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## THIS WEEK'S QUOTES FROM THE PAPERS

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GETS WIDE BACKING

Efforts by Christians to secure a place for Religious Education in the proposed new baccalaureate have the support of humanists.

At a debate about Professor Trevor Cooling's report, *Doing God In Education*, held at the Royal Society for the Arts in London, Dr Joyce Miller, associate fellow of the Warwick Religion Education and Research Unit, announced that everyone involved in RE is opposed to the Government's proposal to omit the subject from the new performance measure.

Dr Miller is a Buddhist, but her position was supported by Mr David Pollock, President of the European Humanist Association.

*The Church of England Newspaper*

### HUMANISTS ALTER CENSUS SLOGAN

Humanists have altered a poster campaign aimed at influencing census responses on religion after being advised they could be offensive.

Posters due to go on buses around the country with the slogan 'If you're not religious, for God's sake say so' have been changed to 'Not religious? In this year's census, say so,' by the British Humanist Association.

The change was made after the Committee of Advertising Practice said the original could cause 'serious offence'.

*The Independent*

### NO CHANGE TO TEACHING ON MARRIAGE

The Archbishop of Canterbury reaffirmed the Church of England's teaching on marriage during a meeting... with MPs in the House of Commons...

Dr Williams stated that marriage was between a man and a woman...

Last month the

Government announced proposals to allow religious buildings to be used to host the registration of same-sex couples. It emphasised, however, that it would not 'force any religious group to host civil partnership registrations if they do not wish to do so'.

*Church Times*

### 'NO PLACE' IN THE LAW FOR CHRISTIANITY

There is no place in British law for Christian beliefs, despite this country's long history of religious observance and the traditions of the established Church [according to] two High Court judges...

Lord Justice Munby and Mr Justice Beatson made the remarks when ruling on the case of a Christian

couple who were told that they could not be foster carers because of their view that homosexuality is wrong.

The judges underlined that, in the case of fostering arrangements at least, the right of homosexuals to equality 'should take precedence' over the right of Christians to manifest their beliefs and moral values.

*The Daily Telegraph*

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# In Christ alone



**'When Christ was led into the wilderness to be tempted... the whole ground of human temptation was covered in that experience, in order that afterwards he might be able to succour those who are tempted. He fought the Devil in the desert over a long stretch of 40 days... and came off conqueror at every point.'**

(From Commissioner T. H. Howard's  
*Fuel For Sacred Fire*)

If I may indulge in a little poetic licence, I wonder if you ever wonder what Jesus might have been thinking, saying, praying and doing during his 40 days in the wilderness (see Matthew 4).

The Bible doesn't say much on the subject, and I have been a Salvation Army officer for too many years to any longer place great value on idle speculation. I rarely guess new officer appointments correctly, so it might be argued that if I can't even get that right, then I shouldn't really be devoting my time to speculating about Jesus' innermost ruminations. (By the same token, it could be suggested that it is sometimes easier to fathom the ways of God than it is to second-guess the ways of the dear old Army.)

For all that, we might reasonably

conclude that, for most of those 40 days, he was alone or, at any rate, deprived of human company. That, for my money, strikes at the heart of Lent – the voluntary self-deprivation of something we enjoy in order to focus on matters spiritual. Such Lenten discipline is supposed to help us become more like Christ. Eastern Christians call this process theosis, which St Athanasius describes as 'becoming by grace what God is by nature'.

I have no idea whether Arthur John Booth was anything like Christ (I suspect he was), but I have been reading about him. He was a husband and father who, as a merchant seafarer in the 1920s, sailed thousands of miles away from his family. Booth wrote home often, to his wife and his daughters, posting wonderfully illustrated letters to his four-year-old daughter Molly. Outward bound in 1921, and apparently already missing his children, he wrote: 'We shall all be lonely for some time.' Knowing this, he drew funny little inky cartoons to send messages of love, concern and reassurance.

Prior to his public ministry, Jesus was lonely for some time, and it's a good thing for us he was, because out of his loneliness in the barren wilderness sprang three beautifully fruitful years of healing, blessing and teaching. His desert-deprivation became our delight.

On page 10 this week Commissioner Betty Matear challenges us to make the most of Lent, in 'the pursuit of a holy life' and to 'refocus our material blessings to make a difference to others' by 'focusing on Jesus'. It would be difficult to find a better description of the entire *raison d'être* of The Salvation Army. Following the commissioner's advice might just result in you and me sending out messages of the Father love of God, his concern for the lost and the reassurance of forgiveness in Christ to those who are, as yet, far from Home.

MAJOR STEPHEN POXON, EDITOR

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## Chief Secretary challenges congregations

### Portadown

CHIEF Secretary Colonel Brian Peddle and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries Colonel Rosalie Peddle led the 130th corps anniversary weekend. On the Sunday, the CS challenged congregations in the family service and praise meeting about their purpose and privilege as believers. The Sunday school children reminded all there that they are a part of God's big family.

Belfast Sydenham Band took part in the praise meeting, presenting a number of items accompanied by a multimedia presentation depicting former and present days. The Mayor of Craigavon (Alderman Stephen Moutray) was a special guest.

Celebrations began with a neighbouring church hosting a four-course meal and ended with a bounteous faith meal. – L. C.

## Dedicated fundraisers

### Chelmsford

ENFIELD BAND and the Dedicated Divas women's singing group took part in the eleventh concert in aid of the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity, held in St Andrew's church and hosted by Ian Wyatt of BBC Radio Essex. The event raised £1,100.

The band, which has supported the event every year, set the pace before a capacity congregation with 'Make His Praise Glorious'. Chris Avison (cornet) excelled in 'A Happy Day', 'Share My Yoke' and 'Standing On The Promises'.

The Dedicated Divas, taking part for the first time, sang 'The Rhythm Of Life' and a selection from *The Sound Of Music*.

Actor Ken Lodge, also a faithful supporter of every concert, contributed a poetry reading.

The band concluded the evening with 'The Call Of The Righteous' and its signature march 'The Red Shield'. – D. B.



## Corps welcomes Kenyan visitors

### Winton

ON the Sunday before the Territorial Youth Band and Choir courses, the corps welcomed visitors Benton Kioko and Stanley Makau (pictured) from Quarry Road Corps (Kenya East). The West Midlands Division had sponsored the young men to attend the TYB course and they also spent time in the Midlands and visited International and Territorial Headquarters.

They played solos in the evening meeting and Benton conducted the band. He is the bandmaster at his home corps. – G. T.

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## First Messy Church at children's project

### Blaydon

THIRTY new people representing eleven families from the community attended the first Messy Church, which was held in a primary school. Children of various ages, their parents and grandparents joined in the fun, which included planting seeds, making a collage, painting and making pipe cleaner bugs and concertina people, before uniting for a celebration of creation. The afternoon ended with tea. One grandmother commented: 'It was great – better than I expected!'

The team – mainly soldiers and friends from Newcastle City Temple – felt that God's blessing was on this new venture. – A. D.

## Superheroes have fun

### Parkgate

NINETEEN children enjoyed a fun-filled superhero afternoon on half-term Monday. The children dressed up as a variety of superheroes, made superhero capes and wall hangers and refuelled by sharing superhero food. They played games and learnt about how Jesus performed miracles, is the best superhero ever and is the only one who can really save the world. – B. W.

### Colchester Citadel:

The band led an open-air meeting, themed God's Love, in the town centre on the Saturday before Valentine's Day. Corps folk gave out copies of *The War Cry* and people were invited to attend the meetings. – J. P.

