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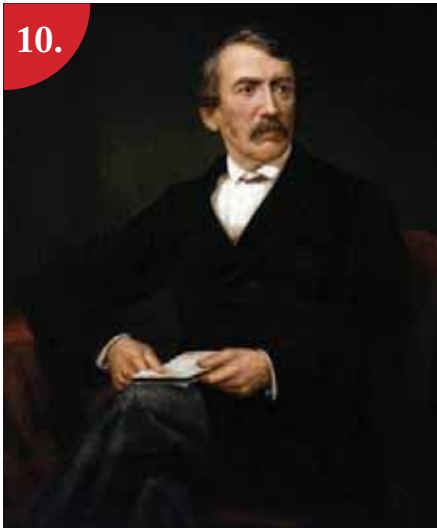
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LOST AND FOUND

FOR several years I was the proud owner of a large French lop rabbit. She was a house rabbit who would rush to greet me, display affection by leaping onto my knee or sitting at my feet and offer protection by going on the attack against anyone, or anything, she saw as a threat, or by thumping loudly to warn of danger. If you are a pet owner you will know only too well about the joys and the costs involved. In addition to this, pets are reputed to make you happier and healthier!

It's hardly surprising that if a much-loved pet goes missing, an owner will try to do everything possible to find it – including door-to-door inquiries, placing ads in prominent places and in the lost and found section of the local newspaper or maybe just hoping that a microchip will bring about a happy reunion.

Lulu the Jack Russell terrier made the news recently. While out walking with her owner Gina, she darted down a hole in the ground and managed to get trapped in a pipe deep underground. Gina knew Lulu was still alive because she could hear her yelps and so, with the help of friends, she started digging. A fire crew, concerned about everyone's safety, joined the rescue operation. Some four days later, Lulu was rescued and joyfully reunited with her owner.

Sadly, it isn't only animals that go missing or get lost, it happens to people as well. The tragic story of the McCann family and their missing daughter Madeleine has received extensive media coverage over the years and yet still remains unresolved.

For more than 125 years The Salvation Army has been in the business of reuniting missing people. In fact, recent figures show that as many as 89 per cent of all inquiries

have a successful result. Read more about it on pages 11 to 13, including the story of a family reunited after 12 years apart and a review of the book *Reunited!*

The Salvation Army is involved in tracing missing people because it's all about restoring relationships, a subject very much at the heart of the teaching of Jesus. Through parables he taught that whether a lost son, lost sheep or lost coin there is joy to the finder. After his encounter with Zacchaeus, Jesus said: 'Today salvation has come to this house... For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost' (Luke 19:9 and 10).

*He sought me, he sought me,
When I was wandering far away;
He found me, he found me,
O what a wonderful day!*

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THIS WEEK'S QUOTES FROM THE PAPERS

RACISM IS A 'CANCER' SAYS DR SENTAMU

The Archbishop of York, Dr Sentamu, paid tribute to Stephen Lawrence, 20 years to the day after his murder in Eltham, South London, in an unprovoked racist attack.

Writing in the *Yorkshire Post*, Dr Sentamu imagined Mr Lawrence as he might have been today: 'a mature, intelligent man of 38, a successful architect, with a wife and children of whom he is very proud'. Instead Mr Lawrence's life was cut short by a 'senseless, racist and cruel attack', carried out by a 'gang of white youths'...

Dr Sentamu continued: 'The elimination of racism remains a serious task for all of us. For racism is like an invidious and devastating cancer in society, attacking community structures and all its components... Wherever it is found, it must be fought.'

Church Times

BILLY GRAHAM SINGER GEORGE BEVERLEY SHEA DIES, AGED 104

George Beverley Shea, the gospel singer who featured at Billy Graham crusades for six decades... [has] died... after a brief illness...

He once sang 'How Great Thou Art'... for 108 consecutive nights... It was Shea who added the phrase 'rolling thunder' to the hymn.

The Church of England Newspaper

POPE GIVES CHAIR AND SNACK TO SWISS GUARD

Pope Francis awoke recently to discover a Swiss Guard outside the door of his apartment... he asked what the guard was doing and if he had been up all night.

The guard explained that it was his duty to protect the Pope...

Pope Francis encouraged him to sit down and rest... and returned with a chair...

The guard protested, saying: 'Holy Father, forgive me, but I cannot! The regulations do not allow that'...

Pope Francis replied: 'Oh really? Well, I'm the Pope and I order you to sit down'...

A few minutes later Pope Francis returned carrying Italian bread with jam which he had prepared himself. He said: 'With all the hours spent standing on guard you must be a bit hungry. Bon appétit, brother.'

The Catholic Herald

NEW EXHIBITION IN HULL MARKS LIFE OF JOSEPH RANK

A new permanent exhibition looking at the life and legacy of Joseph Rank, a committed Methodist and philanthropist, has opened at Hull's Streetlife Museum.

Joseph Rank built a business empire from his home town of Hull. Using the most modern technology available, he developed a milling business and became known as the country's richest man, feared by competitors as the 'Mighty Miller of Hull'...

Speaking about his great-grandfather, [Colin] Rank said: 'At one point he thought about giving his life to becoming a missionary. But was advised by a Methodist minister friend that he was blessed with the skill to make money and that with that skill he had the ability to send not just one missionary into the mission field but countless more.'

He added: 'He resolved at that point to devote his life, as Wesley put it, to make all he could, to save all he could and to give all he could. And he did just that.'

Methodist Recorder

PICTURE CAPTION COMPETITION RESULTS

In 13 April *Salvationist* we asked for captions to accompany this picture of a Mad Hatter's tea party at Davidson House Care Home, Edinburgh. Here is a selection of the best captions:



There's nothing like a barmy cup of tea!

Lawrence Gill, London

Don't drink any more of that tea potion, I'm sure you're getting smaller!

Alice Dawson, Mousehole

The new Salvation Army uniform looks rather different!

Trevor Ham, Somerset

You don't have to be mad to work here – but it helps.
and

These two jokers make me feel underdressed without my bonnet on.

Derek Jolliffe, Blackpool

Chief of the Staff and Commissioner Silvia Cox oversee historic events

DENMARK

TWO historic events took place when Chief of the Staff Commissioner André Cox and World President of Women's Ministries Commissioner Silvia Cox visited Denmark. The awarding of The Salvation Army's highest honour was followed by the installation of new territorial leaders.

The international visitors admitted Erik and Anne-Lise Silfverberg to the Order of the Founder in sacred moments that the Chief described as 'making history'. The citation revealed that the award was bestowed on the couple for 'lifelong faithful and Christ-honouring ministry in The Salvation Army, unselfishly investing [their] gifts in God's Kingdom, especially supporting and caring for young people and setting the highest standard for Christian service'.

The Silfverbergs are an institution in The Salvation Army in Denmark and have been active in youth work and music ministry for more than 60 years. Erik has composed in the region of 150 pieces of music, bringing praise to the Lord through brass band ministry all over the world. As a team they have published almost 200 songs and hymns.

Later, Salvationists, friends and church leaders looked on as Colonels Knud and Lisbeth Welander were installed as leaders of the Denmark Territory (see picture). The festive event had elements of praise and celebration as well as sacred moments when the colonels were installed and the Chief led the congregation in prayer.

For the past three years the couple has served in The Philippines Territory, which the Chief of the Staff described as good preparation for leadership in Denmark!



The event was completed with a special welcome from corps leaders, who brought culinary specialities from across the territory to give their new leaders a taste of the task before them.

The Chief expressed his hope for the future progress of both The Salvation Army and the

Body of Christ in Denmark. He went on to say: 'We hear many good things about Denmark and are convinced that God longs to bless you more,' and he emphasised that this requires willingness to serve Christ and make sacrifices for him. – L. G.



Worship on home premises

AYR

FOR the first time since 2002, corps folk were able to worship in their own corps premises again. After receiving the keys to the renovated building, Salvationists were keen to gather there as soon as possible. A wide range of volunteers from the corps and community, including members of RecoveryAyr, River-

side Church and the Community Service Team, helped to get the building ready in just over a week. Work included cleaning 200 chairs and bringing instruments and music back on site. Corps officer Lieutenant Cheryl Stone said: 'This fantastic building provides the corps with a wonderful opportunity to welcome the people of Ayr into our church community, break down barriers and show the relevance of the Church today.' – T. S.

