leaving their homes. He points out that apart from making people more self-reliant, encouraging them to take greater responsibility for themselves is beneficial to their mental health. 'We are trying to get them to see beyond their four walls and put their situation in context,' says Major Crowden (above).

Some residents are exhibiting significant degrees of frustration and anger as they await answers about the future of their properties. Major Crowden says that, while these emotions are an expected part of the recovery process, Salvation Army workers are often the ones faced with the difficult task of providing emotional support and helping people put their bureaucratic problems into context.

The number of psychosocial workers providing emotional and

practical support to quake-affected residents in the city has reduced from around 100 to 25.

For the first time The Salvation Army has permission to send a team of eight psychosocial workers into the orange zone of the central business district to check on residents allowed to move back into their homes. The orange zone has been off limits since the quake and it will be the first time that many of these residents have received comprehensive support.

Demand on Salvation Army Community Ministries is gradually diminishing, with food parcel distribution down to around 200 a day, compared to 800 in the days following the quake. Salvation Army Emergency Services were serving up to 970 meals a day but are now feeding only those engaged in the Army's earthquake response. Most of the content of food parcels is provided directly by corporate donations.

Salvation Army Public Relations Secretary Major Robbie Ross says companies looking to support the Army's work in Christchurch continue to make contact. Some are also showing interest in supporting The Salvation Army's wider community work.

The New Zealand Food and Grocery Council has canvassed its members on behalf of The Salvation Army with astounding results, says Major Ross. Kellogg's, for instance, has been providing weekly shipments of breakfast cereals since the February earthquake. In addition, NZ\$160,000-worth of grocery vouchers has been purchased from Progressive Enterprises at discount. The company is also providing

expertise in organising the Army's recently acquired storage facility.

Where possible the Army is providing vouchers rather than food parcels or other items. This is to stimulate the fragile local economy. Companies such as Chevron and Mitre 10 have donated funds for vouchers. Some other assistance is coming through partnership projects, such as clothing vouchers with Postie Plus and NZ\$500 Care Cards developed in conjunction with Westpac Bank.

The Salvation Army has distributed more than 1,250 Care Cards and provided around 300 Care Breaks to individuals and families to help them get respite away from Christchurch.

The Army is currently having three purpose-built shower units manufactured in China. The showers will be capable of providing up to 400 people with showers each day. With colder weather and continuing problems with water and waste-water infrastructure in Christchurch, the arrival of the shower units is expected to be warmly welcomed.

A community care van donated by Westpac Bank and fitted out as a mobile office is being used in areas where there is no Salvation Army presence. The van goes to neighbourhoods or other locations where residents congregate so that Salvation Army personnel can provide advice and material or psychosocial support. This service is followed up with more intensive help if needed. Two four-wheeled vehicles donated by Isuzu New Zealand are being used to ferry food and other items to residents in areas where the roads are still severely damaged.

The Army is pleased with the response to its Earthquake Appeal and is working with other major appeals to ensure that donated monies are targeted to the areas of greatest need.

Major Nicolson says the morale of Salvation Army officers, staff and volunteers remains high – even among locals who have damaged or destroyed properties. 'In these difficult times,' he says, 'I feel very privileged to be part of an organisation that cares for people and endeavours to make a difference.' – J. H.



Josie Weston, Kim Unwin and Kristy Fisher (Bedford Congress Hall), pictured with gap-year worker Laura Scarborough (Portsmouth Citadel) who supported them, complete a 300-mile sponsored cycle ride, raising more than £500 for the children's and youth work in the corps; the 17-year-olds have all been supported through engagement in the corps programme and want the same activities that helped them to be available to the next generation. Their polo shirts read: 'How far would you go for the people who changed your life?'

God's word uncovered

Southport

DURING the extended Bank Holiday weekend some delegates to the Roots Conference 2011 arrived early at the Theatre and Convention Centre in time to watch the Royal Wedding which was being screened in the Lakeside Suite.

The four-day conference followed the theme Uncovered – Reading Between The Lines and linked in with the 400th anniversary of the *King James Bible*. The weekend provided opportunities to delve deeper into God's word and time to listen and respond.

Friday evening worship in the theatre included inspiring music by Noel Richards and his worship band and focused on poetry in the Bible. Major Paul Main (THQ) welcomed everyone to the conference saying: 'We are here to celebrate the best-selling book of all time.' He also welcomed territorial leaders Commissioners John and Betty Matear, Colonels Brian and Rosalie Peddle and ICO delegates.

Majors Steve and Mandy White (West Midlands DHQ) led the programme, which included verses from John 1, brought alive when recited by performer Abby Guinness. Members of the Lacey Theatre Company presented a humorous yet thoughtful sketch – *Where Do Bibles Come From?* Poet and broadcaster Liz Babbs spoke about her experience of poetry using examples from Scripture and presented one poem in rap style.

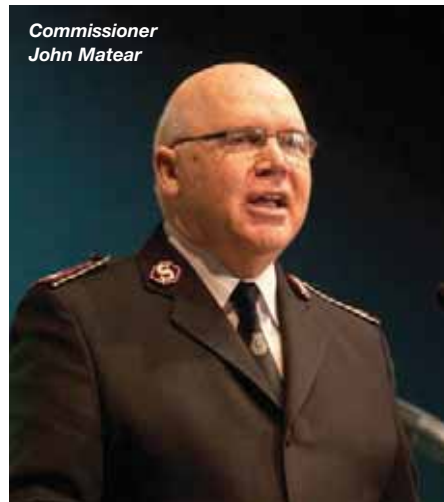
The Saturday morning celebration looked at the music of Scripture and opened with Noel Richards leading his own composition 'Praise The Lord In All The Earth'.

Abby Guinness and members of the Lacey Theatre Company sang and spoke a moving version of Psalm 23 written by the late Rob Lacey, taken from his book *The Word On The Street*. Matt Jacoby from the Australian group Sons of Korah sang Psalm 137 and spoke about the psalms as showing people what faith looks like.

Professional musician Stuart Watson (Kirkcaldy) used Psalm 98 when he introduced his message of music and worship from a biblical perspective. He made reference to musicians mentioned in Scripture and the creativity of music. He said that music is a great asset to the mission-focused church because it brings people together and creates group identity. It can also create collaboration between the Church and the wider community.

On Saturday evening the focus was on the story told in the Bible. Abby Guinness presented a humorous, yet thought-provoking sketch, as the long-suffering wife of Zacchaeus.

Speaker Dr Krish Kandiah (Evangelical Alliance UK) gave an insight into the work of Biblefresh – an organisation that works with churches to encourage the reading of God's word by making the Bible more widely available. The Roots project for the conference supported the work of Biblefresh in funding the translation of Scripture for the people of Burkina Faso. Delegates were also informed about spreading the word through the Viral



Commissioner
John Matear



Commissioner
Betty Matear

Bible Project. A Bible was passed around at the conference and delegates were asked to sign it and mark a significant verse before handing it on to someone else. The challenge was to see how many people participated and how far the Bible travelled.

Krish went on to explore the big story of the Bible from Creation and the Fall to the way God worked to restore a broken world through his love and forgiveness and the cross. He concluded with verses from Revelation 21 highlighting the brokenness gone and the beauty restored.