## Shakespeare features in talent night

### Upper Norwood

MAGIC, comedy sketches and even Shakespeare featured in a talent night held to raise money for new chairs. Sections and individuals from the corps took part and staff from the International College for Officers and Centre for Spiritual Life Development also joined in the fun. Music ranged from 'The Floral Dance' to 'Wonderful Grace', a piece arranged by former corps member Lieutenant Nicholas Samuel (Thurso).

The final items were meditative and the evening concluded with the songsters singing 'Before The Cross', a song with words written by Peter Cooke, who has soldiered at the corps for many years. – R. C.

## Reception celebrates new group structure

### THQ

THE territory hosted a joint reception to celebrate the Salvation Army Housing Association (SAHA) becoming a wholly controlled subsidiary of The Salvation Army.

Senior leaders, employees and friends from the Army and SAHA gathered together to officially mark the new group structure, approved by the Tenants Services Authority (TSA), that means that The Salvation Army is now the parent organisation for SAHA.

Opening the reception, Territorial Commander Commissioner John Matear said: 'I thank God for this new relationship and structure that will lead to increased efficiency and effectiveness for The Salvation Army's mission and mission outcomes. This coming together will contribute positively to our ability and our capacity to serve suffering humanity, as, together in partnership, we commit to serve those entrusted to our care.'

SAHA Chairman Colonel Lawrie Fisher responded by saying: 'The nature of our relationship with The Salvation Army is not a legal one, not a technical one, not a professional one, but is a relationship based on spiritual perspective. We rejoice over the achievement of this new group structure but this celebration is only just the beginning of the future.'

The new structure became effective from 19 January 2011 following shareholder approval and registration with the Financial Services Authority.

The integration consolidates a working relationship between SAHA and The Salvation Army that dates back 50 years. SAHA was established as a separate housing association by The Salvation Army in 1959 primarily to provide housing for retired officers. In time, SAHA diversified into providing general social housing and provision for homeless people, and this has become its core business. Over the years the close working relationship with The Salvation Army has grown and since 1979 the two organisations have



Nigel Parrington, Colonel Lawrie Fisher, Commissioner John Matear and Colonel Brian Peddle

worked closely on providing supported housing for vulnerable people.

Today SAHA is a Christian faith-based registered provider of social housing in England, now working in 62 local authority areas, principally providing supported accommodation for homeless vulnerable people of all ages and general family accommodation.

Many of the Army's Life-houses for homeless and vulnerable people are run in partnership with SAHA. Both organisations have had very specific roles to fulfil in the partnership: SAHA, which owns and manages the buildings, focusing

principally on the development of new accommodation and operating management standards; and The Salvation Army providing the programme of support, care and personal development services for residents.

Consultation with SAHA residents, staff and other stakeholders relating to the proposed integration began in June 2010 after a draft business case for the proposed new Salvation Army and SAHA group structure was submitted to the TSA at that time.

'In recent years the operating environment for organisations like The Salvation Army and SAHA has been constantly changing,' said SAHA Chief

Executive Nigel Parrington. 'Government funding arrangements such as Supporting People have changed and there is more competition between housing providers. The new structure will help us to be more efficient in terms of costs and services and to make more appropriate use of our combined resources, skills and experience. It will also give us a stronger joint voice when tendering for services and competing for funding and contracts.'

'For staff and residents the changes will not have a direct impact, but the services we can provide and the care we offer will be greatly strengthened, such as access to employment services, debt counselling services and other additional services from The Salvation Army.'

Lieut-Colonel Ian Barr (THQ) said: 'The proposed new group structure makes a great deal of sense for two organisations that not only have a shared history and values but also already work so closely together. This is an exciting time for The Salvation Army and SAHA as we bring together our joint expertise on a formal basis, which will allow us to better serve people in the future. In The Salvation Army we have already implemented some major changes to the way we work with vulnerable people and families, based in part on our *Seeds Of Exclusion* research. We are delighted that SAHA will now become a more integrated partner in this work which can only benefit those whom we seek to serve.'

— A. R.



## Emergency services swing into action

### West Scotland

THE divisional emergency services swung into action when called out by Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Service to attend a large fire in Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow.

At the height of the blaze, more than 60 firefighters were involved and Army teams served refreshments from the emergency response vehicle to fire crews, police officers and others working on site. People had to be evacuated from their homes and some of them were given refreshments at the scene. — I. P.

## Oasis experience

### Chester

A PRAYER weekend at the corps provided an oasis for those who experienced it.

Corps member Karen Urmston arranged the event assisted by Su Chapelow, Berri Moore, Laura Urmston and corps officer Major Gill Stacey. The theme was based on the question Jesus asked blind Bartimaeus: What Do You Want Me To Do For You? The answer was depicted by sensory activities represented as – Heal Me, Guide Me, Love Me, Cleanse Me and Refresh Me. A prayer wall was created which was planned to continue beyond the weekend.

On Sunday morning the congregation felt the Spirit of God move in a beautiful way as Karen led a meditation in which corps members participated. – G. S.



## Band presents prison programme

### Upper Norwood

EXTREMELY bad weather meant that the band's annual Christmas visit to HMP and YOI

Downview had to be cancelled. However, the band was delighted to accept an invitation to present a programme and service in the prison chapel on a February Sunday afternoon.

Under the leadership of associate officer Major Lawrie Brown, who is a member of the prison's chaplaincy team, the band endeavoured to cater for all tastes. The programme ranged from Mozart's 'Ave Verum Corpus', through a sensitive

arrangement of 'Mid All The Traffic' to the modern dance rhythm of 'Tomado De La Mano'.

Individual band members introduced themselves and led gospel songs and Bandsman Trevor Tullett testified to God's healing in his life.

The afternoon concluded with the prisoners joining the band in an exuberant rendition of 'Sing Hosanna'.

The prisoners are already asking when the band can visit again. – R. C.

## Corps holds musicians weekend

### Derby Central

ANDREW BLYTH (Assistant Territorial Music Director) and Sue Blyth were guests for Musicians Weekend. Many old friends were joined by people attending their first Army event as they gathered for a Saturday evening concert.

Andrew's informative and relaxed leadership helped the audience to appreciate the programme, which included some of his own compositions. The songsters sang 'Love, Grace And Power' and the band played 'My Father's World'. Soloists Darren Willis (euphonium) and Colin Sneade (*Eb* bass) played 'Compelled By Love' and 'Celestial Morn' respectively.

Sue featured as a vocal soloist, prefacing her songs 'Somebody Believed' and 'His Eye Is On The Sparrow' with testimony, giving insight into her own spiritual journey.

Andrew and Sue led thoughtful worship on Sunday, with corps musicians participating throughout. Sue's singing again brought challenge and encouragement. Andrew and Sue's openness, humour and spirituality contributed greatly to a helpful and uplifting weekend. – F. B.

**Penarth:** Captains Alan and Carole Donaldson (Worcester) led the young people's weekend Sunday meetings. In the morning the children received their prizes and were reminded of their need to rely fully on God. In the evening the captains challenged people to be salt and light in the world. – C. P.

**Long Eaton:** Major Mary Booth (Acorn Lodge and Sneinton House Lifehouses, Nottingham) led meetings on the theme of encouragement. Alex and Malita Chesters received a special word of encouragement as they played with the YP band in a meeting for the first time. – I. Y.

## Children celebrate being God's heroes

### Horsham

THE children's ministry at the corps is growing, and more than 30 young people finished their half-term with a party. For the past few weeks the children have explored biblical heroes and the party concluded the series as they looked at how they are called to be God's heroes in the world.

Corps officer Captain Susan Woodgate has encouraged the young people to live the best lives they can and many of them now witness at school, proud to be a part of The Salvation Army. – I. W.