The Army responds to floods in Argentina

SOUTH AMERICA EAST

THE Salvation Army in Argentina is responding after storms and flooding caused devastation around Buenos Aires, with the city of La Plata being particularly badly hit. Latest reports say that 57 people have been killed in the disaster – 51 in La Plata – and that more than 100,000 homes have been made uninhabitable.

The Salvation Army has joined forces with a food bank to serve large numbers of people suffering the consequences of the storm, especially in the Villa Elvira neighbourhood, where the Army was already present.

The Salvation Army property in Villa Elvira has served as an emergency shelter for 100 people, and 200 people were provided with food. So far, seven tonnes of food and water have been distributed, along with other essentials such as mattresses and bedding.

Territorial Commander Colonel Susan McMillan reports: 'The Buenos Aires Divisional Emergency Team is working hard and will continue to do so.' A group of cadets has also helped the team. The colonel adds: 'Communications have been difficult as the area is without power, water, telephone services and even mobile phone services.'

She concludes: 'We would appreciate your prayers for our people – that God would give them wisdom, multiply their resources and keep them safe.' – A. R.

● Donations to support The Salvation Army's disaster response in Argentina can be made online at www.salvationarmy.org

SUFFOLK: During a discussion of a Suffolk police scheme discouraging sales of super-strength alcohol in Ipswich, The Salvation Army's Public Affairs Adviser Gareth Wallace told *BBC Look East* that the Army welcomed such restrictions along with proposed minimum pricing per unit measures. – A. R.



Coventry North East MP Bob Ainsworth chats to resident Lilah Hodgson during his visit to Youell Court Care Home, Coventry; the MP praised the care home's work in empowering older people and encouraging them to live active lives

BIRMINGHAM CITADEL:

Thirty-five young folk from Cannock and Birmingham Citadel YP Bands combined to present a programme to a full hall, compèred by Territorial Envoy Rob Westwood-Payne (Hednesford). The march 'Rejoice' stirred memories for veteran players and singers in the audience and guest Jacob Smith (piano, Dudley) displayed great talent. The young musicians showed tremendous promise and were a tribute to their dedicated leaders. – F. C.

CRADLEY HEATH:

West Midlands Divisional Fellowship Band visited for a joint concert with Voices Together (a group of Christian singers from Droitwich). The concert drew a large appreciative audience. Soloists included Micah Parsons (euphonium) with 'Home On The Range' and cornetists John Shepherd and Eddie Toon with the duet 'The Cleansing Stream'. – D. B.



Tranquil retreat

NORTH-WESTERN

THE tranquil setting of the Tabor Retreat Centre, Preston, provided an ideal location for the Adult and Family Ministries leaders retreat day led by Major Carole Babstock (Central South DHQ). With the theme of

Waterways, the delegates were encouraged to think about the waters of refreshment, renewal, refining and restoration. Personal reflection, the use of prayer stations in the chapel as well as Bible teaching and sharing, all added to a day of spiritual refreshment. Delegates are pictured during a time of relaxation blowing bubbles in the garden. – S. M.



During anniversary celebrations, members of Driffield Outreach Centre host an open day and use colourful displays to teach people about the history of The Salvation Army; in the evening

Heckmondwike Songsters presented a programme at The Old Town Hall and on Sunday Majors Ann and Richard Borrett (DHQ) led the meetings

LITTLEPORT:

Sheringham Songsters visited to start the 125th corps anniversary celebrations. The evening, entitled The Journey, included music, humorous items, testimony and a Bible message. The audience comprised members of the community and friends from surrounding corps. – V. K.

Weekend of celebrations

KILBIRNIE

LIEUT-COLONEL Marion Drew (THQ) led weekend meetings and encouraged the congregation to think about What Is Truth?

On Saturday, in the presence of local dignitaries, Lieut-Colonel Drew dedicated to God the new extension to the refurbished corps building. This provision offers a welcoming street entrance, as well as a general purpose hall to enhance the community programme. – M. W.

HALIFAX: The Ladies Fellowship Music For A Spring Evening offered a varied programme of solos, duets and ensemble pieces from musicians Susan Marshall (violin), June Asquith (piano), Simeon Marshall (trumpet) and Lynda Hill (trombone). Members of the fellowship gave readings and served refreshments. Proceeds from the evening went to the Watershed project. – L. H.

KIDSGROVE: Children from Dove Bank Primary School visited Cameo members and enthusiastically danced and sang together. Old and young enjoyed an hour of fun and laughter. – S. J.



At Portadown, children pose with prizes received from Captain Tracey Godfrey (Coleraine) during YP prizegiving

MP praises home for bringing dignity and fulfilment to residents

SMALLCOMBE HOUSE

DON Foster, MP, visited the Bath care home, praising its ability to offer dignity and fulfilment to older people. The MP also discussed The Salvation Army's provision of older people's services, as well as chatting to staff and residents about their experiences.

Mr Foster said: 'I was pleased to see The Salvation Army's work bringing dignity to those who, although unable to live independently, still have a zest for life and a desire to enjoy their later years. It is encouraging that staff actively request residents to



contribute to the programme on offer and that so many take this up. Smallcombe House Salvation Army Care Home is truly a haven dedicated to providing residents with lasting dignity and care.'

The care home provides

quality residential care for older people for whom independent living in their own home is no longer possible. It also offers respite care and day care.

Don is pictured with resident Annie Henderson and home manager Ena Caddy

Lecture highlights significance of International Heritage Centre

WBC

GENERAL Shaw Clifton (Retired) gave the Cyril Barnes Memorial Lecture, headed Who Do We Think We Were and Who Do We Think We Are? as part of the International Heritage Centre's 35th anniversary celebrations.

General Clifton emphasised the role of the heritage centre in keeping the Movement's story alive. Having quoted from *Hegel's Philosophy Of World History* General Clifton said: 'Our Salvation Army archivists are engaged in the sacred task of safeguarding the record of the Army's part in co-operating with God in the bringing in of his Kingdom.' This, he emphasised, 'is a work with an eternal dimension'.

Having enlightened and challenged his audience, he asked: 'Have we managed to stay intact and also managed to stay in touch with changing times?' As he concluded the lecture he spoke emotionally about the mercy seat as a potent symbol of the wideness of God's mercy: 'Who do we think we are? My answer is that we were, and still are, the people of the mercy seat.' – S. G.

The lecture will be available at www.salvationarmy.org.uk/uki/heritage. To obtain a booklet of the full lecture, either email heritage@salvationarmy.org.uk or call 020 7326 7800.

PETERHEAD: One hundred and forty people from surrounding corps and churches gathered for a daffodil tea, organised by the adult and families ministries team. Major Catherine Wyles (West Scotland DHQ) led the event and brought the message on A New Life. – B. W.



Divisional Children's Officer Helen Gill is pictured with young people from Knottingley proudly displaying the books and certificates they received for their attendance



Grace, Maya, Sienna, Carmella and Charley smile proudly after enrolment into the 5th Upper Norwood Salvation Army Rainbows



Stuart Fothergill, the treasurer of The Albert Edward Club (a club for businessmen), presents a cheque for £333 to Divisional Envoy Eunice Blakey to help with the work at Hexham



At Newbiggin-by-the-Sea, Retired Songster Leader Nathaniel Graham presents a cheque for £2,035 to the Northeast Air Ambulance; the money was raised by various special events held in Northumberland and Northern Ireland

Musical anniversary weekend

RUTHERGLEN

WEST Scotland Fellowship Choir visited for the 124th corps anniversary weekend. The evening commenced with 'We Never Will Give In' setting the tone for the weekend. Other items included 'Like As A Father', 'When The Heart Is Young' and 'Words Are Impossible'.

The programme included a vocal solo by Mary Howie with 'Jesus My Jesus' and a duet of 'Fireside Fancies' by Ian and Margaret Milligan (piano). Carol Laird offered her personal testimony.