Sunday morning worship led by Major Paul Main and Major Jenine Main (Upper Norwood) began with the powerful singing of the traditional song 'Holy, Holy, Holy' and the reminder through drama that 'The joy of the Lord is your strength' (Nehemiah 8:10 *NIV*). The congregation warmed to the humour of the Territorial Commander as he introduced his message. He went on to stress: 'You matter to God, you belong to him and he loves you.' In focusing on the drama of Scripture he asked: 'What could be more dramatic than the discovery of the empty tomb, the encounter with the risen Lord, the two disciples with Jesus on the Emmaus road, or the disciples who received the Holy Spirit as they met behind locked doors?' The meeting concluded with the TC inviting people to make a response to the Lord. Despite reservations by the centre management concerning health and safety requirements, a mercy seat had been set up at the front of the auditorium. The commissioner told the congregation that this had been made available for reasons of spiritual health and safety. The mercy seat was used repeatedly as seekers went forward in response to God's leading. During those sacred moments Commissioner Alex Hughes offered prayer.

At the evening celebration, artist Mark Read (Nunhead) painted a canvas that had been set up on the stage. This linked in with the theme The Canvas Of Scripture. Guest speaker Bishop Graham Cray (Archbishop's Missioner and leader of Fresh Expressions) said that in any human face you can see the Master's handiwork but humankind has marred the image. In a world packed with imagery the

only image to be trusted is the image of the invisible God.

The final celebration on Monday provided God's word for the journey. Major Judith Payne (SISTAD) spoke about the Bible as a guide and the need to meet people where they are on their journey. Delegates were invited to receive a copy of Mark's Gospel to share with someone they longed to bring to faith.

Once again Roots catered for all ages including a crèche for the very youngest children and Kids Roots for children aged between 5 and 11. Before each session the children waited in eager anticipation for the programme prepared for them by the Kids Roots team. As they met on An Incredible Journey to uncover and discover God's word, they learnt that the Bible is a library which includes romance, poetry, songs and teaching. They were encouraged to use their imagination and wonder about creation. They also recreated the Nativity and learnt that they were part of God's continuing story. They were helped in their quest by three detectives: Penny, Ricky and Kevin – Kathryn Doncaster (London South-East DHQ), Richard Prescott (West Midlands DHQ) and Kevin Avis (North Scotland DHQ). The three were joined by Sherlock Holmes (Keith Turton, THQ). Many of the children particularly enjoyed the singing led by Anna Lamplough (Birmingham Citadel) and the worship band. At the beginning of the Sunday evening celebration the congregation listened to the children as they sang and individually shared highlights of Kids Roots.

Youth Roots started on Friday evening with everyone on their knees in surrender to God and with hands raised in praise. After rock band [dweeb] led worship, youth delegates were introduced to hosts Laura and Jon Mitson (Caris). The programme included guest speaker Cris Rogers (All Hallows Church, Bow, London) who shared some amazing stories of acts of love in his community as he spoke about the responsibility to bring Heaven to earth.

Saturday started with Bible study focused on Mark's Gospel. In the evening Adam Knuckey (Raynes Park) spoke about prophecy and poetry and challenged people to think about what God is saying. On Sunday everyone was invited to drink pure water symbolising God's holiness.

After a Bible study on the parable of the sower, the delegates created a piece of artwork with the message 'God is here'. In the evening Major Andrea Sawyer (THQ) spoke on the life of Jesus and eight young people responded to an invitation to commit their lives to him.

The final day started with prayer and reflection on God's work during the weekend, and in the worship that followed people shared what God had been doing in their lives. The Bible study looked at Jesus and the rich man and explored what it means to submit everything to God. In the final session, Phil Wall (Raynes Park) spoke of the need to be a voice not an echo in the world. He concluded with the challenge to give away anything that was more important than God. The after-hours programme included comedy magician Steve Price, the Bristol-based dance crew Release and [dweeb]. Throughout Youth Roots the Engage team met with young people who chose to remain outside the event. The team experienced God at work as relationships were built.

The Roots programme gave delegates a wide range of choices and the freedom to move between different activities. The morning Bible studies were presented in various ways. These included an auditory approach led by Commissioner Betty Matear and Major Noel Wright (THQ) and a visual approach with the use of multimedia images and illustrations by Colonels Brian and Rosalie Peddle. Other groups included a kinaesthetic approach hosted by Alastair Jones (THQ) with participation by Liz Babbs, Abby Guinness, Mark Read and Noel Richards and an exploring faith approach

led by Major John Read and Captain Scott Linnett (both THQ) who encouraged delegates to ask questions and discuss God's word in small groups.

The Equip seminars each afternoon helped delegates to dig deeper into the theme so that they would be better equipped for ministry. Major Graham Mizon (East Scotland DHQ) led Walk Thru The Bible which included a walk through the Pentateuch and a walk between the Testaments. Abby Guinness and members of The Lacey Theatre Company demonstrated how drama can be used effectively in Bible teaching and delegates participated in a practical workshop to gain ideas that they could use within their corps or church. Rob Hare (Bible Society) led Café Lyfe – a programme designed to help people with hectic lifestyles and busy schedules to engage with the Bible. Release dance group presented a street dance workshop that provided an opportunity for delegates to learn some basic and advanced street, pop and hip-hop dance routines. This was particularly popular with members of Youth and Kids Roots. Godly Play led by Andrea Harrison and Shelley Drake (both THQ) catered for family groups who listened to a Godly Play story and then interpreted the story in creative ways through crafts and play.

In addition to all of these workshops, delegates could also visit the Christ Church site and listen to seminars by two of the guest speakers. Krish Kandiah, who spoke on Route 66: Inspiring The Church To Love And Live The Whole Bible, and Bishop Graham Cray with Christ And Consumerism.

Each day concluded with an after-hours programme that provided entertainment and relaxation. On Friday evening writer and speaker Adrian Plass used poetry, humour and storytelling to share his Christian experience. Commissioner Betty Matear, who had travelled to Roots after attending the Royal Wedding at Westminster Abbey, was a member of the Let's Discuss panel hosted by Cathy Le Feuvre (Staines). On Saturday Abby Guinness used her book *The Word Of The Wives* to perform a series of monologues that centred on the WAGs of Bible characters. Christian songwriter Noel Richards and his band led a praise party on Sunday evening.

Throughout the conference the prayer venue created a sanctuary for prayer and reflection where delegates met to pray and to be prayed for.

The exhibition located in the Floral Hall and main lobbies included displays from a wide range of organisations and Salvation Army departments. Delegates had the opportunity to talk to exhibitors between sessions and discover resources for their personal lives and for Christian service.

Lunchtime receptions were held by ALOVE, the Candidates Unit and the Israel Tourist Board.

An inspiring Roots Conference 2011 marked the end of Roots in Southport and the beginning of future regional conferences as Roots goes on the move. Plans are already in place for 2012 and 2013. Visit www.roots-conference.co.uk for further information and details of future dates and venues. – J. K.



Pictures: ROB PARTRIDGE



Captain Phil Hall of Thermals and Vests Motorcycle Club hands over to Major Linda Watson (Shildon) Easter eggs collected by the club; the eggs were distributed to children staying in women's refuges in the area



Corps celebrates Easter week

Worthing

ON the Tuesday of Holy Week the Easter Choir, which is formed every year, gave a programme

of music depicting the story of the Crucifixion and, on the Thursday, the band presented an evening of music focusing on the Last Supper. On Good Friday, associate officers Captains Anna Giannarou and Haris Giannaros led worship. The band then headed a march of witness, which culminated in a joint churches open-air meeting in the busy town centre.

On Easter Day the march to the open-air service on the seafront attracted many people to stay and listen to the message. – S. H.



Corps begins Easter with meditation

Maesteg

EASTER worship began with a Maundy Thursday meditation, as Major Cora Joy Tucker (DHQ) led the special weekend. In the Good Friday meeting video

images reminded the congregation of the reality of the Crucifixion and everyone left the hall in silence as they considered the message.

Easter Sunday began with a sunrise service on a hill overlooking the town (pictured) and the morning meeting was full of exuberant praise. Evening worship also featured video clips as

the major reminded people that Jesus can meet their needs. – J. P.