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## Choir presents message with joy

### Bristol Easton

AS part of the corps Second Sunday Special series, Renewal Choir presented a programme of worship and song with an enthusiasm that was infectious. The choir comprises people who enjoy gospel music and present their message in contemporary style with immense joy.

One of the choir's founder members, Vernon Samuels, preached a challenging and inspirational message.

The Second Sunday Special series is designed to breathe new life into Sunday evening worship and, with a packed hall, this objective is being achieved month after month. – H. B.

## Officers introduce luncheon club

### Horsham

FOR some time the corps has been concerned about falling numbers in the over-60 club and wondered whether it had a future. Unwilling to be defeated, corps officers Captains Ian and Susan Woodgate decided to introduce a luncheon club alongside the meeting.

Friendship Club members issued invitations to people who had been to the Christmas Day dinners and many responded. Thirty people are now attending the lunches and club and are showing an interest in what is happening at the corps. – I. W.

## Musicians feature in guest night

### Southsea

THE thirteenth annual Guest Night featured John Starkes (euphonium, Boscombe), Portsmouth Citadel YP Band with soloist members Craig Bates (cornet) and Angharad Muir-Davies (cello) and the corps songsters.

John Starkes included 'Carnival Of Venice' and 'Ransomed' in his contributions and Marc Harry (Southampton Shirley), who accompanied him on the piano, joined him in a euphonium duet from *The Pearl Fishers*.

The YP band played seven items, including 'Beyond The Blue' and 'Three Songs Of Worship'. Angharad played 'Ständchen' and 'Robot's March' and Craig's solo was entitled 'I Love You, Lord'.

Corps Press Representative Trevor Martin spoke on people's personal journeys to eternity with Jesus and the songsters concluded the programme with 'Sing For Joy'. – A. R.



Members of Sherburn Hill Home League display a scarf that is more than 57 metres long – the result of a sponsored knit which raised £165 for the helping-hand appeal



Belfast Sydenham Ladies Fellowship enjoy a night out at the City Hall; they had a guided tour and sat in the Council Chambers to hear about some of the Province's history

## Bible journey

### Hythe

WHEN corps officers Captains Karen and Phil Layton set their congregation a Bible-reading challenge a year ago, they had little idea how far the scheme would spread. Over the 12 months, the captains have found themselves guiding more than 250 people around the world in reading the whole of the New Testament – 27 books and 260 chapters.

Each Monday to Friday since 1 March 2010, corps members and friends have been joined by Salvationists, Methodists, Anglicans and others from as far afield as Canada, the USA, Australia and India in the challenge, which ended on 28 February.

Captain Phil Layton said: 'It has been a real joy and blessing for me, personally, to read through the New Testament so methodically once again, this time with my children. It has also been fantastic to hear the wonderful testimonies of many of the people who have joined in.

'This started as a small, local scheme to encourage members of my congregation to read their Bibles and to help maintain the friendly group atmosphere that we enjoy, and the response has been overwhelming.'

The Bible-reading plan for the year was available on the corps website and the captain emailed study notes to participants to guide them through five chapters a week.

The captain added: 'People have found the discipline of reading the Bible on specific set days really useful. It's also been helpful for them to know that others have been doing it at the same time. The accompanying notes and questions each week have helped many to understand how the Bible is incredibly relevant to our lives today.

'Some people enjoyed the challenge so much that they went ahead and finished early and are now reading through the Old Testament.' – A. R.

**Hull Icehouse:** Shipley Band visited the corps to lead Sunday meetings. Young people in the band contributed to worship through dance and monologue and the band played 'Star Lake' and 'Divine Communion'. – W. P.

## Band presents anniversary programme

### Hatfield Peverel

GETTING 120th corps anniversary celebrations off to a good start, Colchester Citadel Band presented a Saturday evening programme to a full hall. The Leader of Braintree Council (Councillor Tony Shelton) and his wife Christine were guests. This was the first event the councillor had attended in the town since taking office last year.

The band's programme included 'Joy And Devotion', 'Prayer Gently Lifts Me' and 'Dance With David'. Suzanne Rudkin (vocal), Sheila Woodard (piano) and Guy Lever (euphonium) were the soloists.

The congregation particularly enjoyed a timbrel display and the trombone features 'From That Sacred Hill' and 'Peter, James And John'.

Former corps officers Majors Marion and Peter Shipp led Sunday worship, and the evening meeting took the form of café church.

Photographs of the corps history and cuttings from *The War Cry* from the 1890s were on display in the hall. – P. H.



## Warm welcome

### Sheffield Citadel

CROYDON BAND received a warm Yorkshire welcome to the corps. The varied Saturday programme included 'Praise', 'Faithful God' and 'Cristo Redentor' as well as soloists Carl Nielsen (cornet), Matt Ingram (piano), Kevin Coates (trumpet and flugelhorn) and cornet duet-tists Darrell Scholes and Carl Nielsen.

When leading Sunday worship, Commissioner Robin Forsyth (IHQ) challenged people with real-life situations of God's love. There were also testimonies that highlighted God's unchanging love. In the final meeting Bandsman Damian Wileman of the host corps was invited to lead the band in his own arrangement 'Lord Of All'. Verses from Romans 8 led into the band's excellent rendition of Ray Steadman-Allen's 'Romans 8'.

The visitors concluded the weekend with 'Celebration' and 'St Clements'. – P. L.



*The Suffolk emergency response team (based at Stowmarket) assist at an incident in Framlingham, where more than 1,200 houses were affected when contractors cut through a gas main; the team served hot dogs, sandwiches and drinks to more than 100 engineers and support staff during the three-day incident*

## Bands commemorate lost fishermen

### Hull

HULL Icehouse and Citadel Bands united to provide music for the 22nd Lost Trawlermen's Service. The event was held on St Andrew's Dock, near to where a permanent memorial is to be built. Tracey Oliver of the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen and the Rev Tony Cotson (St John's and St Matthew's) participated. – W. P.

## **■ Inlusiveness is more than language**

**MY thanks to Major Leanne Ruthven for her plea for the use of more inclusive language in our worship (*Salvationist* 26 February). While many of us grew up thinking of 'men' and 'mankind' as inclusive, our culture is changing rapidly and this is no longer the case.**

In recent years I have become more aware of such masculine terms and find them increasingly distracting, especially in our songs. A number of newer hymnbooks are addressing this issue and lyrics are being adapted to suit a new era. I do hope that those responsible for the production of our new songbook are taking this issue to heart. Songs written by a number of our fine 20th-century lyricists, such as Catherine Baird, Miriam Richards and John Gowans, would speak to a new generation if they were expressed in a 21st-century inclusive idiom.

Of course, inclusiveness is not just a matter of language. Genuine openness to those who are different and the willingness to adapt to let the gospel speak to all are vital. But using more up-to-date language, where we can, must surely help!

*Christine Parkin,*  
Major,  
Alderbury

## **■ Inclusivity means wide-ranging changes**

**HAVING read Major Leanne Ruthven's article – 'Mind your language' – I believe we are straying into dangerous territory if we start tinkering around with God's holy word and the lyrics of Salvation Army songs.**

Major Ruthven says: 'There are times we could substitute inclusive words.' Inclusivity is not simply a matter of

making changes to fit into a politically correct, non-gender-specific agenda: it is about making wide-ranging changes so that those with disability issues (which, of course, comprises those with mobility, hearing and sight problems, among others) are not in any way excluded. This would have a major effect on the running of a meeting ('Let's stand to sing this song').

There are, of course, other areas, such as ageism, which come into the inclusivity equation.