Major Paul Main (Central South DHQ) led the weekend with the theme A Difference

Maker. Using Philippians 2:14 he encouraged the congregation to be pure children of God. After a fellowship lunch the corps singing group and fellowship band presented items. Christopher Keane (cornet) offered 'The Wonder Of His Grace' and Ian Jamieson (euphonium) played 'Travelling Along'. – D. M.

BOURNE: A vision from Bandsman Guy Peverell came to fruition when a choir and brass ensemble of more than 70 people performed to a capacity congregation at Bourne Academy, conducted by Julie Wheeler. The varied programme included items by Westfield Primary School and trumpet soloist Andrew Thompson (Castleford). The evening concluded with 'You'll Never Walk Alone'. – C. G.



Karen Findlay (Prayer Resources Administrator) leads the Lincolnshire Prayer School at Louth, attended by church people including the chair of Churches Together and neighbouring corps folk

HORDEN: The annual talent night in memory of Captain Beverley Downie was a resounding success, with many participants from the corps and nearby churches taking part. Items included a cornet solo and pieces from the corps fellowship band. The Kool Kids + Singing Group sang excerpts from *Hosea* and *Take-over Bid* and Katie Jo Russell and Kyle Rowland sang a duet, 'All That I Am'.

The talent night raised £300 for the Freeman Hospital and Guch (grown-up congenital heart disease) Foundation. – M. S.

ALTON: Ancora Female Voice Choir presented the monthly Music For Pleasure concert to a capacity congregation. They offered a wide variety of songs, including 'Airly Beacon' by Phillip Andrews. Guest Fred Broom, a bass-baritone singer, supported the choir and delighted the audience with his singing, particularly with Arthur Sullivan's 'The Lost Chord'.

The monthly concerts continue to attract a large number of people who do not attend Sunday worship and offer an opportunity for meaningful conversations to take place. – T. U.



WEEK 10

Monday 6 May Luke 2 – The birth of Jesus, the visit of the shepherds and his presentation at the Temple

- How old would Jesus have been when presented at the Temple?
- Why did Mary and Joseph present the offering of the poor (Leviticus 12:8) when the wise men brought gold (Matthew 2:11)?

Tuesday 7 May Luke 3 – The ministry of John the Baptist and the genealogy of Jesus

- Compare vv4–6 with Isaiah 40:3–5. What can be learnt from the difference?

Wednesday 8 May Luke 4 – Jesus resists the Devil's temptations and begins his ministry

- Is the Devil real?
- When he returns to Nazareth, Jesus faces a lack of belief in his authority. Why do you think this was?

Thursday 9 May Luke 5 – Jesus begins calling his disciples and performs miracles of healing

- Why do you think Jesus ordered the leper not to tell anyone of the healing?
- What deeper purpose did Jesus demonstrate in healing the paralysed man?

Friday 10 May Luke 6 – Jesus provides teaching on the Sabbath, love for enemies and judging others

- How easy is it to personally implement vv27–36?
- Which of the builders are you in vv48 and 49?

KETTERING CITADEL: Norwich Citadel Band presented an enjoyable programme, opening with 'Hallelujah'. Further items included 'Fill The World With Music' and 'Variations On Laudate Dominum'. The band displayed some fine playing, finishing with the march 'Norwich Citadel'. – B. H.

SHERBURN HILL: Corps Cadet Sunday brought great encouragement and uplift as nine corps cadets, under the leadership of Evelyn Raine, presented song, drama and personal testimony. The corps cadet band played and Matthew Roberts (piano) offered an arrangement on aspects of love. – H. E.

LETTERS

THINGS ARE REALLY HAPPENING

SINCE Christmas it is as though our fellowship at King's Lynn has been reborn. Although we are only a small group we are sincere, flourishing and growing. Sunday morning worship is enhanced by the newly formed singing group led by Songster Leader Dennis Pearman. Our meetings are Spirit-led and centred which makes all the difference to our lives.

We were without an officer leader until Major Barbara Jeffery arrived at the corps last November. But now things are really happening in this corner of Norfolk.

*Daryle Taylor,
King's Lynn*

I'M STILL GRATEFUL

I WAS so pleased to see Gilfach Goch mentioned (*Salvationist* 23 March) and that Corps Secretary Rona Chappell has served the corps for 63 years.

I was an evacuee sent to Gilfach Goch at the beginning of the war and that is when I attended The Salvation Army.

The captain and lieutenant arranged for the children who attended the corps to have a day at the seaside. What a lovely day we had! Afterwards I went to thank them for taking me out that day, and said what a great time I'd had. Then, to my surprise, I overheard the captain say: 'Well that was nice. Nobody else has thanked us.' After that I resolved that I would always try and thank people.

What a great time we had putting on Christmas plays and magic lantern shows. I had been a cottage home child from Chatham and my three brothers were also in the cottage homes at Chatham, Kent.

It was good to recall those happy memories. May God continue to bless The Salvation Army!

*Lorna Farren,
Canterbury*



PRAISE HIM THROUGH DANCE

SOME churches use dance in worship. This is biblical because Psalms 149 and 150 urge people to praise God with dance and musical instruments.

The Christian Dance Fellowship of Britain (CDFB) has more than 400 members. People of most ages can take part and you don't need to be extremely fit, as it's about worshipping God, not impressing other people!

Children love movement so it's good for Sunday schools. Dancing with colourful flags, ribbons or shakers is an excellent outreach to the community, as it enables Christians to take part in summer fairs and other community events. Visit www.cdfb.org.uk to learn more.

At the dance in worship group I belong to in Hounslow, West London, we love to dance to the Graham Kendrick type of praise and worship music. Using the whole body as well as the voice is an excellent way to worship God.

*Ann Wills,
Ruislip*

LOOK OUT – JUSTICE NEEDS US ALL

HAVING spent most of my working life as a probation officer, I have a thorough grasp of the meaning of justice. When I was writing reports on offenders who were appearing before the courts on burglary charges, I was constantly questioned by those who thought it unjust to have been charged when they

saw themselves as just lookouts while others were committing the offence. They did not think they were in any way culpable even though they were condoning the wrongful actions of others.

I was interested in reading the feature (*Salvationist* 13 April) entitled 'My first hero'. The writer was referring to Commissioner Clive Adams, of whom he wrote: 'He'll fight for justice for the poor, for minorities and for the oppressed.' As Christians, we must also adhere to those principles and guard against being lookouts when we see injustice of any kind – because by standing by and doing nothing we condone the actions of the perpetrators.

The problems of the world in which we live today are not very different to those experienced by the Founder and it is our responsibility as followers of Christ to fight all forms of injustice wherever we find ourselves and in whatever situation we may be in.

*Kate Cousins,
Cleveland*



MY COLLECTION IS FLAGGING

AS a Salvationist with a love of history, I am trying to build up a collection of old flagstaff tops. I was wondering if any readers of *Salvationist* might have any they could donate to my collection.

*Richard Boryer,
Havant*

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DAVID LIVINGSTONE – TWO HUNDRED YEARS AFTER

by John Coutts

SCOTLAND is celebrating the bicentenary of the birth of a great missionary and explorer. *Dr Livingstone, I presume?* – a recent exhibition at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh – recalled the inspiring exploits of the man who was once ranked with other Christian worthies of the 19th century such as Dr Barnardo and William Booth.

Times have changed, and much of the Christian past has been forgotten. Mention the great reformer Martin Luther nowadays and many young people will think you are talking about Martin Luther King. But a headline on the cover of the magazine *History Today* reminds us that ‘what happened then matters now’ – and we live in an age when many of the Church’s role models have been demoted or debunked.

The process was in full swing by 1918, when Lytton Strachey wrote *Eminent Victorians* doing an elegant hatchet job on the saintly images of Thomas Arnold (Head of Rugby School), Florence Nightingale and General Gordon of Khartoum. That left David Livingstone standing unchallenged on his pedestal. Who could be unmoved by the story of his brave travels and lonely death – after which his faithful friends Susi and Chuma carried his body all the way down to the coast?