Salisbury: The corps held its second family invitation meeting on Palm Sunday. Many of the corps folk invited family and friends to join in the celebration, during which children re-enacted the story. – P. C.



Cirencester Churches Together take part in a Good Friday march of witness after a united service; the band also played in the town centre on Easter Sunday and corps folk distributed greetings cards to residents and tourists



Corps folk focus on reaching the lost

Northampton East

MAJORS Howard and Judy Webber (THQ) led a corps retreat at Willersley Castle, focusing on the theme Reaching The Lost. The retreat concluded with Palm Sunday worship and a meditation. – N. R.

Commissioner speaks on misplaced grief

Norwich Citadel

COMMISSIONER Christine MacMillan, Director of the International Social Justice Commission (IHQ), led Easter weekend meetings.

In the Good Friday morning meeting the songsters stood around the large wooden cross on the platform and sang 'He Had To Hold To Calvary', with James Morley as soloist. Ruth Beattie interpreted the words in a sensitive dance.

Commissioner MacMillan spoke on the theme of Misplaced Grief and, in response to her invitation, a number of the congregation made their way to the platform to stand around the cross in an act of rededication.

A midday march of witness preceded an open-air meeting in the busy city-centre shopping area.

Norfolk Fellowship Brass and the YP band took part in an Easter celebration concert on the Saturday evening.

Norfolk Fellowship Brass played a selection from *Spirit* and 'The Singing Heart' and Bram Bryant was the vocal soloist in 'They Could Not'. The YP band played 'Dance Like David', 'Shalom' and 'Fantasia For Children'.

Citadel Bandsman Nicholas Giles was the euphonium soloist, playing 'Travelling Along' and 'Benedictus' accompanied by the band and 'Brillante' with pianist Percy Sommerville. Nicholas and his father Mark also played a euphonium duet from *The Pearl Fishers*. Commissioner MacMillan gave a short Bible message and benediction at the conclusion of the concert.

In the Easter Sunday morning meeting three people knelt at the mercy seat in response to the commissioner's powerful message, entitled Named Grief.

Corps folk and visitors were greeted by a wonderful floral cross in the front entrance and other floral displays in the hall. The singing company sang 'Amazing Love' and the songsters contributed 'Celebration Morning'. At midday the corps marched to the city



centre (pictured) for an open-air meeting at a European Market.

Commissioner MacMillan based her address, Good Grief, on Philippians 2:1-11. The

day ended with the stirring singing of 'Thine Is The Glory'. – B. C.



Corps reflects on Easter

Regent Hall

GOOD FRIDAY meetings were enhanced by reflective readings and music. The congregation took part in symbolic acts of renewal, including taking a nail to the foot of the cross, while others prayed at the mercy seat or where they were sitting. After a march of witness, the corps held an open-air meeting in Piccadilly Circus.

Easter Sunday celebrations commenced with a glorious rendition of the 'Hallelujah' chorus, which was repeated in the afternoon, when the corps once again marched out to present the Easter message in the open air. – J. A.

Holy Week begins with reflective music

Luton

HOLY WEEK meetings began with the band and songsters leading an evening of reflective music. A Maundy Thursday Passover meal included Scripture readings and helped to establish the connection between the Jewish celebration and a Christian understanding of its fulfilment in Jesus. The Good Friday meeting included a drama presentation and there was a powerful sense of the Holy Spirit's presence. Some corps



members then took part in a procession through the town centre. Easter Sunday commenced with a well-attended

breakfast (pictured) and Singing Company Member Mutsa Banana sang a beautiful solo during morning worship. – S. P.

Retired General leads 125th anniversary weekend

Carnforth

GENERAL John Larsson (Retired) and Commissioner Freda Larsson led the 125th corps anniversary weekend. On the Friday evening, the General talked about the thinking behind the musicals he wrote with General John Gowans and the congregation had an opportunity to sing their much-loved songs.

Saturday started with an open-air car ride around the town and a civic welcome hosted by the Mayor (Councillor Rowland Parker) and other councillors in the Council Chamber.

The General and Commissioner Larsson went on to the War Memorial Gardens, where they were welcomed by the town crier.

They then visited the newly built Cellar Youth Centre, which provides drop-in facilities for young people aged 12 to 18.

Not to miss out on the special visit, The Carnforth Railway and Station Trust (home of the *Brief Encounter* Exhibition) made the special guests honorary life members of the Trust.

After a reception for past and present corps folk, the day concluded with a very well attended celebration festival, held in the Congregational church. Denis Wright and Dave French played the euphonium duet 'Within The Sacred Temple' with the band. Blackpool Citadel Songsters and timbrelists also participated.

Major Fiona Partland (DHQ) led Sunday worship as the General and Commissioner Larsson were taking part in General Linda Bond's welcome meeting in London. Three seekers knelt at the mercy seat in this final meeting of the weekend.

A decorated shop window in the high street and an exhibition at the hall also helped to portray the work of the corps over the past 125 years. – M. W.

Gateshead: Major Christine Comely (THQ) led a day retreat for corps folk at Sanctuary 21 in Durham to celebrate the fourth corps anniversary. The major also led Sunday meetings. – A. M.

One hundred people attend rally

Southsea

ONE hundred people attended the Saturday rally when Majors John and Lorna Smith (THQ) led adult and family ministries weekend.

Members of the United Home League Friendship Club and Cameo club and the home league singers (pictured at the rally), led by Major Derek Smith, took part throughout the weekend. Songster Leader Margaret Bishop contributed vocal solos and Major John Smith played 'Jesu, Joy Of Man's Desiring' on the violin.



Major Lorna Smith spoke about the majesty and love of God. She also gave the message on Sunday morning, and in the evening meeting Major John Smith invited people to 'come and see'. – T. M.

Home and family celebration

Plymouth Congress Hall

MORE than 120 people enjoyed a cabaret evening led by home and family weekend guests Lieut-Colonels Peter and Sylvia Dalziel.

During the Sunday morning meeting, themed Everything Is Changing In The World Today, Karen Renouf gave a powerful testimony and Lieut-Colonel Sylvia Dalziel contributed a thought-provoking message.

In the evening meeting Bandsmen Mike Elson and Derek Pook spoke about their place in the world and Lieut-Colonel Peter Dalziel concluded the day with a challenging and encouraging message.



The home league singers commenced the united churches Monday rally with 'God's Choir'. The congregation was enthralled by the guests' contributions which included memories of their days with the Joystings. – R. A.



Delegates at the retreat are pictured in the grounds of Nicholaston House



Staff and service users at the Eva Burrows 1st Stop Project, Glasgow, celebrate after raising £200 for Comic Relief by walking around a park dressed in pyjamas

Delegates look at being disciples

Skewen

CHICK YUILL and Major Margaret Yuill led the annual corps retreat, held at Nicholaston House in the Gower. The day's theme was a question: 'What does it really mean to be a disciple of Jesus?' Using songs and drama to good effect, the guest leaders encouraged the delegates to look at their relationship with Jesus, how to become a disciple-making community and the challenge of getting people to church.