Presumably an easy solution would be to cut out any Salvation Army songs that refer specifically to men. But how sad if we could never again sing the Founder's Song, with its wonderful words 'now flowing for all men'!

*Jan Ambrose,*  
London

## **■ Courage, sister, do not stumble**

**ON Sunday morning at Hamilton, our worship concluded with the splendid hymn 'Courage, Brother, Do Not Stumble' (SASB 716). In the very same week *Salvationist* carried Major Leanne Ruthven's thought-provoking article 'Mind your language' which suggests that Norman Macleod's inspiring words badly need updating.**

But how? 'Courage, sibling, do not stumble' would make sense only to social scientists, and nowadays 'Courage, comrade' might suggest Comrade Stalin rather than General Booth. 'Courage, Christian' is possible, but in the end – as leader of the meeting – I gave everyone the option of singing 'Courage, sister, do not stumble', which few seemed to take up.

Was this enough? Might the words 'brother' and 'sister' be held to discriminate against 'only children'? Getting it right is far from easy.

Many thanks to our Editor-in-Chief for making us think about it.

*John Coutts,*  
Stirling

## **■ Willersley memorabilia sought**

**FROM 10 to 14 April my wife and I are to host a holiday week for the Christian Holiday Guild at Willersley Castle in Derbyshire. This is the second reunion to take place and we have every reason to believe that it will be as equally an enjoyable reflection as was the first.**

Those who may have a past interest or links will remember that many mothers were evacuated during the war from the Salvation Army maternity hospital in Clapton (the Mothers' Hospital) to the safety of beautiful Derbyshire. Many more mothers had their children in these idyllic surroundings until the

## **■ Help needed with corps list**

**I WAS wondering if readers could help me with a project. As an Army historian, I have given myself the task of trying to list corps by their original number – even the closed ones.**

I have a lot listed by their number already. But I have another list of corps for which I cannot find a number.

I appeal to *Salvationist* readers for corps numbers and names.

You can write to me by post or by email ([richard.boryer@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.boryer@btinternet.com)).

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total reached 4,000 between 1940 and 1946.

We are urgently seeking memorabilia – either written or photographic – so that it may be displayed during the week. This could either be from those who have a personal connection by birth or have family members or friends who worked or trained at Willersley during this period.

Thank you in anticipation.

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# Lent: a prelude to Easter

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

LEARNT from five years in the Caribbean that Lent required stamina. Ash Wednesday at the corps we attended was a whole-day event of prayer and fasting. I grew to appreciate that Lent is a time of challenge and promise. The reality of 40 days seeking personal holiness and renewal can be a luxury that far outweighs any self-denial.

Is it possible to enjoy Lent? In truth the positive focus and commitment to Jesus build us up in our spirit. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled' (Matthew 5:6 all quotations from *New International Version*). When we rediscover our need and absolute dependence on God we are blessed.

Lent is about deepening our relationship with God. It also gives us the opportunity to reflect on how much we have, compared with those who have little. Then we learn the lesson not to live for ourselves, but to live to please God and, with a spirit of thankfulness and graciousness, refocus our material blessings to make a difference to others.

It is good for us as Salvationists that Lent and our Self-Denial giving come at about the same time. Giving up and giving out takes the focus from us. It is not a human-centred or self-serving activity.

The goal is not simply to save calories, economise, donate to the needy or even improve our prayer life. These are secondary benefits. It is the opportunity to 'forget about yourself and concentrate on him'.

Lent is the prelude to Easter – an identifying with the crucified Jesus and an anticipation of the celebration of his resurrection. Lent has nothing to do with drawing attention to ourselves and everything to do with focusing on Jesus. We would make a mistake if we moved away from Lent as a spiritual occasion. Is it possible to have a secular Lent?

It is a positive time, rather than what

*Lent has nothing to do with drawing attention to ourselves and everything to do with focusing on Jesus*

many perceive it as – a time of denial. Lent gives us the opportunity to see that, as well as the physical, there are spiritual and moral dimensions to our lives. I confess that there are many distractions, yet we can hear the voice of God that says: 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!' (Mark 9:7). We want to focus our attention on listening to God and being open to see what areas of our lives need to change. The prophet Joel called the people to 'return to [God] with all your heart', and to 'rend your heart and not your garments' (2:12 and 13). The psalmist prays: 'Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting' (139:23 and 24). The changes that God works in us will continue beyond this Lenten period for it would be ineffective if we were to revert. The searching and changing have to be effective, productive and practical in our lives beyond this period. Lent is for life, not simply a yearly commemoration.

As we see our own dependence on God, we will reflect and appreciate the needs of the poor and I suggest our prayers become orientated on their behalf, before we begin to ask for ourselves. Our prayers become prayers that really matter and we might pray for ourselves to enable us 'to live more simply that others might simply live' and to courageously act to work for a just solution. We are called to good works and justice.

Lent must lead us to transformation in our prayers and actions and make us more like Jesus.

In these days of reflection we are called to a change of heart and mind, to see where God would want us to be as disciples of Jesus Christ. Returning to the Caribbean reflection, these days leading up to Easter were days of intense preparation of converts won in the new year spiritual campaign. The days were spent teaching and instructing so that people could understand the truths regarding their salvation and when Easter came they would be enrolled as soldiers.

The teachings and disciplines of Lent – penitence and forgiveness, the pursuit of a holy life, dedication and commitment, our responsibility to others and for others – are so relevant to Salvation Army soldiery that we embrace these pre-Easter days and underline their potential to save souls, grow saints and serve suffering humanity. ■



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# WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2011?

## RELEVANCE

2011 marks the 400th anniversary of the publication of the *King James Version* of the Bible. We'll be joining the Biblefresh movement in taking a fresh look at the bestseller of all time: uncovering the truth of the Bible, reading between the lines to understand the context and history, being inspired by the arts that have shaped Scripture and hearing how God's word remains as relevant today as it was 400 years ago.

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## CHALLENGE

ROOTS is marked by the quality of speakers who share their passion and experience to speak prophetically and with challenge into a Salvation Army context. Guest speakers include Bishop Graham Cray (Fresh Expressions), Krish Kandiah (Biblefresh), poet Liz Babbs and musician Stuart Watson, joining Commissioner John Matear and Major Judith Payne.

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## WORSHIP

Our adult celebrations give you the opportunity to worship in a 1,000-strong congregation, enjoying old and new songs and worship styles led by Noel Richards. KIDS and YOUTH worship are marked by life, enthusiasm and sincerity, which are central to these programmes as they are to the adult celebrations.

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## RESPONSE

ROOTS isn't TV, to be watched and switched off. It's about responding to what God is saying. There will be time to respond prayerfully, either on your own or with others, in celebrations and in the Prayer venue that is open throughout the day.

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## TRAINING

ROOTS provides a unique training environment: a choice of Bible studies will give you the option to choose a learning approach which will help you effectively engage with Scripture; a full seminar and workshop programme is designed to equip you for your life and ministry. Sessions include a mini Walk Thru the Bible experience, an introduction to Bible Society's Lyfe resource, drama workshops and the family zone where your family can learn together to enjoy the Bible.

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## DISCUSSION

ROOTS has been described as a conversation, with time for questions and discussion built into Bible studies and seminars. Our Let's Discuss evening programme gives you the chance to question our speakers, discuss the teaching you've heard during the day and make your contribution to the theme.

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## RESOURCING

With a fully stocked bookshop, Salvationist Publishing and Supplies and access to more than 25 Salvation Army departments and other organisations, ROOTS provides the perfect opportunity to seek out resources, advice and ideas – all located under one roof.