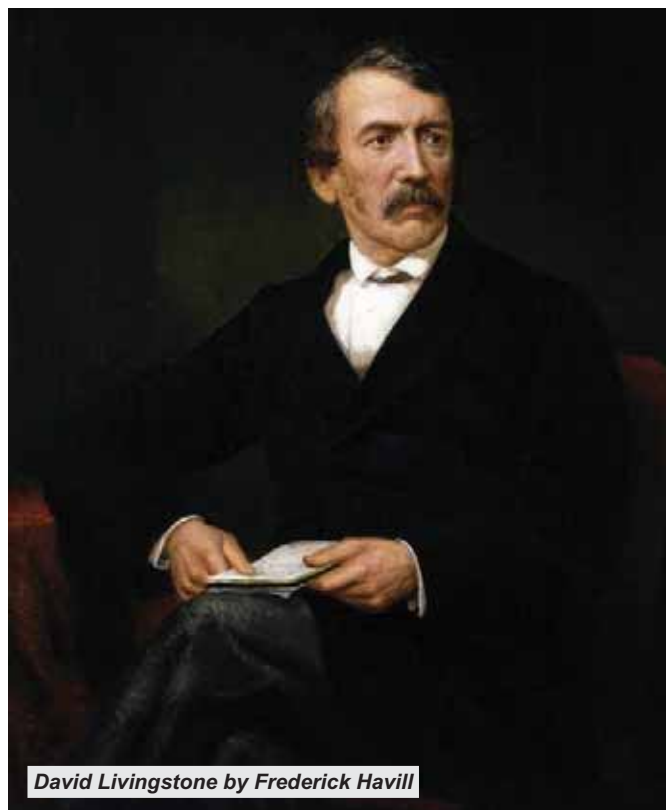
Then the late Edna Healey wrote *Wives Of Fame*, tracing the troubles endured by Livingstone’s long-suffering wife Mary Moffat, who was left to look after the family while the prodigal father went trekking into the uncharted forest.

Questions have also been asked about his role in stopping the East African slave trade. Did not Sir John Kirk – the British consul in Zanzibar – do the donkey work, while the man who always wore a Consul’s cap got most of the celebrity?

And now comes an article by Michelle Liebster, entitled ‘David Livingstone: Humanitarian or Hypocrite?’ Here we learn that the missionary doctor, in word and deed, was grievously influenced by pseudo-scientific racism. He sometimes ill-treated his porters, not shrinking from corporal punishment. On one occasion he even fired a pistol into the air and threatened to shoot potential mutineers in the legs. The writer concludes that ‘Livingstone cannot be understood either as a humanitarian or a hypocrite’. His failings ‘reflect the failings of the British imperial mission’.

So, why not try understanding Livingstone as a Christian, who – like the rest of us – shared some of the attitudes of his own time? Let’s admit that prejudice and sheer self-interest could infect The Salvation Army too. Many years ago, the late Colonel Tom Lewis – my wise mentor before I first went abroad – remarked that some missionary officers had turned into ‘white settlers in uniform’.

In Livingstone’s day, ideas of racial superiority were often taken for granted. Perhaps that’s why nobody thought of inviting Susi and Chuma to bear Livingstone’s coffin into Westminster Abbey. They were only ‘native porters’, after all. But that’s not the whole story either, for Susi and Chuma



David Livingstone by Frederick Havill

must have understood their dead friend and master very well. Had Livingstone been a mere racist boss, they would never have risked life and limb to carry his mortal remains on that long and dangerous march to the sea.

And while Michelle Liebster’s article credits Livingstone with good intentions, some of her comments seem rather unrealistic. Moderate corporal punishment was thought to be right and proper until recently. And Livingstone never shot – or even shot at – any human being.

Livingstone records an amusing debate between ‘MD’ (medical doctor – himself) and ‘RD’, the local rain doctor, who believed that his powers were essential to bring fertility to the land. MD records RD’s arguments with fairness, respect and good humour, and ruefully admits that ‘Medical Doctor’ was never able to talk him over. For Livingstone, the denizens of ‘Darkest Africa’ were always human beings.

And that’s one reason why – as Michelle Liebster admits – ‘older Christians in Malawi and Zambia’ continue to think of him as a ‘charitable and humanitarian figure’. How right they are!

‘We have this treasure,’ says Paul, ‘in earthenware pots.’ David Livingstone was made of human clay and shared some of the values of his own time but followed the teaching of Jesus. Livingstone was a pioneer of the human spirit – and of the Holy Spirit as well.



JOHN LIVES IN STIRLING

Families reunited

Captain Andrew Stone interviews Major Paul Hardy,
Director, Family Tracing Service

EVERY working day in the United Kingdom more than ten people are found and successfully reunited with their families through the Army's Family Tracing Service. In some of those cases it has taken the service several years to find the missing relative; other people have been located after just a few weeks. But the dedication of the team, which is located at Territorial Headquarters, results in 89 per cent of all inquiries being successfully concluded.

'Our role is to reconcile living relatives,' explains Family Tracing

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Service Director Major Paul Hardy. 'But there are some cases where we can't find people and other sad times when the person we are looking for has passed away.'

'Those are the times when we may have pastoral conversations with our inquirers. The case workers are keen to give as much support as possible and offer links to other Salvation Army services such as the Counselling Service.'

Happily, though, the vast majority of people who contact Family Tracing are reconciled to their missing relative, even when very little is known about them.

'In order to try to trace a relative we need a known name, their date of birth or approximate age and a last known address, even if it is from 20 or 30 years ago,' explains Major Hardy. 'It's not very much information but it will allow us to start the process.'

The Army does not publicise all the methods it uses to locate the missing relative.

'Obviously, like many people, we use the internet,' says the major. 'But we also have other avenues that we use to help restore broken relationships.'

'We give assurances to those who help us that we will not pass on their details, or reveal what information we



are able to glean from them. They are happy to help us because they see the work we do in restoring family relationships. This helps people's physical and mental state. As studies have identified, separation can adversely affect people's health and wellbeing.'

This work has been going on for more than 125 years. In the early 1880s, William Booth became aware of people who had lost contact with their relatives and asked his daughter-in-law, Florence Booth, to set up a service to help find them.

Mrs Booth's Enquiry Bureau opened in 1885 and has since grown into a worldwide operation, with the Family Tracing Service in the UK regularly linking with its counterparts in other territories in order to find the missing relative.

Attempting to find someone can be costly. Each search costs more than



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AT FIRST, WE BOTH FELT NERVOUS

Anita describes her experience of meeting her sister once again

I HAD lost touch with my sister Marion. The last time I had seen her was at our mother's funeral 12 years ago. We used to see one another at Christmas and other family events and we didn't fall out, but we were part of a large family of 12 brothers and sisters.

Marion had an independent spirit and when she was quite young she decided to move away from the family. She moved house quite frequently and when I tried to get in touch with her, she wasn't where I expected her to be. I looked in the electoral register and wrote to an address I thought she might be living at, but I didn't hear anything.

Months turned into years, and we hadn't spoken. As a family, we often spoke about Marion and wondered where she was and what she was doing. Finally, I thought it was time to look for her, especially as our brother had died.

I knew that The Salvation Army had a family tracing service and decided to contact them. After six months they found Marion and within an hour of them getting in contact with her to find out if she was happy to speak to me, I had her number.

Words can't express how I felt to have her number and know that I could speak to her again. It was absolutely wonderful!

When I called her I realised that we'd both felt nervous about that first conversation, but it's back to normal again now. We speak to each other every two weeks. Marion's daughter arranged a surprise trip for her to visit me and the rest of the family in Northern Ireland at Christmas. There were many family members she had never met before. It was an emotional time, when as brothers and sisters we got together again.

MARION TAKES UP THE STORY

My husband was in the army and we moved a lot. I had a number for one of my sisters but when I tried to get in touch I found she had moved. When I received a letter from the Family Tracing Service to say that Anita wanted to make contact, I was over the moon. I called the case worker back within ten minutes and I was thrilled when Anita called me. Another outcome of this family reunion is that my children and grandchildren are now in touch with their cousins.

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£150 but the inquirer is charged a registration fee of only £45, which is reduced to £25 for those on benefits. People living in Army Lifehouses, care homes or in prison can trace a relative without incurring any cost at all.