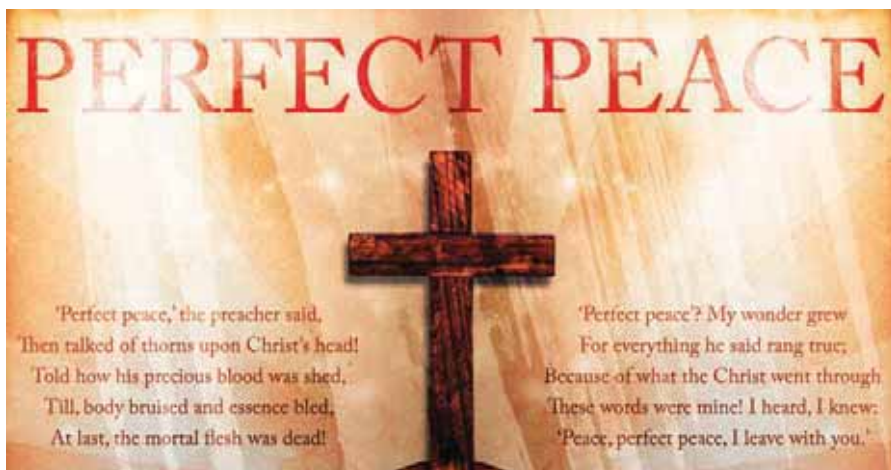
The day after the retreat, they led Palm Sunday meetings at the corps. Morning worship had the title Royal Event and looked at the events of that day through the participation of the crowd.

The evening meeting was a time of song and drama, featuring original songs written by Chick. Towards the end of the meeting, there was a dramatic retelling of the events of Easter, culminating in a song about the Emmaus road called 'The Traveller'. – S. L.

■ ‘Perfect Peace’ cover gave me an idea

THANK you for setting such a high standard in *Salvationist*. I particularly enjoy reading the front and back covers!

Seeing the cover of the 23 April issue, where the wraparound contained the poem title, ‘Perfect Peace’ in large letters,



■ Thank you for Easter Music Course blessings

I FEEL I must say a thank you to the team who organised and directed the 2011 Easter Music Course.

It was with some degree of trepidation I arrived at Sunbury Court, not knowing what to expect. From the first introduction, I immediately felt at home. As soon as we were brought together, we became a people with one accord: to enjoy one another’s company. Members of the team encouraged this by their relaxed style and warmth of personality.

On day one of the music-making, even after the first hour, the skills of the tutors had enhanced the ensemble’s sound and artistry.

The devotional period seized my attention and has encouraged me in many ways – as did singing ‘Spirit Of The Living God’ to the delegates of the ICO, which stirred our spirits, and the reminder

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gave me an idea. Would it not be possible to regularly (say once a month) produce a similar double-page spread, on the inside of *Salvationist*, that contained a poster suitable for putting up in the front windows of our houses.

The words would need to be big enough for passers-by to read, of course, and it wouldn’t be suitable for everyone, but it could be used by a lot of Salvationists to spread the gospel message and say to their neighbours by way of testimony: ‘We are Christians.’

**Peter Bullous,
Sunderland**

of ‘The King Of Love My Shepherd Is’ before retiring to bed each night.

At the end-of-week review, the sounds from the brass and vocal groups were amazing, after just a few days’ work.

The Last Night Of The Proms allowed for a bit of patriotic fervour, but the unrehearsed singing of the ‘Hallelujah’ chorus reminded us of the omnipotence of God.

**Brian Anderson,
Scarborough**

■ Write to *Salvationist* (Letters), 101 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6BN or email salvationist@salvationarmy.org.uk

■ My Forever Friends

YET another marvellous tribute to one of my correspondents (Letters 23 April)! Dr Jock Cook corresponded with me every five weeks, from 1995 until his death in 2011.

■ Our support makes a huge difference

IN response to Michael Penny’s letter (*Salvationist* 2 April) about UK people giving to countries in Africa and Asia, I note that he himself is not against such giving. That pleases me! The questions Michael raises are important though, and as someone who has spent 18 years serving in Africa, I too have had to grapple with such issues.

Many Africans face enormous challenges in their day-to-day lives. Many, in my experience, are keen to live better and be useful in their communities. Many try, against extreme odds, to succeed where previous generations have failed. Some do succeed and others follow them. Some do not, and a number occasionally take advantage of the generosity of others. Some people in the UK take advantage of a generous state system but that does not mean that the state should cease all support. I think that anyone who can afford to support innovative and sustainable programmes in places like Africa should continue to do so.

The problems many people face in Africa would cause most in the UK to give up immediately. What we see are people ready and willing to live despite what life in the raw throws at them – and they get up again and again from tragic and demeaning circumstances to try once more. They need our support.

I would like to thank the many readers of *Salvationist*, Michael included, who have given sacrificially over the years to help the poor in other countries. You really do make a difference!

**Goff Payne,
Lieut-Colonel,
Lagos**

He wrote about his life in India and Africa, and we met after the Sunday meeting at Eastbourne Citadel whenever we were on holiday there.

What wonderful servants of God are in the Army! I call them my Forever Friends because Jesus is a friend of mine.

**Lester Wood,
Leeds**



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Krish and the cross

Major Stephen Poxon chats to Dr Krish Kandiah, one of the keynote speakers at Roots 2011, where he presented details of Biblefresh and Route 66 Bible-reading incentives for churches

FIRST encountered Krish Kandiah in 1993, at Birmingham New Street station, when I was a cadet on placement at Birmingham Citadel and he was a delegate with the Feet First team.

Having been detailed to collect Krish from the train, I wore full uniform so as to be recognisable on a busy platform. Krish teased me about this, and I marked him down as a bit of a young upstart!

These years later, I am happy to admit I was mistaken. My first impressions were wrong. Krish and I met again when, as a member of the Oxford University Theology faculty, he held me spellbound as he lectured.

Roots 2011 enabled me to catch up with Krish, where he spoke with grace, eloquence and passion about the urgent need to make the Bible relevant again, against the backdrop of a British culture that is drifting away from any knowledge of even the most basic biblical stories.

Krish is very concerned to see the Church once again connect with society, hence the application of his considerable theological intellect to the challenge! As he outlined at Roots, he has immersed himself in projects such as Biblefresh,

Route 66 (based on the 66 books of the Bible) and Viral Bible. He is at pains to impress upon the Church the cruciality of 'unpacking the giant narrative' to a contemporary audience and returning the gospel to a place of modern relevance. The theme of Roots, Uncovered – Reading Between The Lines, sums up his passion and echoes the Spiritual Life Commission's call to Salvationists to a 'relevant proclamation of and close attention to the word of God'.

I invited Krish to tell me about some of the influences that have placed him at the forefront of theological thinking within his generation. My curiosity was rewarded with a beautiful description of how, as a six-year-old boy coming from a non-churchgoing Hindu/Roman Catholic background in Brighton, he had, one Sunday, heard the beat of an Army drum.

As boys sometimes do, he followed the beat and the band all the way to Brighton Congress Hall and developed an enthusiasm for going to Sunday school there. He loved it, largely, he recalls, thanks to the care of the woman he now realises was probably the YPSM, but whom he referred to as 'the junior guard'.

That caring, welcoming atmosphere was instrumental in helping him understand something of the love of God – 'it began to make sense'. A year later, he made his way to the mercy seat, where his 'junior guard' prayed for him, and he came to a knowledge of Jesus.

From that point on, Krish became more and more involved in Army life, in the YP band, in the singing company and as a corps cadet. However, he kept his fledgling faith all to himself, exploring it with the help of friends at Brighton Congress Hall, but never sharing it publicly. Quite a contrast to the Krish of 2011, who burns with a longing to see souls saved and believers made biblically literate!

This all changed at senior school, when a Christian friend challenged Krish with the statement: 'If you knew the Jesus I know, you'd never be able to keep quiet about him!' This made Krish think carefully about his faith and the fact that, if it was important to him, it was important enough to share. He took the step from mercy seat to mission, towards education and evangelism. He had followed the band; now he was coming to understand more about following Christ.

University life came next, along with attendance at his local church – there was no Army corps within easy reach – a combination that proved to be a springboard for a ministry that has taken him as far away as Albania and has seen him produce several books and courses, each resonant with his desire to encourage Christians to rediscover missionary zeal.