## ENTERTAINMENT

Laugh along with the dry wit of Adrian Plass, enjoy a stunning performance of *Word Of The Wives* from talented performer Abby Guinness, and dance, shout, clap and worship with all your heart in our final-night praise party led by Noel Richards.

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## FELLOWSHIP

There is space in the day to meet up with friends from across the territory, to enjoy time together, to share ideas and to build new links.

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## SPACE

A chance to step out of the busyness of everyday life, to spend time with God, to be inspired, to be refreshed.

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**We can only give you a taster here, but visit our website for full programme details, including topics, titles, who is speaking where, when and on what subject, read more about our speakers... and much, much more!**

## KIDS ROOTS

Hi kids!, ROOTS promises another action-packed weekend of fun and an experience not to be missed! Intrepid explorers Penny, Kev and Ricky are back, packing their bags and setting off to explore the wonders of God's creation and hopefully discovering the amazing truth that they too have a role to play within it.

Over the four days we'll spend together, we will use art, crafts and multimedia to experience The Canvas (the Bible, which is an awesome picture of the Creator God). We will hear The Story (God on a mission to rescue his good but spoilt creation). And with lots of opportunity given for response to all this, we'll be encouraged to discover ways in which the Bible can equip us to live out our part in the story, whoever, wherever and however we are.

This year we will be joined by Sherlock Holmes and his intrepid sidekick Doctor Murray Watson, who will help us unravel clues, solve mysteries and point us in the right direction as we focus on some key themes taken straight from the Bible itself: The Book, The Creation, The Nativity and The Word.

KIDS ROOTS promises to be another exciting interactive experience, featuring a brand new live worship band and a dedicated team of experienced children's workers all blessed with time to create and play! So come and join the fun!

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## YOUTH ROOTS

This year we're back and we've got an awesome programme lined up for you! Each day kicks off with time to reflect before heading into our Bible studies led by ALOVE's very own Phil Ball. 2011 is a huge year for Bible study as we join the rest of the Church in celebrating the 400th anniversary of the *King James Version*. ALOVE are making it an extra-special year for Bible study as we are launching a brand new resource to help young people engage in really effective Bible study – sound exciting? It's gonna be!



Our evenings feature our hosts, Jon and Laura, worship led by Tim Alford and speakers from a top-class line-up. After hours is back and we'll be saying a big hello to magician Steve Price, an incredible dance crew and ROOTS favourites [dweeb].

So, what are you waiting for! Make sure you've got your tickets booked for ROOTS 2011 – we are looking forward to seeing you in Southport!

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## WHO IS ROOTS FOR?

ROOTS is for anyone passionate about the mission and role of The Salvation Army within the calling of the broader Christian Church. It's also for anyone outside of The Salvation Army who has a passion for mission and a desire to grow in their Christian faith.

## HOW MUCH DOES ROOTS COST?

- £90 adult
- £80 adult concession  
*(over-60s, unemployed, students, officers)*
- £65 under-18
- £50 under-18 concession  
*(for children of the unemployed, students, officers)*
- £290 family ticket (2 adults, 2 children)
- £265 family ticket (1 adult, 3 children)

## CAN I COME FOR THE DAY?

Yes, day tickets cost:

- £40 adult
- £35 adult concession
- £30 under-18
- £25 under-18 concession

*All ticket types will be sold online and by phone until 5 pm on Thursday 28 April and then on the door from 2 pm on Friday 29 April. Session tickets will also be available on the door.*

## WHO CAN CLAIM A SPONSORED TICKET?

ROOTS is giving funding to provide free tickets to those who would otherwise not be able to afford to come to the event. A corps officer decides if an applicant is eligible. Simply download the form from our website or call 01825 748883 and a copy will be sent in the post. Complete the form and ask your corps officer to sign it to validate your claim. Post the form to us and we will contact you to confirm a sponsored place.

## CAN I BE PART OF THE EXHIBITION?

Yes, we have exhibition stands available and a range of advertising opportunities, including event guide advertising and on-screen advertising. Prices and booking forms can be downloaded from the web or requested by calling 020 7367 4928.

## WHERE CAN I STAY?

There is a range of accommodation options:

- Sleep on a church floor for £6 a night including breakfast.
- Stay on the ROOTS campsite. A pitch for up to 8 people costs £70 with an additional £40 for electrical hook up.
- Choose from one of Southport's many hotels and B&Bs. The town has many options to suit all budgets. Access the Southport Tourism Booking Service via the ROOTS website.

*Details of all these accommodation options can be found on the ROOTS website.*

## CAN I JOIN THE TEAM?

Yes, we are recruiting stewards who help us manage the venues. Stewards receive a free ticket to the event, food vouchers and help with travel costs. To apply, email [roots@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:roots@salvationarmy.org.uk) or call 020 7367 4928.

## WHERE IS ROOTS HELD?

ROOTS is held at the Southport Theatre and Convention Centre and venues across the town. Southport is easily accessible by car, train and plane (via Manchester or Liverpool airports).

## CAN I WATCH THE ROYAL WEDDING?

Yes! You don't need to miss out on the big day. Join us to watch live at 11 am or catch up during the afternoon and enjoy our royal Let's Discuss round-up of the day's events.

## HOW DO I BOOK?

Book online at [roots-conference.co.uk](http://roots-conference.co.uk) or by phone on 01825 748883

## IS IT CORRECT THAT THIS WILL BE THE LAST ROOTS IN SOUTHPORT?

Yes. We're planning new regional ROOTS events for 2012 and 2013, bringing ROOTS to a location near you. While it is sad to leave Southport we're planning to leave in style. Don't miss out, book now and join us for a great weekend.

# How will spending cuts affect my neighbour?

Dr Helen Cameron considers this important question

SINCE the Review of Public Spending was announced last October, the media have been full of stories about spending cuts. This article reflects on how these cuts may affect Salvationists and the work of The Salvation Army in the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland.

As individuals, families and neighbours, Salvationists may be affected by the loss of a job, the reduction in services they have come to rely upon or new requests from family or neighbours for help.

At corps level, those receiving funding from local authorities or charities may find that money is reduced or less secure. Over the next four years, as public services change, corps may receive more or different requests for help.

Whenever systems of support change, there is the danger that some people will fall through the cracks and so turn to an organisation they feel they can trust. From

September each divisional headquarters will have a divisional director for community services who can help corps review what they do already and decide whether they should change or develop that response.

Government support for those who are unemployed is being radically reshaped. Employment Plus UK is working hard to be part of the new way of working and to give corps and centres the opportunity of being part of that too. The outcome of the negotiations should be known in April and the hope is that the Army will continue to play an important role in helping those who face most difficulty in finding work.

We have a network of 17 homes for older people, providing care as they near the end of life. About half of the residents in these homes have their fees paid by local authorities. It seems likely that some local authorities will not increase their fees or may even seek a reduction. The impact of

this will only gradually become evident over the next year.

The Salvation Army has contracts with 70 local authorities to provide support to the residents of our Lifehouses. Central government has said it is reducing by 1 per cent a year the pot of money that funds this work. However, local authorities are no longer restricted to spending this money on existing work with homeless people. Many of them are making larger cuts in order to deal with their need to maintain mandatory services, such as those for children.

So the picture is a mixture of opportunities and concerns. Where a cut is proposed a letter is sent to the local authority explaining the impact on those we serve. Weekly board meetings at THQ decide where cuts can be accepted without reducing to unacceptable levels the quality of support the Army provides. A group chaired by the Territorial Commander is monitoring the situation as it develops. The Public Affairs Unit is working with other churches and charities to explain our concerns about the effect of cuts.

