



Sunday 23rd and 30th August:

If you can get online join us

Sunday 23rd 10.30am ZOOM – SONGS of PRAISE

Sunday 30th **10.00am** ZOOM with Hythe Salvation Army

The codes for Hythe Zoom are 7101390487. The Password is 1066

Tuesday 1st Sept 7pm ZOOM bible study

Saturday 5th 9am ZOOM prayer breakfast

Sunday 6th Sept 10.30am ZOOM Worship led by Carl and Heather

Tuesday 8th Sept 7pm ZOOM bible study

Wednesday 9th Sept 7am ZOOM Members and Friends Meeting –
returning to gathered worship

Ramsgate ZOOM 8651865167

And you can **ring into Zoom by phone!** If you ring 02034815240, followed by 8651865167# then you will hear the meeting! Calls charged at the normal UK rate.

There will be no ZOOM KIDZS club, bible study or quiz evenings now until September

Holiday

Monday 24th to Monday 31st the hall will be closed and we will not operate food bank, homeless breakfast, prayer space or be available to offer practical and pastoral support.



The church at home newsletter will be published 22nd August and 5th September

Songs of Praise Sunday 23rd 1.15pm

Celebrating the Salvation Army

The Rev Kate Bottley visits the Salvation Army's Hadleigh Farm in Essex to meet the staff and find out about the work of the farm in the past and the present. One thing Hadleigh has been doing

during the current pandemic is food distribution, and we see that in action at a local corps in Basildon, where Lizette and Paul Williams hand out food to those who need it. Kate also meets Daniel Holland, an officer in the Salvation Army homelessness unit who has been working as a nurse on a Covid-19 ward. He ended up catching coronavirus but has now fully recovered. We find out about the challenges and rewards this experience has had on his faith.



We talk to two members of the International Staff Songsters (ISS), the current conductor, Dorothy Nancekievill, and Lesley Nicholson, who is also a prison chaplain, about the effect music can have on audiences. Kate also joins Zena Österberg and her dance group to take part in Timbreltastic, a joyous combination of dance, music and praise.

Plus, music from congregations across the country, with hymns including Strength Will Rise and For the Beauty of the Lord, and the Salvation Army's International Staff Songsters performing three hymns especially for us.



Listen again to your favourite Salvation Army melodies on Fortress Radio. **Every day** from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm we broadcast

Salvation Army. Check out the schedules for more details.

<https://www.fortressradio.online/listen-now.html>

Maggie is available with the constant prayer line where you can call or text for prayer. You can contact her on 07840 753 603

Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.



Birthdays

John Horn	27-Aug
Patricia Turner	30-Aug

A prayer from Richard Foster

Today, O Lord, I yield myself to You.
May Your will be my delight today.
May Your way have perfect sway in me.
May Your love be the pattern of my living.
I surrender to You my hopes, my dreams, my
ambitions.
Do with them what You will, when You will, as
You will.

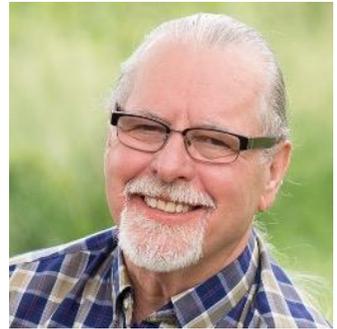
***I place into Your loving care my family, my
friends, my future.***

Care for them with a care that I can never give.

I release into Your hands my need to control, my craving for status, my fear of
obscurity.

Eradicate the evil, purify the good, and establish Your Kingdom on earth.

For Jesus' sake



Prayers please for

Please continue to pray for Maurice. He is now at home but remains
unwell. Pray he will know God's peace at this very challenging time.

For Sheila Wilcox's niece's husband David, recently made redundant and
now diagnosed with cancer.

For Adrian's sister-in-law's husband – John – who passed away on Friday.
Pray for Marion, Adrian and family and friends.

Continue to remember David, Al and Mel's husband Steve. For Janet as
she awaits her operation, for Mo recuperating with family.