What an encouragement it is – to bands playing in open-air meetings, to children's workers and to us all – to know that the Lord has taken hold of the life of a boy whose grounding in the faith was coloured yellow, red and blue. Krish retains a soft spot for the Army, and we are entitled to be proud of the fact that his roots were sensitively nurtured within our ranks. ■

■ **Krish is Executive Director: Churches in Mission and England Director for the UK Evangelical Alliance. He is also part of the theme development group for Spring Harvest, an external examiner for Oak Hill College and Associate Research Fellow at London School of Theology**

WONDERFUL VARIETY AND SPIRITUAL EXPRESSION

Bandmaster Nigel Hills, Harpenden, reviews the latest CD from Boscombe Band, *Joy Through The Ages*

WHAT a wonderful variety of Salvation Army music is presented on this CD! The selection could not be more varied. *Joy Through The Ages* celebrates 125 years of the ministry of Boscombe Band, drawing upon its heritage but also reinforcing the relevance of its ministry to today's society.

The listening pleasure provided by this CD is enhanced by a glimpse into the band's history provided by way of comprehensive notes.

The CD commences with a fine Army march, Ray Cresswell's 'The Defenders'. This composition will probably be new to many listeners but is exciting and may well be performed by others following this release.

The style immediately changes with a beautiful rendition of 'Coming Home' and the associated message conveyed by this piece

HIGHLIGHTS ABOUT ON THIS STYLISTIC RECORDING

Major John Martin, London Central DHQ, reviews *We Preach Christ*, the latest recording from Govan Songsters

AMONG the plethora of new CD releases these days, the distinctive elements contained in Salvationist recordings remain a source of encouragement and challenge to buyers. Their specific ministry through music finds favour within our ranks but it would be a pity if only those connected with the Army bought this new CD from Govan Songsters.

Unashamedly evangelical in content and focus, the recording bears all the hallmarks associated with this fine vocal group: an excellent sense of musical balance, diction and stylistic interpretation, coupled

from Kenneth Downie, based on the lyrics 'softly and tenderly, Jesus is calling'.

Three solo items feature: 'His Eye Is On The Sparrow', a tenor horn solo by Barney Lawrence, 'The Call of Christ' by Craig Snell (cornet) and 'The Ransomed Host' by John Starkes (euphonium). The presentation of each of these solos is excellent. Technical expertise and lyrical expression are of a high standard.

It is no surprise to see the name of Ray Steadman-Allen on any Salvation Army CD but 'Lord Of The Sea' is yet another masterpiece from one of our most prolific composers. Dudley Bright's 'Are You Joyful?' adds more variety to the recording, and is presented with real excitement and passion.

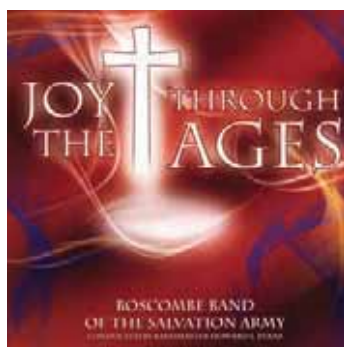
The title piece 'Joy Through The Ages' is a recent composition by Howard Evans. I commend the CD notes for their detailed explanatory commentary, particularly in respect of this piece. This work captivates the listener right from the start.

More reflective selections such as 'The Quiet Heart' and the vocal item 'The Calvary Track' provide the opportunity to enjoy well-known melodies.

Reference to Psalm 139 further enhances the listening experience of Eric Ball's 'The Eternal Presence'. This is a fitting finale to a well-planned and excellently executed CD that will feature in my playlist for some time to come.

I thoroughly commend this recording for its musicality, spiritual expression and a wide range of styles. ■

■ ***Joy Through The Ages* is available from SP&S priced £13.95 (plus £2.95 postage and packing) or can be downloaded from spstunes.co.uk for £9.99**



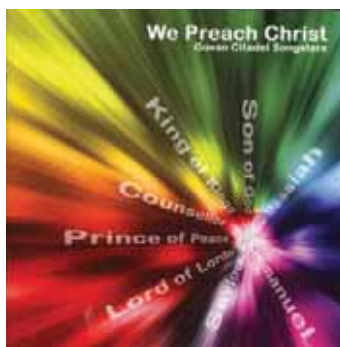
with an accessible repertoire, which ensure that the listener can benefit from an hour or so of enjoyment and reflection.

Many of the songs will be familiar – 'His Provision' and 'To God Be The Glory' for example – but newer songs find their place too, not least the title track. I sensed a real urgency about the songsters' treatment of this song – the resulting enthusiasm and intentionality being a particular highlight.

Highlights abound, however, on this CD, none more so than the songs that feature two soloists. Moira Wilson and Matt Ramsay are featured in Simon Gash's lovely arrangement of 'Nothing But Thy Blood'. Moira's expressive treatment is a delight, her clear voice articulating the fundamental truth of Christ's redemptive power. Matt is making a name for himself as a soloist, and it is easy to see why, after listening to him in 'Arms Open Wide'. This song suits his range and sonorous sound perfectly; perhaps more importantly, there is real potency and passion in his interpretation. I would suggest that it can only be a matter of time before he records a solo album.

This recording is a fine example of gospel songs sung well. There really is a 'song for every season' here. *We Preach Christ* does what it says. But don't take my word for it – buy it for yourself and take its message to heart! ■

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'Now' is today

Major Mark Herbert concludes his three-part series entitled A Study Of Haggai

STUDY PASSAGE HAGGAI 2:15-23

THE Founder had a vision for the place and purpose of William Booth College. His ambition was for 'an international university of humanity'. The dream was realised in 1929 and became a fitting memorial to him.

The college was to be opened by King George V but he was ill; his son, Prince George, performed the honours. Today – now – as the college refurbishment programme draws to completion, the vision to be an inspiring, progressive and leading Christian learning community is more readily achievable.

As we have seen from our study of Haggai, building projects are biblical!

The historical background can be found in the Book of Ezra. The Israelites were returning from exile in 520BC, and the Temple needed to be rebuilt as the focal point of spiritual life for the nation. The work commenced positively but soon fizzled out. Sixteen years later Haggai arrived to bring leadership and encouragement to get the building finished.

The final verses of Haggai begin with the word 'now'. For us, 'now' is today. Look at what these verses are calling us to do, today – to do now.

We are being challenged to think, and

think carefully. When Scripture repeats something we should sit up and take note; but when the same thing is said three times in four verses (see 2:15-18), we had better give it very careful thought.

These verses paint a picture of God's people living unfulfilled lives. It appears that God, for some reason, is withholding his favour. Why might this be? It is lazy thinking to point the finger at others or lay the blame elsewhere. Sometimes we are at fault for our situation. The challenge 'now' is to engage heart and mind in an honest way, to understand more clearly what God is saying.

God wants us to recover what we have lost. Without the Temple, something was missing. God longs to bring his people

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back to the place where they can worship him again. This is good advice: go back to the place where you last had the thing you lost. God's heart leads him to help you recover what you have lost.

These verses also reveal God's agenda: 'From this day on I will bless you' (2:19 all quotations from *New International Version*). In addition, God is going to shake the heavens and earth (v21) and overthrow the enemy (v22). It is only when hearts are turned towards him that God chooses to pour out his goodness on his people in blessing and protection. The question is: where do we need to be to receive God's blessing? Whatever the answer, we should get to that place!

God blesses us so that we can be a blessing. He has not changed. God, who is all powerful, all knowing, all everything, still wants to bless his people.

God's last words to Haggai are a promise and an affirmation: 'I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you' (v23). The ring on God's finger is always in his sight – we are never forgotten.