It is possible to feel overwhelmed in the face of so much change. The Gospels offer challenging questions to help us stay focused.

In this situation, who is my neighbour? For all Salvationists, it is our family members, our next-door neighbours, those we worship with and work with. How are their lives affected? What response can we make?

But the parable of the good Samaritan teaches that our concern should extend beyond those we know to all those who have fallen by the wayside. That concern can be expressed by prayer, giving, acts of service and voicing our concerns to those who make decisions. As citizens and voters we can contact local and national politicians to raise issues that concern us. Our experience in the Public Affairs Unit is that politicians take particular note of issues raised by their constituents. You might feel that one response you can make is to make your voice heard. The churches – working with Bible Society – have produced a website full of advice on how to do this: visit [susa.info](http://susa.info) for more information. ■

■ **The Public Affairs Unit can be contacted by emailing [public.affairs@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:public.affairs@salvationarmy.org.uk)**

■ **Dr Cameron is Public Affairs Officer at THQ**

*It is possible to feel overwhelmed in the face of so much change. The Gospels offer challenging questions to help us stay focused*

# An empty tomb

The Bishop of Chelmsford, the Right Rev Stephen Cottrell, begins this York Course series entitled Rich Inheritance... Jesus' Legacy Of Love

JESUS didn't write a will. He left no written instructions. At the end, as he hung dying on the cross, nearly all his followers had abandoned him. By most worldly estimates, his ministry was a failure.

Nevertheless, his message of reconciliation with God lived on. It is the central message of the Bible. With this good news, his disciples changed the world. How did they do it? What else did Jesus leave behind – what is his 'legacy of love'?

## TO BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING

Try to imagine hearing the story of Jesus for the very first time. When Mary Magdalene and the other women went to the tomb, they were expecting to find a corpse. And even when they discover the tomb is empty, they don't immediately conclude that Jesus has risen from the dead. Resurrection was as strange and bewildering to them then as it is to us now. It was not something people believed in, or expected. Although the four Gospels offer different accounts of what happened, they are united about this: the tomb was empty.

To make sense of what happens next, to understand how the Church came into being, grew and flourished, we need to

make this our starting point: to imagine what it must have been like to have put such faith in Jesus, only to see it all go so badly wrong – to be at a point of complete emptiness and hopelessness. Only then can we be ready to receive the absolute surprise of the new beginning, which is the resurrection of Jesus. 'You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here' (Mark 16:6 all quotations from *New Revised Standard Version*).

## NOT RECOGNISED

In John's account, Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb alone. When she finds the stone rolled away and the tomb empty, she runs and fetches Peter and John. They go into the tomb, and John 'saw and believed' (20:8). But what he sees is emptiness – not the risen Lord.

Mary sees someone she mistakes for the gardener. Still convinced that the body has been taken, she asks if he knows where it might be. It is only when he utters her name that she recognises him as Jesus.

This initial lack of recognition is the next important piece of the puzzle (and remember, the two disciples on the Emmaus road didn't recognise the risen

Jesus either). The tomb is empty because Jesus is now alive with a new and different sort of life, which flows from, and is continuous with, the life he had before. He has not become a different person.

Mary Magdalene is not looking at a ghost. His risen life is still a *physical* life. In later resurrection stories, Jesus eats with his disciples. Thomas is even invited to touch the wounds where the nails had been.

But neither is Mary looking at a resuscitated corpse. Jesus has not been raised in the same way as Lazarus, only to die again. Jesus goes before us to prepare a way. And on the first Easter morning, he stands in our midst.

Mary Magdalene becomes the first witness to the Resurrection, and bears this message to the other disciples.

## HE IS RISEN!

This is the first precious gift in the legacy of Jesus: an empty tomb. And its message is the central message of the Christian faith: He is risen! There is now a new hope and the promise of a new life for the whole of God's beloved and broken humanity.

Of course, it is baffling and unexpected. You can't pin it down. Jesus tells Mary Magdalene not to cling on to him (John 20:17). In other words, 'I don't live in boxes. I jump out of tombs!'

Without the Resurrection, the Christian faith makes no sense at all. The Resurrection is the hard, non-negotiable starting point of everything we know as Christian. This man Jesus, who died upon the cross and was buried in the tomb, is now *alive*. He has left the grave behind and changed for ever the way we feel about death. More than this, we can now understand his own death: not as a failure, an execution, but as the offering of his own life to God. He was indeed God's Messiah – but not in the way anyone was expecting.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is clearly an amazing and significant event. In the New Testament, it is described as the 'first fruits' of a great harvest. *We are that harvest.* ■

## ■ For discussion or reflection

Read John 20:1–18 and 1 Corinthians 15:54–56. Does the hope of Heaven have practical implications for you as you live your life and ponder your own mortality?

**Jake Roper**  
**Soldier**  
**Blackpool Citadel**

JAKE was finally convinced about making a commitment when he went to the Territorial Music School. Corps officer Major Ian Harris enrolled Jake as a soldier. – S. W.

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**Thomas Boor**  
**Natalie Martin**  
**Soldiers**  
**Cwmbran**

THOMAS was brought to the Army by his parents and, as a junior soldier, grew up in the corps.

Natalie attended the Baptist Church when she was young. At the age of ten she moved to the area and her grandparents introduced her to the Army. She immediately took an interest in the corps and became a junior soldier.

Corps officer Major Nigel Collins enrolled Thomas and Natalie as soldiers. – D. L.

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**Shaun Evans**  
**Adherent member**  
**Coedpoeth**

CORPS leader Territorial Envoy Andy Tonks welcomed Shaun as an adherent member.

Shaun started to attend Sunday worship after meeting former corps officer Major Gill Stacey (Chester) at the Village Youth Project. He testified to having found God through going to the Army. – J. H.

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**Steve Jackson**  
**Sonya Jackson**  
**Adherent members**  
**Loughborough**

STEVE and Sonya were welcomed as adherent members by corps officer Captain Anita Purkiss.

Afterwards their son Alexander was dedicated to God. They were keen to make their own commitment to the Lord before making promises for their son's future life and spiritual journey. – A. P.

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**Samuel Hammond**  
**Vanessa Wright**  
**Junior soldiers**  
**Doncaster**

SAMUEL and Vanessa both belong to Salvationist families. They are involved in junior cell groups and the corps academy programme where they participate in study, worship, drama, dance and music.

Corps officer Captain Anne Crane enrolled Samuel and Vanessa as junior soldiers. – C. W.

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**David Horton**  
**Frank Sanderson**  
**Soldiers**

**Phyllis Brown**  
**Adherent member**  
**Winchester**

DAVID had been searching for his nephew and family members for many years when, two years ago, he found himself standing just feet away from his nephew at a West Bromwich Albion football match! David's family, some of whom had travelled long distances, were present to witness his enrolment as a soldier. David chose the song 'The Lord's My Shepherd' for the occasion.

Four years ago Frank was homeless and was encouraged to go to the Army by a friend who was in a similar situation. Frank is now a member of the community care team, helping to provide lunch for homeless people every Sunday. Members of Frank's family travelled from Halifax to support him as he was enrolled. Frank testified to the warm welcome he received and to the help and encouragement he had been given.

A couple of weeks after listening to two corps members speaking about The Salvation Army, Phyllis plucked up the courage to attend the corps. She found a welcome and, after a few months, joined the Just Looking course. This encouraged her to take a step of commitment.

Major Teresa Harris enrolled David and Frank as soldiers and welcomed Phyllis as an adherent member. – T. H.