Major Hardy, though, is convinced that the cost of bringing families back together is not only money well spent, but an essential role of a Christian organisation.

'We do this work, despite the cost, because we are following Jesus' teaching about restoring relationships,' he says.

'When Jesus was on this earth he showed what God is like and he told parables about God wanting us back, reconciled to him in his family. We want to continue the work that Jesus started of restoring people who have fractious relationships, first to their earthly family, then back to God.

'I believe this is part of an holistic mission and ministry which The Salvation Army should be involved in.'

There can sometimes be unexpected results when a family member has been successfully found. Some people, who have been reunited with loved ones, have contacted their local Salvation Army corps and offered to help them as a way of thanking the organisation for the help they have received.

Major Hardy is aware of at least one instance where the tracing service found the daughter of a woman who, as a



REVIEW

THE MISSION OF RECONCILIATION

Major Keith Johnson (Spiritual Director, The Booth House Lifehouse, Grimsby, and William Booth House Lifehouse, Hull) reviews *Reunited!* by Dr Peter Willmott

THIS book beautifully illustrates the concept of reconciliation as one of the crucial factors that lie at the heart of the mission of The Salvation Army. Dr Willmott writes out of a deep sense of gratitude for the part played by the Salvation Army Family Tracing Service in reuniting him and his brother with their long-lost father.

The reader is carried at break-neck speed through the early history of The Salvation Army, its social services and in particular the Family Tracing Service, formerly known as Mrs [Florence] Booth's Enquiry Bureau. The department was originally established in response to the pleas of families who feared their missing daughters had been lured into prostitution. With just a handful of staff and limited funds, miracles were accomplished. The author demonstrates the success of the service down through the decades by introducing an inspiring array of case histories of clients, many of whom have been reunited with long-lost family members; Dr Willmott's own story is a moving account of one such scenario.

Take, for example, a call from a man in his forties, asking if the Army could trace his brother with whom he hadn't had contact for 13 years. After noting necessary particulars, the director asked if the inquirer had a pen and paper handy – the caller replied he had. 'Then please write down this address,' the director told him. After writing it down the inquirer asked whose address it was. He was told it was his brother's, who had called 20 minutes earlier asking if The Salvation Army could trace him!

There is no doubt that the author brings characters and situations to life and his enthusiasm for the work accomplished by The Salvation Army, from its inception to the present day, is interwoven throughout. This book, with only 160 pages, is a wealth of information for the reader who wants to know more about the work of The Salvation Army and the Family Tracing Service. For those more familiar, it is a fresh, inspirational look at the way people can access the rich, diverse ministry of the international Salvation Army.

● *Reunited!* is available through IHQ-Editorial@salvationarmy.org at £4.40 (plus £1.01 postage and packing)



“YEARS AFTER WE’VE REUNITED FAMILIES WE STILL RECEIVE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM THE INQUIRER THANKING US FOR WHAT WE DID ”

result, went to her local Army corps, became a Christian and continues to attend today.

But not every case leads to a successful or happy outcome. There are times when the Family Tracing Service is able to find the relative, but because of past relationship difficulties, the

person traced does not want to have contact with their family member.

'That is sad for the inquirer,' reflects the major. 'But we do respect the wishes of the person we are looking for.'

'However, that is not always the end of the story. Sometimes the person changes their mind and we've had cases where, anything up to two years later, they will contact us and say they would now like to be in touch with their relative.'

The Army provides the only dedicated family tracing service in the UK although, for legal reasons, it cannot trace family members in adoption cases. However, where successful searches have been carried out, the family can benefit for many years to come, as Major Hardy explains: 'Many people's health deteriorates from the moment of separation as they become distressed and anxious.'

'Years after we've reunited families we still receive telephone calls from the inquirer thanking us for what we did and

saying they are still in touch with each other and enjoying their newfound relationships.

'That's wonderful to hear and we feel that we are part of the family because of the work we have carried out.'

'We believe our ministry in serving suffering humanity is essential because families suffer if they become separated. Our desire is to help people who have gone through bad and distressing times find peace of mind and peace with God.'

The Family Tracing Service will continue to trace relatives, reconcile families and restore relationships for many years to come.

● *Anyone wishing to make a new inquiry about a family member should call 020 7367 4747*

GOING DEEPER IN PRAYER

by Major Phil Garnham

‘AND when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full’ (Matthew 6:5).

What we believe about the nature of God inevitably influences how deeply we can go in prayer. We all know what we should believe about God, but often there can be a residual, almost unconscious, feeling that he is a distant, distracted God, loving us in a general sense but far too busy for personal friendship with us.

The gospel is given so that we will know what God is really like, and we discover this fully in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

As I write this article, it is the week after Easter and I am captivated by the story of the Lord and King of the Universe preparing breakfast for his friends in John 21. The risen Jesus made time to cook for his friends and this enriching ‘breakfast invitation’ is extended to us too!

Going deeper in prayer involves the growing realisation that he knows us, loves us, has time for us and enjoys our company. In Luke 12:7 we read that even the hairs on our head are counted. What an amazingly attentive friend!

The prayer life of the hypocrites in Matthew 6:5 which Jesus condemns, is nothing to do with a deepening relationship with God, but a shallow means of gaining the status of a holy person, a purely superficial show to gain significance or to satisfy some other misplaced and unnecessary need. If we understand that we have the possibility of a growing friendship with the Creator of the Universe what other status could we ever possibly need!

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I would like to suggest that going deeper in prayer is a matter of taking the time to cultivate and enjoy an ever-deepening friendship with God rather than a means to gain status or prominence in our community.

In the months following the death of my wife Nicola in 2008, I was increasingly drawn to the story of the widow’s mite in Mark 12. As a widower in deep grief, I identified



completely with the widow in the recognition that I had very little to give except my brokenness, but I had a strong desire to offer what I did have to my friend and rabbi Jesus. In this story as in the story of the breakfast on the beach, Jesus seemed to have plenty of time. How encouraging it is that Jesus had time in a hectic day to notice a poor widow who had no status or prominence at all in her society.

I believe that we who are his friends in the 21st century can have confidence that he has time for us too, as we offer him our friendship. It is so easy to envisage that the Creator of this vast Universe cannot possibly be interested or concerned about the issues that are on our hearts and which sometimes wake us up in the night with stress and fear. The good news is that God has all the time in the world. Time is his creation and he has plenty of it for all. He loves it when we come to him offering the ‘mites’ of our everyday lives, however ordinary and insignificant they may seem to be.

This offer of friendship with God is a remarkably generous act of love and hopefully encourages in us a desire to go deeper in prayer. Friends want to be together to enjoy each other’s company and so they make time for each other. If we are to flourish as Christians and live the full life that Jesus came to give us (John 10:10) then we need to learn to enjoy quality time with this amazing friend, sharing with him all that we are going through, all that is on our hearts and all that we hope for the future. Then there will not be the remotest possibility that our prayer life will be like that of the hypocrites of Matthew 6:5.



MAJOR GARNHAM IS OUTREACH CENTRE OFFICER, RAYNES PARK

Set your heart

The second in a three-part series, entitled *The Cry Of My Heart*, by Major Mark Herbert

WHEN was the last time you were surprised by what you saw? Life is unpredictable. As I write, we are at the beginning of Holy Week and there is snow in south London. At this rate we may even get some sun in the summer! This topsy-turvy world isn't lacking counsel – it's lacking wise counsel. The challenge, then, is to make sure we go to a wise source.

Proverbs is part of the Wisdom Literature in the Old Testament, full of short, wise sayings, that – when applied – help shape our living.

Last week Proverbs 4:23 encouraged us to check out our heart. This week we are thinking about how our 'heart condition' influences our external responses. Take a look at the wise saying in Proverbs 23:19: 'Listen, my son, and be wise, and set your heart on the right path.'

Simply stated, the question is: What kind of life are you going to live? Before we decide what we are going to do with

our lives, we have to decide the type of person we are going to be.

For my part, I believe this starts with our language and lifestyle. Can we think about gratitude for a moment? As Christians, we see what others see, but we should refuse to do what others do. Our faith and values are counter-cultural. The world should be different because we are in it.