When people hear from Heaven, they are rarely the same again. God's word can be a dangerous thing, because it comes with a huge price tag. To hear that we are loved and chosen is the most incredible thing of all. The voice of God drives many to their knees and stretches our faith beyond where we think it will go, but God has spoken: he has promised, and all who hear should obey.

This verse sums up our lives. In truth, there have been far too many occasions when we have not accepted God's word for our lives or have struggled to believe that God can sort them out. But if we listen, he will bring us back to the place where we hear his words of assurance.

This is 'now'. Now is the time to believe and see what God is doing, to experience his blessing and to know that God is as close as we need him to be.

This series ends with two invitations.

God invites you to revisit your faith and values. What are your priorities? Have they been lost in the busyness and demands of your life?

The William Booth College community invites you to visit its home to see where the next generation of Salvation Army leaders are being trained. ■

■ Major Herbert is Territorial
Candidates Director

Relationships shape lives

Alastair Jones considers the positive impact youth workers can have in forming relationships with young people

GOOD youth work can be really simple and, ultimately, is about the quality of relationships – relationships between youth workers and young people, relationships among young people and even the relationships within a youth team.

And relationships don't just happen – they need work! The better we know each other and the stronger our relationships are, the more effective our youth work will be.

As Christian youth leaders, the depth and strength of our relationship with Jesus will impact how effective we are in youth ministry. Therefore, personal discipleship is really important. The more time we spend with Jesus, the more we begin to look like him. That can give us resilience and help us survive the tough times, while giving us the wisdom to know that when things are going well we should celebrate and worship God, who is at the centre of the relationships we form. As our lives are shaped, other lives are transformed.

At ALOVE's recent Forge youth worker conference, I had the pleasure of

interviewing a number of youth workers about their work and personal experiences. I found it really encouraging to hear about amazing youth work, but I was also struck by how God is speaking into the lives of these workers in fresh and inspiring ways. It is evident that God is shaping their lives and, consequently, they are seeing others changed by him. They have a real hope for the young people they work with and, through positive relationships, their lives are modelling something that cannot fail to raise the aspirations of those young people.

We heard stories of self-sacrifice and endurance, where leaders had dug in for the long haul, as well as stories of patience and then surprise as remarkable and unexpected changes had happened through reliance on God.

Holly Paterson is an Essential2 student at Ashford. When I interviewed her at Forge she spoke about relationships. 'God shapes my life in loads of different ways,' she said. 'At the moment, it's through relationships with other people. I'm really lucky to be surrounded with amazing,

godly friends, who hold me to account and encourage me. God is showing me his plans through the actions of people around me. Building relationships with young people is also showing me how God can shape and change people's lives.'

Youth worker Ollie Maxwell (Newark) shared this story: 'Our youth group is in the middle of a council estate in town. I was on my way to set up when one of the young people, who isn't from a church family, shouted across the street, "Ollie! I read my whole Bible!" At first it didn't register, but then I realised that to hear something like that shouted in the middle of this estate was something new and I think it's a glimpse of what God's got in store for us.'

Stories like these are the encouragement we need, providing good news when times are difficult. Recently it has been especially tough in the world of youth work – particularly for those who work for a local authority youth service – with many services being severely cut or on the verge of vanishing. When we are in a crisis situation there are negative possibilities but also positive opportunities. As we look at these opportunities we see the chance to help bring transformation into the lives of young people and to help them grow as individuals. It is always a privilege and a responsibility to be a part of that journey.

To those who work with young people in whatever capacity – employed youth workers, corps youth secretaries or youth group volunteers – I encourage you to take your discipleship seriously, because the impact you can and will have on young people could be life-changing! Continue to take opportunities to be trained – by attending a Charge or Take Away event, which take place across UKT, or a course your divisional youth officer is organising or by signing up to a course such as Engage. All of these opportunities could help you develop your skills.

Your life is important – it has the power to impact the lives of young people. ■

■ **The next Charge youth worker spiritual retreat day takes place at Redhill Corps on 25 June; contact your divisional youth officer or email alove@salvationarmy.org.uk for more details**

■ **Alastair is Youth Worker Development Manager, ALOVE, THQ**

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the more we begin to look like him*

ARMY PEOPLE

The following appointments and promotions, decided upon by the General, have been announced by the Chief of the Staff:

Effective 1 August:

Lieut-Colonels Thumati and Manikyam Vijayakumar (currently Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, India South Eastern) to be Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries, India Western, with the rank of colonel. The General has extended their active service until 30 June 2014. They will succeed **Commissioner P. Mary Rajakumari** who will be retiring from active service. **Majors Gabriel and Indumati Christian** (currently serving in India Western) to be CS and TSWM, India South Eastern, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Effective 1 September:

Colonels Franz and Hanny Boschung (currently CS and TSWM, Switzerland, Austria and Hungary) to be TC and TPWM of that territory. They will take up their new appointments with the rank of commissioner – Colonel Franz Boschung on 1 September and Colonel Hanny Boschung on 2 September. They succeed **Commissioners Kurt and Alicia Burger** who will be retiring from active service.

Majors Massimo and Anne-Florence Tursi (currently General Secretary and Command Secretary for Women's Ministries, Italy and Greece) to be CS and TSWM, Switzerland, Austria and Hungary, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Majors David and Elaine Cavanagh (currently serving in Italy and Greece) to be GS and CSWM of that command.

Lieut-Colonels Gerrit and Eva Marseille (currently CS and TSWM, Congo (Brazzaville)) are appointed to International Headquarters, Lieut-Colonel Gerrit Marseille to be International Secretary for Programme Resources and Lieut-Colonel Eva Marseille to be Mission Resources Secretary. They will take up their new appointments with to the rank of commissioner – Lieut-Colonel Eva Marseille on 3 September and Lieut-Colonel Gerrit Marseille on 4 September. They will succeed **Commissioners Robin and Shona Forsyth** who will be retiring from active service.

Majors Daniel and Arschette Moukoko (currently serving in Southern Africa) to be CS and TSWM, Congo (Brazzaville), with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

LOCAL OFFICERS APPOINTED

CSM Andrew Hunt, Kettering; **YPBL Kevin Pallister**, Nottingham William Booth Memorial Halls.

MARRIAGE

Bandsman/Songster Michael Leverett to **Songster Angela Maughan** at South Shields by Major Marie Bate.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Golden: **Majors David and Grace Carrington-Moule** (27 May).

DEDICATED TO GOD

Hannah Mai, daughter of Andrew and Sara Slater, at Chatham by Major Drew McCombe; **Gracie Louise**, daughter of Liam and Kelly Hackett, at Cradley Heath by Captain Liz Hancock; **Emilia Catherine**, daughter of ASM Matt and Asst YPSM Jo Evans, at Leicester South by Major Chris Herbert;

Poppy Emily, daughter of Neil and Kerry Young, at Guisborough by Major Mark Price; **Amber Isabella**, daughter of Carl Kemp and Emma Davie, at Sleaford by Major Joy Caddy.

BEREAVED

Songster Islay Beattie, Sunderland Monkwearmouth, of her husband CSM/Bandsman John Beattie; **Major Alison Hudson**, Reading Central, **YPBL/Bandsman Joe Beattie**, Sunderland Monkwearmouth, **YPBL/Dep SL Ann Logan**, Stowmarket, and **Andrew Beattie** of their father; **Major Iris Leech**, Worthing, and **Major Pat Hanson** of their mother Betty Hanson; **Ken Smith**, Cradley Heath, of his wife Carol; **Alfie Perdue** and **Songster Cathie Brown**, Port Glasgow, of their sister Lily Perdue; **Ruth Massingham**, Heckmondwike, of her husband David.