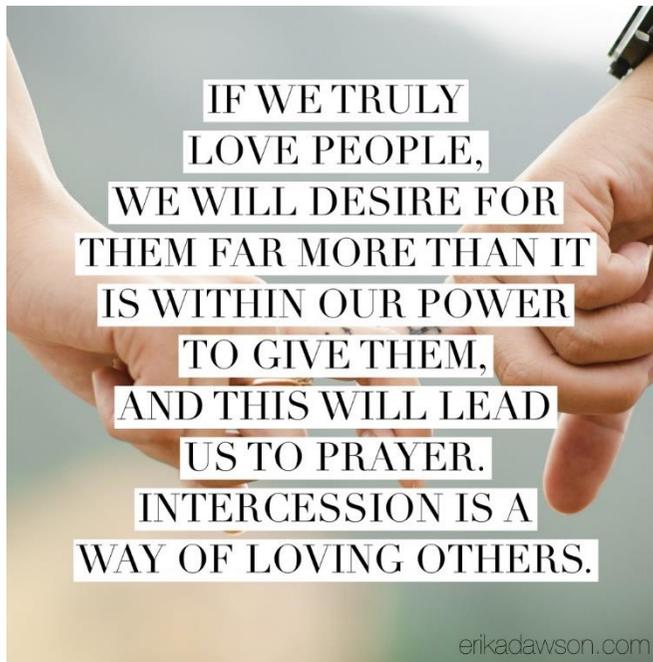
For Debbie Smith recovering with family after her hospital treatment.

Muriel's recovering from her operation on the 13th August with a spell of isolation following her time in hospital.

Hazel's son Paul following his operation

For Gina Jennings whose mum was promoted to glory at 102 years of age. Gina is waiting for throat surgery to treat a cancer diagnosed 3 weeks ago. Pray for healing.

Prayers for the provision of shelter for this coming winter. The government have said the dormitory style accommodation (i.e. church floors) will not be acceptable during the Covid pandemic. We remain perplexed as to how we provide safe accommodation for those in greatest need. Pray for wisdom. Prayers for Lauren as she prepares to start working for the shelter.



HIGH STREET

Mr. & Mrs. John Dilnot, 60, High Street.

On one corner of George Street was Sanger's Hotel, now no more. On the opposite corner Mr. and Mrs. Dilnot ran a very popular fruiterer's business with their two sons and daughter Hilda, who married a member of the Ramsgate Borough Police.



Thanks to David Richards for these memories

Sunday 23rd August No Fishing Allowed

Psalm 130

Holocaust survivor Corrie ten Boom knew the importance of forgiveness. In her book *Tramp for the Lord*, she says her favourite mental picture was of forgiven sins thrown into the sea. “When we confess our sins, God casts them into the deepest ocean, gone forever. . . . I believe God then places a sign out there that says No Fishing Allowed.”

She points to an important truth that believers in Jesus can sometimes fail to grasp—when God forgives our wrongdoing, we’re forgiven fully! We don’t have to keep dredging up our shameful deeds, wallowing in any mucky feelings. Rather we can accept His grace and forgiveness, following Him in freedom.

We see this idea of “no fishing allowed” in Psalm 130. The psalmist proclaims that although God is just, He forgives the sin of those who repent: “But with you there is forgiveness” (v. 4). As the psalmist waits for God, putting his trust in Him (v. 5), he states in faith that He “himself will redeem Israel from all their sins” (v. 8). Those who believe will find “full redemption” (v. 7).

When we’re caught in feelings of shame and unworthiness, we can’t serve God with our whole hearts. Instead, we’re restricted by our past. If you feel stymied by the wrong you’ve done, ask God to help you fully believe in His gift of forgiveness and new life. He’s cast your sins into the ocean!

Reflect & Pray

Are you holding on to the false belief that God can’t possibly forgive you for some sin in your life? God wants you to allow His forgiveness to set you free!

Forgiving God, You sent Your Son Jesus to save me from my sins and shame. Help me to live in the freedom of being fully forgiven.