For example, at times we can get so wrapped up in our rights that we become self-righteous. We should have no sense of entitlement. We give away the things we love for the God who loves us more. As far as I can see, there is no biblical mandate that gives Christians permission to be Olympic-standard whingers!

Complaining offends the heart of God. There is a volume of voices competing for our attention, listening for a response. What will they hear?

To be a world-changer flows from a position of strength and security. We can make a difference where no difference seemed possible. Choosing to live well must be an intentional decision.

So then, set your heart. This begins when we develop a spirit of gratitude, a language of thankfulness. Allow God to grab your heart. Check your perspective. Sometimes we are more inclined to focus on what we don't have, rather than what we do have.

Use the eyes of your heart to see what God has given you. Make a list. You will find that one thing leads to another. Try it! I promise you, you will be surprised. The worst moment in the life of an atheist is when they are really thankful, but they have no one to thank.

Remember again the generosity of God upon your life. Imagine what might happen if we were gripped with joy and gratitude because of the difference Christ's love has made in our lives. Yes, God is good and yes, he is good all the time!

Gratitude is a language and a lifestyle. What then do we need to remember?

God loves our gratitude – in fact, it is important to him. We are told that God inhabits the praises of his people. So then, there are only two occasions when we should praise God – when we feel like it, and when we don't!

Gratitude is never silent or invisible. We have to say it and show it. Most of us are in no danger of being too grateful.

Grateful people find something of blessing in every situation. In truth, there are times when the last thing we want is to be surrounded by grateful people. This may not sound profound, but the wisdom to 'set your heart' enables us to look beyond our circumstances to see a God who is with us.

Set your heart on the right path. Live with a positive spirit!

FOUR QUESTIONS THAT MAY HELP

- What am I particularly grateful for right now?
- In what ways do I express my gratitude?
- What stops me from being grateful?
- What can I do to encourage others to be grateful?

Thank you for reading this article!

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**MAJOR HERBERT IS TERRITORIAL
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NEW COMMITMENTS



1. JAN HARRIS, CHARLOTTE MILNER, MARIA CHEESEMAN, ROBERT STEVENS, ASHLEY GREEN
Soldiers STEPNEY

JAN, Charlotte, Maria, Robert and Ashley made their commitment before corps members, family and friends and shared how God is working in their lives.

Jan contacted The Salvation Army looking for a volunteering opportunity two years ago. She got involved in the corps social justice and community work and soon began attending anything she could!

Maria was homeless five years ago, living under London Bridge. After moving into her flat she came into contact with the corps through a job recruitment drive for the Olympic Games. She was invited to worship by Jan and has not looked back.

Charlotte and Ashley both had summer jobs working at Salvation Army camps in the United States. Charlotte sought out a corps on her return and spoke about how she wanted to share God's light with the world as a soldier of The Salvation Army. Ashley felt God calling her to work with youth organisation XLP in London and was then amazed to find herself placed with the corps.

Robert joined the community football outreach programme eight years ago and got to know others involved in the corps. He testified to how God has been a lifeline to him and given him a new start. – M. W.

2. EMILY KING, GEORGINA WILKINS **Junior soldiers OXFORD**

EMILY and Georgina's junior soldier friends let off party poppers to celebrate their enrolment. Emily attends the corps with her family. Georgina raised money for the Army. She went with her Dad to present the cheque and liked the corps so much they decided to stay. – M. W.

3. ANDREW BARBOUR **Soldier CHATHAM**

ANDREW first came to the Army after giving his father a lift to the

meeting. His original intention, to wait outside, was overcome when he felt drawn to join his father. The warm welcome he received led Andrew to attend and make a commitment as a soldier. Despite recent illness, he was determined the enrolment would take place. Corps officer Major Alec Still enrolled Andrew as a soldier. – M. S.

4. ESTHER AVERY **Adherent member OLDBURY**

CORPS officer Lieutenant Lydia Bartlett welcomed Esther to the fellowship as an adherent member. – R. S.

5. SAMANTHA HURD **Junior soldier BATH TEMPLE**

HAVING attended the corps for several years with her parents, Samantha made the decision to become a junior soldier. During a lively meeting where she chose a number of songs, Samantha was enrolled by her grandfather Major Ken Bartlett (Torquay). – J. H.

6. LAUREN ASKIN, NIAL ASKIN **Junior soldiers KNOTTINGLEY**

SIBLINGS Lauren and Niall started attending Sunday worship with their family. Niall testified that he had thought church would be boring, but discovered that it can be fun. Lauren and Niall are excited to find out what God has planned next for them. They were enrolled as junior soldiers by corps officer Lieutenant Sandra Chamberlain. – M. T.

7. NIGEL RALPH **Soldier LITTLEPORT**

NIGEL and his wife Mary went to the corps for the first time in response to an invitation to a carol service. They started to attend regularly. About a year ago, Nigel gave his life to Christ and has become an active member of the corps. Making clear his determination to serve God as a soldier, Nigel testified to the difference the Lord has made in every area of his life. Surrounded by family and friends, Nigel was enrolled by corps officer Major Bram Holland. – B. H.

8. ROBERT WILSON Adherent member MIRFIELD

ROBERT, who has learning disabilities, has worshipped at the Army for 11 years, since going to live with corps members Denise and Martin Bedford through the Shared Lives scheme. He is a popular member of the congregation who loves the Lord and enjoys nothing better than singing God’s praises. Robert was warmly welcomed as an adherent member. – D. B.

9. MONICA CHANT Soldier BARBARA JONES Adherent member WILLIAMSTOWN

SISTERS Monica and Barbara grew up in the Army and for many years have attended the home league, where Barbara plays the piano. Monica’s commitment was prompted by a letter from a former corps officer stating how proud her parents would be if she joined the Army again. Barbara said she believes that her return to the Army was in God’s hands and will. Monica was enrolled as a soldier and Barbara was welcomed to the fellowship as an adherent member. – D. W.

10. CHLOE DAVIES Soldier SWANSEA

CHLOE started attending the Army after her boyfriend Ben, who is a soldier at the corps, invited her along. She quickly came to appreciate God’s presence and the welcome she received. Chloe testified that she became aware of God’s calling for her to go deeper in her faith. Corps officer Captain Alison Stone enrolled Chloe as a soldier. – A. S.

11. TRACY MULLEN Adherent member CWMBRAN

CORPS officer Major Nigel Collins welcomed Tracy to the fellowship

as an adherent member. After Tracy moved from London to Cwmbran, a friend told her about the parent-and-toddler group held at the Army. Tracy took her son Jayden along and was pleased with the welcome she received, subsequently attending Sunday worship. – D. L.