RETIRED OFFICERS

Birthday congratulations: **Lieut-Colonel Miriam Harlow**, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Brightonsea [REDACTED] (90 on 19 May);

Major Beryl Warren, [REDACTED], Beckenham [REDACTED] (80 on 21 May); **Colonel Margaret White**, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], London SE [REDACTED] (80 on 23 May).

Retirement addresses: **Majors Anthony and Glenys Green**, [REDACTED] Peterborough [REDACTED]; **Majors June and Wesley Gosling**, [REDACTED] Eastbourne [REDACTED]; **Major Ann Silcock**, [REDACTED], Burnley [REDACTED]; **Majors Albert and Olive Stevens**, [REDACTED] Bathwick, Bath [REDACTED]

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Dorothy Travis, Boscombe.

Mrs Major Doris Scott from Oxford on 28 April.

Major Reginald Scott lives at [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Botley, Oxford [REDACTED].

Mrs Brigadier Annie Thompson from Kettering on 5 May.

Brigadier John Thompson lives at [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Wellingborough [REDACTED].

ENGAGEMENTS

GENERAL LINDA BOND:

ICO, Tu 17 May; Sunbury Court (General's Consultative Council), Mon 23 - Th 26; Sunbury Court (Senior Leaders' Day), Th 9 Jun

THE CHIEF OF THE STAFF

(COMMISSIONER BARRY SWANSON) AND COMMISSIONER SUE SWANSON:

Eastern Europe, Fri 27 May - Mon 30; ICO, Th 2 Jun; UK, Royal Albert Hall (ISB120 concert), Sat 4; UK, Westminster Central Hall and the Mall (Music Leaders Councils and ISB120 march of witness), Sun 5; Sunbury Court (Senior Leaders' Day), Th 9

THE TERRITORIAL COMMANDER

(COMMISSIONER JOHN MATEAR)

AND COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH MATEAR:

Sunbury Court (Territorial Leaders Conference), Tu 17 May - Fri 20; William Booth Birthplace Museum, Nottingham (reopening), Nottingham William Booth Memorial Halls (reopening), Sat 21; Sunbury Court (General's Consultative Council), Mon 23 - Th 26; William Booth College, Th 2 Jun*; Cadogan Hall (ISB and New York Staff Band concert), Fri 3; Royal Albert Hall (ISB120 concert), Sat 4; Westminster Central Hall and the Mall (Music Leaders Councils and ISB120 march of witness), Sun 5

THE CHIEF SECRETARY (COLONEL BRIAN PEDDLE) AND COLONEL ROSALIE PEDDLE:

London Central (divisional retreat), Tu 24 May - Th 26

Commissioner William Cochrane: Sunbury Court (General's Consultative Council), Mon 23 May - Th 26

Commissioners Alistair and Astrid Herring: The Philippines (installation of territorial leaders), Fri 13 May - Tu 17

Commissioners Kenneth and Jolene Hodder: Sunbury Court (General's Consultative Council), Mon 23 May - Th 26

Commissioner Robert Street: Sunbury Court (General's Consultative Council), Mon 23 May - Th 26

*wife will not accompany

ON THE AIR

BBC Radio Bristol, Cornwall, Devon, Gloucestershire, Guernsey, Jersey, Somerset Sound, Swindon and Wiltshire and online at bbc.co.uk/devon: *Sounds Of Brass* (7.05 pm) on Sunday 22 May will feature music from the International Staff Band, Amsterdam Staff Band, New York Staff Band, Chicago Staff Band and the Household Troops Band.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE

UK Territory

RETIREMENTS FROM ACTIVE SERVICE

Effective 1 May:

Major John Friday with **Major Cynthia Friday** (née Beavan) out of Clapton in 1975 and last appointment Stranraer.

Major John Houston out of Pollokshaws in 1985 and last appointment Prestonpans.

Major Trevor Howes out of St Mary Cray in 1970 and last appointment Assistant Editor-in-Chief and Assistant Literary Secretary, IHQ.

JOHN MATEAR,

Commissioner,
Territorial Commander

TRIBUTES



MRS MARGARET BROUGH, DERBY CENTRAL

ORIGINALLY a Methodist, Margaret became a Salvationist shortly after her marriage to her much-

loved husband Alwyn – a marriage that lasted for almost 62 years. Margaret was an industrious homemaker, with a keen interest in baking, gardening and crafts. She was immensely proud of her children and grandchildren.

She held various positions at Derby Central, including company guard and assistant home league treasurer.

Margaret moved into residential care following two strokes. She often talked of how she approached prayer, and about her relationship with Jesus.

The obvious love that she and her husband had for each other proved that love stood the test of time and saw them through the difficult last years before Margaret's promotion to Glory. – F. B.



MRS OLIVE FIELDS, CHELMSFORD

OLIVE was born into a Salvationist family in Lowestoft in 1925. Her younger brother Leslie and their father were killed in an air raid in January 1942, soon after Leslie's return from evacuation.

Olive worked for the Army's red shield canteen, where she met Claude. He later became a Salvationist. They married in 1945, and were very proud of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Olive was a dedicated songster, home league secretary, YP worker and treasurer at Lowestoft South for more than 40 years, transferring to Chelmsford after Claude's promotion to Glory in 1999.

Despite strokes and health issues, Olive remained constant in faith. Many people counted it a privilege to know her and call her their friend. – L. A.



RETIRED BANDMASTER ROBERT (BOBBIE) BLACK, AYR

BOBBIE was born in Kilmarnock in 1925, a third-generation Salvationist. During wartime service with the Royal Engineers in Egypt and Greece he played in the Cairo and Athens Red Shield Bands.

He married his wife Letitia in 1945, a partnership that lasted more than 65 years.

For most of his life the family soldiered at Saltcoats, where Bobbie's many local officer positions included songster leader, CSM and

bandmaster. He was widely known locally as 'Mr Salvation Army'.

In retirement, at Ayr, Bobbie fully participated in corps life. He was promoted to Glory suddenly after complications from a fall.

At his memorial service 12 of his children and grandchildren formed a band to honour his memory. – J. E./C. B.



ISOBEL HAMMELL, RUTHERGLEN

ISOBEL was born to Salvationist parents at Rutherglen in 1923. She was a sunbeam in her early years and became a valued

corps member. She worked in the lunch club and was 'the lady behind the cash desk' for many years. She was also a member of the WRVS and worked in a hospital.

Isobel was a family person and was very proud of all her family. She was always ready to encourage both young and old and is sadly missed in the corps. – D. M.



DONALD DRIVER, CAMBRIDGE CITADEL

A QUIET, thoughtful Christian gentleman, Don was born in 1930 and served the Lord as a soldier in the countryside around Soham and Cambridge.

Don and his wife Kitty were enrolled together as soldiers in 1978. They enjoyed serving the Lord in local villages and spent many years selling *The War Cry* around the public houses of Soham, Sawston, Great Shelford, Stapleford and Fordham – thereby becoming the public face of The Salvation Army in those areas. Don took any leftover papers into his place of work.

All who knew Don respected him for his quiet dedication and firm faith. – M. W.



MARGARET BREW, DOUGLAS

A LIFELONG Salvationist, as a child Margaret accompanied her father – the caretaker – at 6 am to help light the hall stove. Her

Christian principles, friendly welcome and caring nature endeared her to all generations.

As cradle roll sergeant, she attended countless dedications, welcoming newborn babies and their families. She also helped with the toddler group and was a great supporter of the 'drop-in' centre for teenagers.

Margaret always had a list of people needing prayers. She truly loved singing choruses; the one reflecting her life would undoubtedly be 'J,O,Y', as she consistently put Jesus first, herself last and others in between. She remained involved and a strong corps supporter all her life. – D. Q.