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**Bob McFerran**  
**Adherent member**  
**Connah's Quay**

BOB had links with the corps for many years. When his son Peter was killed in action in Iraq in 2007 he started to attend Sunday morning worship. Bob and his wife Ann, who was already an adherent member, both felt encouraged by the support of the corps.

Corps officer Major Marc McKenzie welcomed Bob as an adherent member. – S. M.

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**Sandra Papworth**  
**Chijioke (Chris) Iwenofu**  
**Soldiers**  
**Waterbeach**

SANDRA was already an adherent member when she decided to make a further commitment because she wanted to contribute more to the community outreach of the corps.

Chris spoke of the help he received from Southwark Corps when unemployed and homeless and said: 'What I treasured most was the discipleship lunch where they fed us with food and also with the Scriptures.' When he left London to find employment he was welcomed by the corps.

Corps officer Lieutenant Wendy Brown enrolled Sandra and Lieutenant Kevin Brown enrolled Chris. – W. B.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ARMY PEOPLE

The following appointments and promotions, as directed by the General and endorsed by the General-Elect, have been announced by the Chief of the Staff:

*Effective 1 June:*

**Lieut-Colonels Patrick and Anne-Dore Naud** (currently Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries, Germany and Lithuania) to be Territorial Commander and Territorial President of Women's Ministries of that territory, with the rank of colonel. They succeed **Commissioners Horst and Helga Charlet** who will be retiring from active service. **Major Marsha-Jean Bowles** (currently serving in Germany and Lithuania) to be CS of that territory, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. **Major David Bowles**, who will continue to serve as Territorial Youth Secretary, Germany and Lithuania, is also promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

*Effective 1 July:*

**Colonels Brian and Rosalie Peddle** (CS and TSWM, United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland) to be TC and TPWM, Canada and Bermuda. They will take up their new appointments with the rank of commissioner – Colonel Rosalie Peddle on 1 July and Colonel Brian Peddle on 2 July. They succeed **Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis** who will be retiring from active service. **Lieut-Colonels David and Sylvia Hinton** (currently serving in the United Kingdom Territory with the Republic of Ireland) to be CS and TSWM of that territory, with the rank of colonel.

### APPOINTED

*Effective 1 March:*

**Lieut-Colonel David Shakespeare**, Under-Secretary for Administration, IHQ.

*Effective 28 July:*

**Major Melvin Fincham**, Divisional Commander, London Central, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel; **Major Suzanne Fincham**, Divisional Director of Women's Ministries, London Central, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel; **Major Paul Main**, DC, Central South; **Major Jenine Main**, DDWM, Central South; **Major Drew McCombe**, Territorial Evangelism Secretary, Programme Service, THQ; **Major Beverley McCombe**, Assistant Secretary for Personnel (Development), Personnel Service, THQ; **Major Judith Payne**, Assistant Secretary for Personnel (Leadership Development), Personnel Service, THQ; **Major Beverly Stringer**, additional appointment,

DDWM, West Midlands; **Major Russell Wyles**, DC, West Scotland; **Major Catherine Wyles**, DDWM and Divisional Family Officer, West Scotland.

### TRANSFERRED

*Effective 28 July:*

**Majors Darrell and Katrina Thomas** from Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar to UKT. Major Darrell Thomas to be DC, Northern, and Major Katrina Thomas to be DDWM and Divisional Director for Personnel (Officers), Northern.

### ELECTED

**Captain Barrie Sampson**, Letchworth, as chairman of Churches Together in Letchworth.

### LOCAL OFFICER APPOINTED

**CT Philip Jones**, Exeter.

### MARRIAGE

**Emil Gina to Regina Potova** at Armáda spásy at Margate by Majors David and Kathryn Blowers.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Blue sapphire (65th):* **Rtd BM Bram and S/Reservist Mrs Frances Scott**, Ipswich Citadel.

*Diamond:* **Bandsman George and Songster Mrs Elsie Bewers**, Felixstowe (17 March); **Rtd BM Les and Mrs Janet Routledge**, Carlisle Citadel

(22 March); **Roy and Mrs Beryl Sapsford**, Snettisham (24 March); **Songsters Ray and Mrs Jacqueline Horne**, Cwmbran (26 March).

*Golden:* **Eddie and Songster Mrs Marion Chisholm**, Cwmbran (11 March); **Majors Peter and Patricia Exon** (25 March); **Gordon and Mrs Enid Meredith**, Staines (25 March); **Majors John and Vera White** (29 March).

### DEDICATED TO GOD

**Samuel Glen**, son of Glen and Laura Weidman, at Carlisle Citadel by Major David Lennox; **Daniel Richard**, son of Timothy and Captain Jane-Marie Cook, at Rothwell by Major Richard Cook; **Finley James**, son of William Clift and Aimee Clark, at Camborne by Major Martin Hill.

### BEREAVED

**Thomas Robinson**, Plymouth Exeter Hall Whiteleigh, of his wife Jean, **Major Sharon Robinson**, Weston-super-Mare and Midsomer Norton, of her mother; **Diane Morton** of her husband YPBL David Morton, **Jordan Ricketts** and **Joe Morton** of their father,

Sun 13 Mar; Westminster Abbey (Commonwealth Day), Mon 14\*\*; Mozambique, Tu 15 - Tu 22

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

Sunbury Court (London North-East officers retreat), Tu 15 Mar - Th 17; North-Western (divisional officers retreat), Mon 21 - Th 24

**Commissioners Larry and Gillian Bosh:** West Norwood, Sun 27 Mar

**Commissioner William Cochrane:** Sunbury Court (International Moral and Social Issues Council), Th 10 Mar - Sat 12; Margate, Sat Sun 20

**Eileen Morton** of her son, all Derby Central, **Keith Morton**, Flint Citadel, USA, of his brother; **Kenneth Downie**, Winchester, of his mother May; **Robin Chattam**, Staines, of his brother Brian.

### RETIRED OFFICERS

*Birthday congratulations:* **Lieut-Colonel Mary**

**Carby**, [REDACTED], Southport [REDACTED] (85 on 19 March); **Major Kenneth Hawken**, [REDACTED], Shoreham-by-Sea [REDACTED] (80 on 19 March); **Major Reginald Batt**, [REDACTED], Llandaff, Cardiff [REDACTED] (80 on 21 March).

*Retirement addresses:* **Major Margaret Griffiths**, [REDACTED], Hassocks [REDACTED]; **Lieut-Colonels Gilbert and Reidun Ellis**, [REDACTED], Bournemouth [REDACTED]; **Major Jenny Doohan**, [REDACTED], Harlington, Dunstable [REDACTED].

### PROMOTED TO GLORY

**Olive Glover**, Carlisle Citadel; **Michael Windsor**, Gravesend.

**Major Beryl Bearcroft** from Weston-super-Mare on 2 March.

A son, Mr Mark Bearcroft, lives at [REDACTED] Weston-super-Mare [REDACTED].

## TRIBUTES



### BRIGADIER VIOLET MERRITT OF

THE privations suffered by Christians in countries under Communist domination are all too easily forgotten. The Salvation Army was banned from Czechoslovakia in 1948. Brigadier Josef Korbel was imprisoned and Salvationists risked punishment for their beliefs. Travelling was restricted and the children of Christians were discriminated against in education and employment. Throughout the 1950s and 60s these 'secret Salvationists' felt isolated and beyond the reach of the international Salvation Army.

Into this situation came an indomitable woman officer on a one-woman mission.