12. – 14. CHICHI NKEME, MATTHEW CARRÉ, FAITH CHICHERO Junior soldiers CHELTENHAM CITADEL

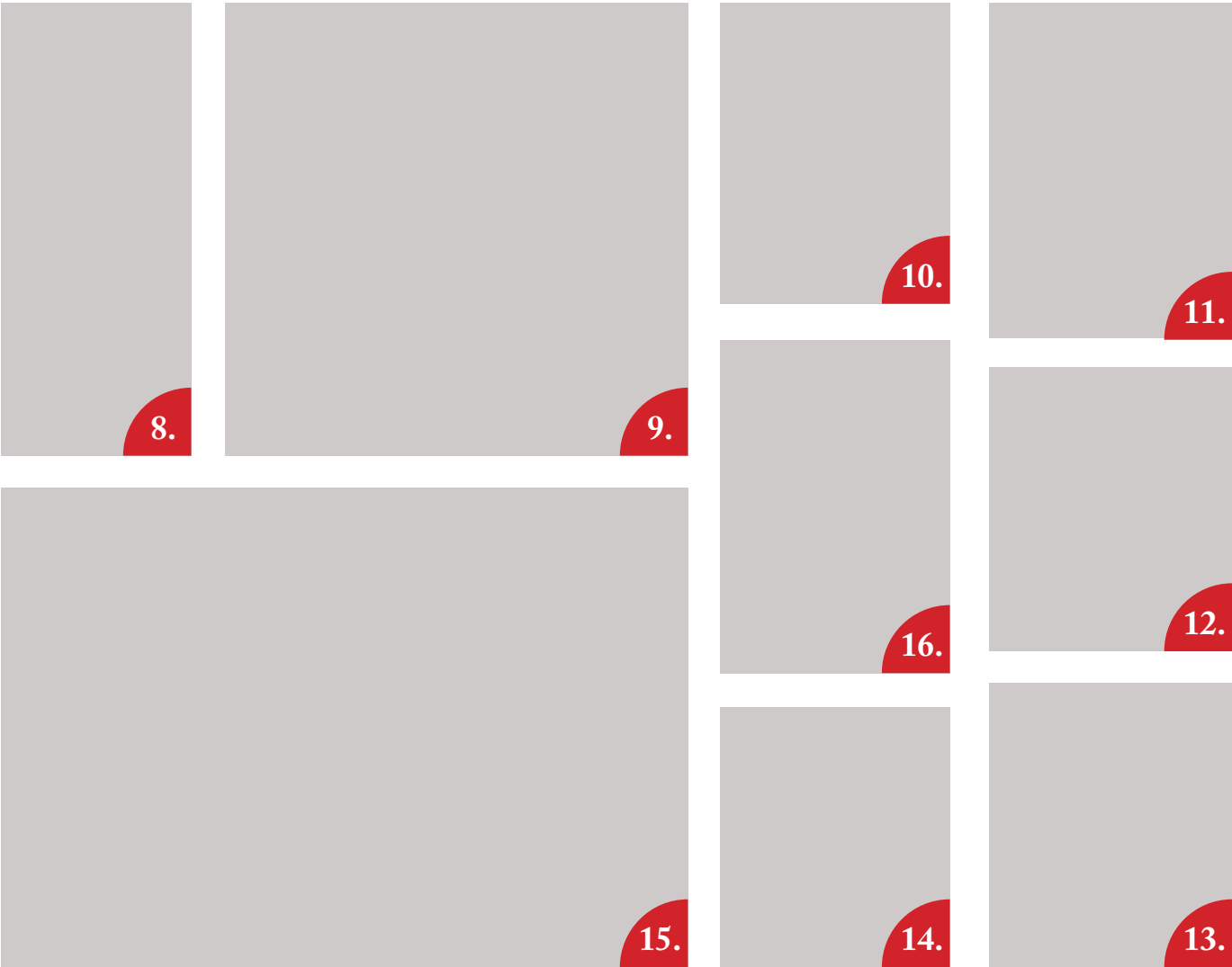
SURROUNDED by a capacity congregation of family and friends, Chichi, Matthew and Faith were enrolled as junior soldiers by Matthew’s mum, Captain Paula Carré (THQ). The new junior soldiers signed their commitment cards with their prayer partners and with their fellow junior soldiers presented a play on the parable of the great dinner. – R. G.

15. SHAHAF TRIPP, JASMINE MAYERS Junior soldiers EXETER TEMPLE

SHAHAF and Jasmine were enrolled as junior soldiers on Palm Sunday. After the girls made their promises, corps officer Major Alan Young challenged them to wear their junior soldier badges to school, so that they could explain what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Shahaf and Jasmine are pictured with YPSM Ginnie Cutler. – A. C.

16. EMMA CURRIE Junior soldier CLYDEBANK

EMMA shares a birthday with her older brother Ryan, who was born exactly two years before her. Like Ryan, she wanted to become a junior soldier to give her heart fully to Jesus. Emma was enrolled by Captain Matthew Bennett (Aberdeen Citadel). – L. C.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARMY PEOPLE

APPOINTED

Effective 28 February:

- **Major Keith Manning**, Chaplain, Dewdown House Care Home, Weston-super-Mare

Effective 28 March:

- **Captain Wayne Adcock**, Barnet

Effective 4 April:

- **Captains Leanne and Martin Cordner**, Divisional Programme Support Officers, Ireland
- **Captain Allan Dunlop**, Associate Officer, Parkhead (with responsibility for Shettleston)
- **Captain Jonathan and Lieutenant Sam Hamilton**, additional appointments, Chaplains, Ann Fowler House, Darbyshire House and Green Lane Lifehouses, Liverpool
- **Major Maureen Hepburn**, Divisional Director for Community Services, East Midlands
- **Captain Graeme Parkhill**, additional appointment, Divisional Candidates Officer, West Scotland

Effective 16 May:

- **Captain Caroline Buchanan**, Fraserburgh

Effective 18 July:

- **Captain Jackie Bainbridge**, additional appointment, Divisional Candidates Officer, Central South
- **Major Gillian Burns**, additional appointment, Safeguarding Officer for Scotland, Safeguarding Unit, Personnel Service, THQ
- **Major Christine Kingscott**, Spiritual Director, Hopetown Lifehouse, London
- **Major Kingsley Layton**, Lockerbie
- **Major Neil McFerran**, Chaplain, Riverside House Lifehouse and Greig House, London
- **Major Manuela Mordan**, Chaplain, Ashbrook Lifehouse, Edinburgh
- **Majors Debbie and Philip Nield**, Histon with Willingham
- **Lieutenant Ashley Proddgers**, Dublin South
- **Major Catherine Roe**, additional appointment, Area Director for Guiding, East Midlands
- **Captain John Stark**, Spiritual Director, Harnall Lifehouse, Coventry
- **Majors Bernadette and Stephen Westwood**, Swansea

Effective 18 July – 1 November:

- **Major Terence Andrews**, Chaplain, Lyndon House Lifehouse, Ipswich

- **Majors Agnes and Keith Wallis**, Programme Support Officers, West Midlands and South and Mid Wales

MARRIAGES

- **Steven Base to Kimberley Stokes** at Burton-on-Trent by Major Jane Morris
- **Timmy Jackson to Diane Guthrie** at Bolton Citadel by Major Fiona Broom

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Diamond:

- **Major and Mrs Jack and Margaret Lawrance** (16 May)
- **Rtd BM William and S/Reservist/Corps Pianist Ruth Jones**, Guildford (16 May)

DEDICATED TO GOD

- **Millie**, daughter of Mark and Rachel Haley, at Oldham Citadel by Major Brenda Stones
- **Declan Thomas**, son of Barry and Amy Kerr, at Boston by Major Graham House
- **Erik Chima and Bennet Ekele**, sons of Sam and Adrienne Eze, and **Isaac John**, son of John and Teresa Prior, all by Captain Kate Cotterill; **Bella Anne**, daughter of Dan Munns and Laura Piper, by Major Christine Piper; **Corey Wesley**, son of Chris and Janine Parker, by Commissioner Mike Parker; **Xavier James**, son of Matt and Michelle Little, and **Hannah**, daughter of Sam and Rayana Sacramento, both by Captain Gordon Cotterill; all at Sutton

BEREAVED

- **June Worth**, Cardiff Canton, of her son Graham, **Major Lindsay Brevitt**, Poole, of her brother
- **Captain Carole Tucker**, Bangor, and **Gail Gourlay** of their father Bandsman Gilbert Young
- **Territorial Envoy Paul Stanford**, Tewkesbury with Evesham, of his mother Monica
- **Mrs Major Jacqueline Stephen** of her husband Major George Stephen
- **Barry Selling** of his wife Sylvia, **Songster Susan Selling** of her mother, both Wellingborough
- **Alf Wileman**, Sheffield Citadel, of his wife Betty, **Paul Wileman**, Sheffield Citadel, **Martin Wileman**, Doncaster, and **Andrew Wileman**, Winton, of their mother

RETIRED OFFICERS

Birthday congratulations:

- **Major Molly Ward** (80 on 10 May)
- **Aux-Captain Leonard Perry** (80 on 10 May)
- **Major Constance High** (80 on 10 May)
- **Captain Amy Barnes** (85 on 11 May)
- **Major Mrs Phyllis Spicer** (80 on 13 May)
- **Mrs Brigadier Olivia Bell** (100 on 14 May)

PROMOTED TO GLORY

- **Major George Stephen** from Leicester on 25 April
- **Ruby McLelland**, Leighton Buzzard