Monday 24th August How did I get here?

Job 2:1–10

Tiffani awoke in the pitch-black darkness of an Air Canada jet. Still wearing her seat belt, she'd slept while the other passengers exited, and the plane was parked. Why didn't anyone wake her? How did she get here? She shook the cobwebs from her brain and tried to remember.

Have you found yourself in a place you never expected? You're too young to have this disease, and there's no cure. Your last review was excellent; why is your position being eliminated? You were enjoying the best years of your marriage. Now you're starting over, as a single parent with a part-time job.

How did I get here? Job may have wondered as "he sat among the ashes" (Job 2:8). He'd lost his children, his wealth, and his health, in no time flat. He couldn't have guessed how he got here; he just knew he had to remember.

Job remembered his Creator and how good He'd been. He told his wife, "Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" (v. 10). Job remembered he could count on this good God to be faithful. So he lamented. He screamed at the heavens. And he mourned in hope, "I know that my redeemer lives," and that "in my flesh I will see God" (19:25–26). Job clung to hope as he remembered how the story began and how it ends.

Reflect & Pray

What situation fills you with agony and dread? How might you regain your bearings and live with hope and joy?

Father, You're not surprised by what surprises me. You were good before, and You remain good now.

Tuesday 25th August. Wonderful Reward

Psalm 119:18

Donelan, a teacher, had always been a reader, but one day it literally paid off. She was planning a trip and reviewing her lengthy travel insurance policy when on page seven she discovered a wonderful reward. As part of their “It Pays to Read” contest, the company was giving \$10,000 to the first person to read that far into the contract. They also donated thousands of dollars to schools in Donelan’s area for children’s literacy. She says, “I’ve always been that nerd who reads contracts. I was the most surprised of anyone!”

The psalmist wanted his eyes opened to “see wonderful things” about God (Psalm 119:18). He must have had an understanding that God wants to be known, and so he longed for a deeper closeness to Him. His desire was to see more of who God is, what He’d already given, and how to follow Him more closely (vv. 24, 98). He wrote, “Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long” (v. 97).

We too have the privilege of taking time to ponder God, His character, and His provisions—to learn about and grow closer to Him. God longs to instruct us, guide us, and open our hearts to who He is. When we search for Him, He rewards us with greater wonder at who He is and the enjoyment of His presence!

SIGN IN

Reflect & Pray

As you open your Bible and read, how is your heart and mind opened to God and His ways? What would you like to know or experience more of?

How I love Your Word, God. It’s sweet to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Wednesday 26th August Spiritual Driving

Ephesians 5:8–20

I don't remember many specifics about my driver's education class. But for some reason, an acronym we learned, S-I-P-D-E, remains firmly lodged in my memory.

The letters stood for Scan, Identify, Predict, Decide, and Execute, a process we were taught to practice continually. We were to scan the road, identify hazards, predict what the hazards might do, decide how we'd respond, and then, if necessary, execute that plan. It was a strategy for being intentional to avoid accidents.

I wonder how that idea might translate to our spiritual lives. In Ephesians 5, Paul told Ephesian believers, "Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise, but as wise" (v. 15). Paul knew certain hazards could derail the Ephesians—old ways of living at odds with their new life in Jesus (vv. 8, 10–11). So he instructed the growing church to pay attention.

The words translated "be very careful, then, how you live" literally mean "see how you walk." In other words, look around. Notice hazards, and avoid personal pitfalls like drunkenness and wild living (v. 18). Instead, the apostle said, we can seek to learn God's will for our lives (v. 17), while, with fellow believers, we sing to and give Him thanks (vv. 19–20).

No matter what hazards we face—and even when we stumble—we can experience our new life in Christ as we grow in dependence on His boundless power and grace.

Reflect & Pray

What strategy do you use to recognize what might trip you up spiritually? What role do you think other believers play in identifying and resisting spiritual hazards? How might thanksgiving be an important part of avoiding spiritual pitfalls?