Ministry of Justice awards contract to The Salvation Army

THQ

THE Ministry of Justice has awarded The Salvation Army a contract for £2 million per annum to manage the support given to victims of trafficking. This new model of contract requires the Army to manage the delivery of accommodation and support for male and female victims of all types of trafficking, sexual exploitation, domestic servitude and forced labour across England and Wales.

Major Anne Read, Anti-Human Trafficking Response Co-ordinator for the UK and Ireland, said: 'From its beginnings in Victorian England, The Salvation Army was concerned with rescuing people, particularly young girls, who had been lured away from home and ended up being prostituted. More than 100 years later, thousands of people in the UK and thousands more around the world are being held against their will, living in desperate situations, abused and exploited. For many years we have worked with and advocated for those trafficked, working with Government, police and other agencies to help victims of human trafficking. We are also partners on many of the groups and coalitions that exist to ensure this issue is kept on the public agenda.'

The Army will work with partners who are leaders in their fields to help alleviate the suffering of people who have been trafficked into sexual exploitation and forced labour. It will deliver this important work by providing a network of services through organisations such as STOP UK – who have had a case worker based in the UK Human Trafficking Centre for three years – to provide a central referral and case management service. This will be the first time there has been a central referral point for all victims. STOP will assess the details for each referral to ensure that the client is placed in the most appropriate service.

The Army has a long history of working with people who are vulnerable and marginalised across the world, including people who find themselves the victims of trafficking, and offers unconditional support without discrimination wherever there is a need. The Army has a concern for the issue of human trafficking in the 124 countries in which it works. For the past five years the Movement has supported women who have been trafficked into the UK for sexual purposes, providing accommodation, care and support in a confidential individualised service that addresses the needs of a very vulnerable group.

Major Read added: 'We believe we have more to bring to the wider work against human trafficking under this new contract, reaching across the UK and working closely with partners and agencies that have specialist knowledge and services in different fields, to ensure that every woman and man identified as trafficked will receive the best and most appropriate support available.' – A. R.

Martin Keles
Soldier

Petra Kelesova
Adherent member
Armáda spásy, Margate

MARTIN spoke about how he had spent time 'wandering in the wilderness' but he had found God and God had led him to this point. People in the congregation were moved when he asked Petra to forgive him for the man he once had been. Corps officers Majors David and Kathryn Blowers enrolled Martin as the first soldier of the new corps plant and welcomed Petra as the first adherent member. – R. K.

Lorraine Blackman
Soldier
Rushden

AFTER receiving an invitation to go and sing at the Army, Lorraine began attending meetings and eventually became an adherent member. Following God's leading, and much prayerful study, she made the decision to become a soldier. Corps officer Captain Mike Smith enrolled her. – M. S.

Janet Tomkins
Rosemary Lunn
Adherent members
Alderney

JANET first felt that she would like to go to the Army when she was a child but was not able to do so. She feels that, at last, she is now where the Lord wants her to be. Rosemary said that she has found support and consideration at the corps and feels accepted. Corps leader Territorial Envoy John Charlton welcomed Janet and Rosemary as adherent members. – J. C.

Valerie Etherton
Adherent member
Christchurch

VALERIE first linked up with the corps through the weekly coffee mornings and she is now a valuable member of the team that takes responsibility for this. She has attended Sunday morning worship for some years and enjoys the corps fellowship. Corps officer Major David Jepson welcomed Valerie as an adherent member. – D. J.

Ethan Knott
Junior soldier
Teddington

ETHAN showed great enthusiasm and joy as he promised to live his life for Jesus. After he signed his junior soldier promise, he sang 'Jesus, Be The Centre'. His dad, corps officer Captain Richard Knott, enrolled him as a junior soldier. – R. K.

Carol Derbyshire
Soldier

Phil Weare
Hayley Scott
Adherent members

Didi Alder
Charlie Bolton
Junior soldiers
Reading Central

CAROL decided to commit herself fully to the Army after going on an Alpha course. She has been attending worship for some time with her husband Alan, who has been a soldier for several years.

Corps officer Major Iain Hudson enrolled Carol as a soldier and also welcomed Phil and Hayley as adherent members.

Phil has been attending worship for several years and has now responded to encouragement from corps folk to make this commitment. Hayley comes from a Salvationist family. After a period of absence, she recently started going to meetings again and took part in an Alpha course, which prompted her to take this further step.

Major Alison Hudson enrolled Didi and Charlie as junior soldiers. They were invited to join the young people's activities at the corps by classmate and junior soldier Clara Turner and subsequently made the decision to follow Jesus. – P. B.

Emma Chance
Soldier
Dudley

EMMA has been going to the Army since she was four years old and has always wanted to wear the uniform of a senior soldier. She said: 'In all the years at the Army I have understood more about the uniform and the commitment to myself and God. It was like it was meant to be.' She added that she was grateful for the support and encouragement corps folk have given her. She is already attending songster practices and will be an asset to that section. Corps officer Major Rudi Pilsel enrolled Emma as a soldier. – M. L.

Ross Rollings
Junior soldier
Bridgwater

ROSS read aloud his junior soldier promise, in front of family and fellowship members, before being enrolled by corps officer Major Neil Davies. YPSM Elaine Heasman described Ross as the 'conscience' of the Sunday Club, explaining that when the children spoke about prayer requests Ross would mention something happening in the world that he had heard about through news broadcasts. – N. D.



BOOK OF THE WEEK

Worship, Evangelism, Justice by Mike Pilavachi with Liza Hoeksma, Survivor Kingsway, £5.99

Mike Pilavachi, the founder of Soul Survivor and leader of a church in Watford, takes readers on a discipleship journey in this little, easy-to-read book.

As the title suggests, the book is separated into three sections: Worship, Evangelism and Justice.

The starting point is worship. Mike makes the point that worship is far more than just singing praises to God. From the beginning of time God made Adam and Eve to worship. The question is, what or who do people worship? Mike looks at different aspects of worship and finally makes the point that worship is not about what people do but how people live.

From that base of worship comes the desire to evangelise. Mike is of the opinion that if people enjoy their relationship with God then surely it is only natural that they would want others to know

him. He asks why Christians should evangelise, looks at different types of evangelism and points the readers to the Jesus strategy.

The final section of the book looks at justice. Readers are invited to look at the broken world, to seek God's heart of compassion and to play their part as Christians. This section also challenges readers about what they can do, highlighting not just the big picture but smaller goals as well.

Finally, the author points out that for a disciple of Jesus all three aspects – worship, evangelism and justice – work together for good. To be truly authentic disciples of Jesus, Christians have to live lives of worship, evangelism and justice.

If this book had been written by a Salvationist, the title could easily have been *Save Souls, Grow Saints And Serve Suffering Humanity*. I recommend this book as it will remind readers of the fundamentals of being a disciple of Jesus and highlight the Salvationist's mission statement. – N. G. ■

■ *Worship, Evangelism, Justice* is available from www.amazon.co.uk

SONG

Sing we the King who is coming to reign,
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain,
Life and salvation his empire shall bring
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

*Come let us sing: Praise to our King,
Jesus our King, Jesus our King;
This is our song, who to Jesus belong:
Glory to Jesus, to Jesus our King.*

All men shall dwell in his marvellous light,
Races long severed his love shall unite,
Justice and truth from his sceptre shall spring,
Wrong shall be ended when Jesus is King.

Charles Silvester Horne (SASB 166)

BIBLE VERSE

Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out, till he has brought justice through to victory. In his name the nations will put their hope.

(Matthew 12:18–21 *New International Version*)

PRAYER

Dear Lord, help us to bring truth and justice to a broken and hurting world. Amen.

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Proteas, Tenerife. Picture: CHRISTINE WOODCOCK