ENGAGEMENTS

GENERAL LINDA BOND: ● Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar, Tu 7 May - Wed 15 ● ICO, Sun 19 ● IHQ (General's Consultative Council), Mon 20 - Th 23 ● Germany and Lithuania, Fri 24 - Mon 27 ● ICO, Th 30

THE CHIEF OF THE STAFF (COMMISSIONER ANDRÉ COX)

AND COMMISSIONER SILVIA COX: ● Italy and Greece (Commissioning), Th 2 May - Sun 5 ● IHQ (General's Consultative Council), Mon 20 - Th 23 ● ICO, Fri 31

THE TERRITORIAL COMMANDER (COMMISSIONER CLIVE ADAMS)

AND COMMISSIONER MARIANNE ADAMS: ● The Dome, Doncaster (Roots Conference), Sat Sun 5 May ● Southern (divisional celebration), Sun 12 ● London North-East, Sat Sun 2 Jun

THE CHIEF SECRETARY (COLONEL DAVID HINTON) AND COLONEL SYLVIA HINTON: ● Scotland Council, Th 9 May ● Territorial Leaders Conference, Tu 14 - Fri 17 ● Eston, Sun 2 Jun

COMMISSIONER BIRGITTE BREKKE: ● France, Mon Tu 14 May

COMMISSIONER WILLIAM COCHRANE: ● UK, Barrhead, Sat Sun 5 May ● UK, Harlow, Sat Sun 12

COMMISSIONERS TORBEN AND DEISE ELIASEN: ● USA Western (Spanish Bible Conference), Fri 17 May - Sun 19

INTERNATIONAL STAFF BAND: ● Llanelli, Sat Sun 19 May

INTERNATIONAL STAFF SONGSTERS: ● Southampton Sholing, Sat Sun 19 May

TRIBUTES



SONGSTER RESERVIST MRS SYLVIA GAUDION, L'ISLET

BORN in Taunton to officer parents, Sylvia was exposed to music

from an early age. Her mother was an accomplished pianist and music formed the bedrock of Sylvia's life. A gifted vocal trainer, she was singing company leader twice and also songster leader. Many former members paid tribute to her Christian influence in their lives. Her lovely singing voice was often in demand at divisional events.

Her intelligent mind enabled Sylvia to work for many years as a merchant banker in Guernsey.

She met her husband Marcus in 1957 on her parents' appointment to L'Islet. They married in 1959. Her love for the Lord and her family was evident, and her influence will live on through them. – A. G.



EVELYN EYRES, NORTHAMPTON EAST

BORN in 1925, Evelyn loved the Army – becoming a senior soldier at 17, a company guard and primary

teacher. For many years she undertook the distribution of the Army papers until a period in hospital three years ago.

Evelyn also worked tirelessly behind the scenes, helping set up tables for luncheon club, washing up and making tea for the over-60 club. Her highly active sense of humour made everyone laugh. Evelyn also had a powerful singing voice, and was a songster for a time. She loved the home league and willingly did whatever she was asked.

A lovely, quiet Christian lady who loved her Bible and songbook, Evelyn was a good friend to many and is sadly missed. – N. R.



RETIRED CORPS TREASURER WILFRED JONES, WREXHAM

PROMOTED to Glory at 94, Wilf enjoyed a long and full life. Football and cycling

were but a few of the many activities that bore testimony to this.

The first time he played in the senior band

was at the scene of the 1934 Gresford Pit Disaster, when 266 miners were killed. This event had a lasting impression on Wilf. More than 70 years later, he was still enjoying making music as a bandsman and songster at Wrexham and also helped out at Coedpoeth.

A reliable and respected employee, soldier and local officer, Wilf served as corps treasurer for more than 25 years and was a true Christian gentleman.

He leaves his wife Nancy and sons Alun and Melvyn. – C. D.



MRS RUTH KNOWLES, NUNEATON

RUTH was born in Nuneaton in 1928 to Salvationist parents and enjoyed Sunday school. She loved to sing and

joined the singing company. As a senior soldier she served the Lord as a songster.

Ruth was quiet, shy and gentle, but her love for God shone through everything she did. Her warm smile was a special gift that encouraged many people, especially in the home league and over-60 club. In her quietness she was a blessing to many people, and is greatly missed by her family and friends. – C. V.



LEONARD HARDCASTLE, BATLEY

LEN was born in 1927. A lifelong Salvationist, he grew up in Dewsbury where he became singing company leader and

deputy bandmaster. Work later took him to Cradley Heath, where he was a bandsman and songster.

Len returned to Yorkshire in 1967 and soldiered at Gawthorpe, becoming songster leader. In 1970 he transferred to Batley, where he served as a bandsman. He regularly attended meetings until his promotion to Glory on his birthday in March.

Len is greatly missed by his wife Lily, his children Marjory, David and Valerie and all their families. – D. H.



MRS HILDA HUCKER, PILL

BORN into a Salvationist family at Pill in 1921, Hilda was the youngest of three children and became a

singing company member and songster. She

loved to march with the band whenever it was on duty.

Hilda met her husband Cyril – a bandsman – in 1936. They married in 1941 while he was home on leave. Hilda loved her family of three daughters and four grandchildren and was devoted to her husband. He was promoted to Glory in 1985.

Hilda had recently returned from Florida and was promoted to Glory at 91 after a stroke.

A wonderful mother and grandmother, Hilda was a faithful servant of the Lord who used her gift of singing to express her love for Jesus. – J. H.

ICO DELEGATES

The 217th session of the International College for Officers runs from 10 April to 3 June. The delegates are:

- Major Trevor Nicol, Australia Eastern
- Major Karina Wood, Australia Southern
- Major Téofilo Chagas, Brazil
- Major Roxanne Jennings, Canada and Bermuda
- Major Vilece Thomas, Caribbean
- Captain Victoria Tungia, Eastern Europe
- Major Emelia Oduro, Ghana
- Major Daniel Raju Dasari, India Central
- Major Sunila Masih, India Northern
- Captain Jarvis Silas, India South Western
- Major Ramila David Chauhan, India Western
- Captain Samuel Kang'ara, Kenya East
- Lieut-Colonel Mary Mkami, Malawi
- Major Jocabet Ramos, Mexico
- Captain Jackson Suave, Papua New Guinea
- Major Karina Giusti, South America East
- Captain David McCaw-Aldworth, Spain
- Captain Jenny Chen, Taiwan
- Major Gillian Billard, Captain Philip James, United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland
- Major Gregory Thompson, USA Central
- Major Naomi Kelly, USA Eastern
- Major Pamala Morris, USA Southern
- Captain Daniel Freeman, USA Western
- Lieut-Colonel Beauty Kazimpingani, Zimbabwe

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Through the week with ‘Salvationist’ – a devotional thought for each day

Saturday

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2:9–11)

Sunday

At the name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of Glory now;
’Tis the Father’s pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

(SASB 141)

Monday

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

(Romans 8:11)

Tuesday

No more we tremble at the grave;
For he who died our souls to save
Will raise our bodies too.
What though this earthly house shall fail,
The Saviour’s power will yet prevail
And build it up anew.

(SASB 149)

Wednesday

He said to them: ‘It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will

receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’

(Acts 1:7 and 8)

Thursday

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

(Acts 1:9)

Friday

No more we doubt thee,
Glorious Prince of Life!
Life is naught without thee;
Aid us in thy strife;
Make us more than conquerors
Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To thy home above.

(SASB 152)



Praying around the world... Indonesia

Army operations commenced in Java in 1894 and spread across many of the islands. The territory, led by Commissioners Mike and Joan Parker, comprises 582 officers, 1,850 employees, 281 corps and 110 outposts as well as multiple schools, universities and medical facilities, 28,464 soldiers, 14,493 adherent members and 6,528 junior soldiers. The Indonesia Territory is like a rich tapestry of islands with differing traditions, cultures and local languages. Christians are in a minority in this country but The Salvation Army is well respected. The territory requests prayers for officers serving in areas where there are tensions between faith groups. Pray that Salvationists will remain strong in their faith, portraying the love of the Lord Jesus in their daily living. The territory is praying for 40,000 soldiers by the end of 2014.



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