Brigadier Violet Merritt OF – known to all as Vi – entered training from Homerton in 1940 and served in women's social work in

**Commissioners Robin and Shona Forsyth:** Penge, Sun 13 Mar

**Commissioner Kenneth Hodder:** Sunbury Court (International Moral and Social Issues Council), Th 10 Mar - Sat 12

**Commissioners Amos and Rosemary Makina:** Uganda, Fri 11 Mar - Mon 14

**Commissioner Robert Street:** USA (International Doctrine Council), Sun 20 Mar - Sat 26

\*\*husband will not accompany

## ENGAGEMENTS

### GENERAL SHAW CLIFTON

**AND COMMISSIONER HELEN CLIFTON:** IHQ (farewell), Th 24 Mar

### THE CHIEF OF THE STAFF

**(COMMISSIONER BARRY SWANSON) AND COMMISSIONER SUE SWANSON:** IHQ (farewell to General Shaw Clifton and Commissioner Helen Clifton), Th 24 Mar

### THE TERRITORIAL COMMANDER

**(COMMISSIONER JOHN MATEAR) AND COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH MATEAR:** South and Mid Wales (divisional congress),

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

East Africa and Rhodesia and in various departments at IHQ.

While working in the Europe Department, she received a request from a Czech person to visit Prague. So began her remarkable mission.

After repeated failed requests for a visa, one was issued in 1968. For months beforehand Vi had baked and knitted to raise money for her fare, gifts of food, clothes, Army publications and Bibles.

She had never travelled in Europe by herself. She had no knowledge of the Czech language, but went on a two-week visit over Christmas, carrying a message of hope, encouragement and love to the secret Army. After 20 years without contact with IHQ, they began to feel they belonged again. To them, she *was* The Salvation Army! The visit was so successful that she vowed to continue it every year. And so she did, raising the money by her own efforts and learning the Czech language.

As many as 20 officers travelled to Prague each year for worship, fellowship and fun on Christmas Day. Vi distributed 100 small gifts and held meetings in the homes of Salvationists – despite the fact that gatherings of more than five people were banned and government agents spied on religious dissidents. She was also at risk of imprisonment should her voluminous bags have been searched and Bibles found.

She met several times with Jan Svoboda – former CSM at Prague 1 Corps – who regarded his local officer commission as his most precious possession.

When the Communist regime fell, the secret Army emerged to express its faith and be re-established in 1990 – its identity intact and owing so much to the indomitable brigadier.

In subsequent years she hosted a succession of visiting young people from Czechoslovakia in her retirement home, especially encouraging those called to officership.

Brigadier Merritt was admitted to the Order of the Founder at the Royal Albert Hall during the 2000 Congress. The citation reads: 'In recognition and appreciation of outstanding practical and spiritual service, sacrificially given over many years, thus assisting the work of the remnant Army in Czechoslovakia to experience rebirth.'

The 1 July 2000 edition of *Salvationist* carried a photograph of her marching with Zeist Band (Netherlands) on campaign in Prague. She had a broad smile and was carrying one of her voluminous bags!

Vi went to be with her lord and saviour following some years of deteriorating health, through which her devotion to God and her beloved Czech Salvationists never ceased to shine. The international Salvation Army salutes her 'distinguished and memorable service such as would, in spirit or achievement, have specially commended itself to the Founder' – and for being her own unique self. – M. W.



## MRS MAISIE POCOCK, HASTINGS CITADEL

BORN in 1926 to Salvationist parents, Maisie was dedicated to God in the 'Old Iron Fort' (now the Citadel) and became a soldier in 1941. During the war she was evacuated to Ware, but returned to Hastings where she married her late husband John in 1951.

In earlier years Maisie was a company guard and songster organist and sold *The War Cry* in local pubs. She upheld her Christian principles in corps and family life – and in the community, where she was well known through years of collecting for the Annual Appeal until prevented through illness.

She leaves three children, six grandchildren and a great-granddaughter who was born a week before Maisie's promotion to Glory. – B. N.



## MRS JEAN BURCH, BELFAST TEMPLE

A DEDICATED, committed Salvationist, Jean was born in 1928. She met her husband Jim when she was 14; they were married 63 years. Her daughters never knew who would be staying at their house – from Generals to Army composers and visiting specials. All

experienced her gift of hospitality. She loved people, and during her own illness contacted others to make sure they were all right.

Known as 'Big Jean', she was big in stature, faith and compassion – a truly Christian lady with a great sense of humour and fun.

When planning her funeral she asked a local celebrity singer to take part, which he did.

A wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Jean's love, faith, example and smile will be missed. – P. N.



## KEN WHITMORE- SMITH, SOUTHEND CITADEL

BORN in Ealing in 1918, Ken was introduced to the Army by his girlfriend and future wife Grace. Ken served as CSM for 12 years at Ealing.

He worked for the Salvation Army Assurance Society before serving as an auxiliary-captain at Coatbridge, Rutherglen, Hendon and Northampton.

The family then moved to Southend, where Ken was CSM for 20 years and a songster. He then became over-60 club treasurer.

He was a man of great integrity and dignity, conscientious and thorough in every way. Ken loved his family and the Lord, and is now at peace in Heaven. – S. P.

## PICTURE CAPTION COMPETITION



THREE Beaver Scouts try out uniform caps and the Army salute during the 20-strong group's Ultimate Church Visit to Dartford. Send in your suggested captions for this picture by email to [salvationist@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:salvationist@salvationarmy.org.uk) with the subject line 'Picture caption competition', or by post to *Salvationist*, 101 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6BN. A selection of the best captions will be printed in *Salvationist* next month.



# CD OF THE WEEK

## ***A Time For Everything* by Stowmarket Songsters**

The celebratory song 'Rejoice! Give Thanks! Sing!' provides a bright and uplifting start to this recording, which is very contemporary in style and, in the main, reflective in mood, *writes Songster Leader Tina Shepherd (Enfield)*.

The inclusion of John Rutter's 'Candlelight Carol', always popular at Christmas, reminds us of our celebration at the birth of Jesus.

'I Know A Fount' invites the listener to reflect on the cross and all that it symbolises. It is a beautiful song which has found its way into many repertoires and is one that cannot fail to move listeners and singers alike.

Although the majority of the tracks are reflective, a welcome mood change comes with the excellent up-tempo arrangement of 'I Go To The Rock' by Darren Bartlett. This is a real foot-tapper of a song.

It is always interesting to hear the soloists used on programmes and Stowmarket Songsters seem to have more than their fair share of talented individuals. Vocalists and instrumentalists are used to good effect in this recording. A highlight for me is 'Safe Within Your Arms', a lovely song beautifully sung by Rob Moye. I'm sure this will be a favourite for many.

I was pleased to hear 'Compelled By Love', which, although recently written, introduces a more traditional style of song among the other contemporary tracks and is one that demands good choral singing with control and stamina – something that's not easily achieved.

Chris Mallet was one of those gifted Salvation Army musicians who had a true talent for writing a melody. Here, with the song 'Come Home', Chris has set words by Will Lamartine Thompson. The beautiful tune with the simple message of the words is most effective. I cannot think of a better song to conclude this recording.

The CD takes listeners on a journey, reminding us that there is indeed a time for everything. We are reminded of the celebration of Christ's birth and encouraged to reflect on the love shown by his death

on the cross and his constancy during our lives, through good times and bad, concluding with the reassuring words: 'Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, O sinner, come home!'

■ ***A Time For Everything* is available from SP&S priced £13.95 (plus £2.95 postage and packing) or can be downloaded from [spstunes.com](http://spstunes.com) for £9.99**



## BIBLE VERSES

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

(Ecclesiastes 3:1–8 *New International Version*)

## PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you that you share the journey of life with us – with all its joys and sorrows, its good times and bad. Amen.

## PICTURE OF THE WEEK



Rainbow. Picture: BRUCE TULLOCH