Thursday 27th August. Rescue the Weak

Psalm 82:3–4

Which would you choose—a skiing holiday in Switzerland or rescuing children from danger in Prague? Nicholas Winton, just an ordinary man, chose the latter. In 1938, war between Czechoslovakia and Germany seemed on the horizon. After Nicholas visited refugee camps in Prague, where many Jewish citizens lived in horrible conditions, he felt compelled to come up with a plan to help. He raised money to transport hundreds of children safely out of Prague to Great Britain to be cared for by British families before the onset of World War II.

His actions exemplified those called for in Psalm 82: “Uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed” (v. 3). Asaph, the writer of this psalm, wanted to stir his people to champion the cause of those in need: “Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked” (v. 4). Like the children Nicholas worked tirelessly to rescue, the psalmist spoke for those who couldn’t speak for themselves—the poor and the widowed who needed justice and protection.

Everywhere we look today we see people in need due to war, storms, and other hardships. Although we can’t solve every problem, we can prayerfully consider what we can do to help in the situations God brings into our lives.

Reflect & Pray

What are some immediate needs of others you can help meet? How has God uniquely prepared you to rescue and care for others?

Loving God, open my eyes to the needs of those around me.

Friday 28th August Hope God Our Rescuer

Ezekiel 34:5–12

In the open sea, a rescuer positioned her kayak to assist panicked swimmers competing in a triathlon. “Don’t grab the middle of the boat!” she called to swimmers, knowing such a move would capsize her craft. Instead, she directed weary swimmers to the bow, or front, of the kayak. There they could grab a loop, allowing the safety kayaker to help rescue them.

Whenever life or people threaten to pull us under, as believers in Jesus, we know we have a Rescuer. “For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep . . . I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered” (Ezekiel 34:11–12).

This was the prophet Ezekiel’s assurance to God’s people when they were in exile. Their leaders had neglected and exploited them, plundering their lives and caring “for themselves rather than for [God’s] flock” (v. 8). As a result, the people “were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them” (v. 6).

But “I will rescue my flock,” declared the Lord (v. 10), and His promise still holds.

What do we need to do? Hold fast to almighty God and His promises. “I myself will search for my sheep and look after them,” He says (v. 11). That’s a saving promise worth holding tightly.

Reflect & Pray

When you feel panicked, what’s your typical reaction? What problem can you release today as you reach instead for God?

Our rescuing God, when life makes me panic, encourage me to turn from the rolling waves and always reach for You..

Saturday 29th August. The Ultimate Wave

Colossians 1:1–8

People love doing “the wave.” At sporting events and concerts around the world, it begins when a few people stand and raise their hands. A moment later, those seated beside them do the same. The goal is to have one sequential flowing movement work its way around an entire stadium. Once it reaches the end, those who started it smile and cheer—and keep the movement going.

The first recorded incident of the wave occurred at a professional baseball game between the Oakland Athletics and the New York Yankees in 1981. I love joining in the wave because it’s fun. But it’s also occurred to me that the happiness and togetherness we experience while doing it is reminiscent of the gospel—the good news of salvation in Jesus that unites believers everywhere in praise and hope. This “ultimate wave” started over twenty centuries ago in Jerusalem. Writing to the members of the church in Colossae, Paul described it this way: “The gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it” (Colossians 1:6). The natural result of this good news is “faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for [us] in heaven” (v. 5).

As believers in Jesus, we’re part of the greatest wave in history. Keep it going! Once it’s done, we’ll see the smile of the One who started it all.

Reflect & Pray

From whom did you first hear the good news of Jesus? How can you share it with another person close to you this week?

I praise You for the wonderful gift of my salvation, Father. Please send me to someone who needs to hear of Your kindness today!

Sunday 30th August. Self-Checking

Lamentations 3:37–42

Recently I read through a stack of World War II-era letters my dad sent to my mother. He was in North Africa and she was in West Virginia. Dad, a second lieutenant in the US Army, was tasked with censoring soldiers' letters—keeping sensitive information from enemy eyes. So it was rather humorous to see—on the outside of his letters to his wife—a stamp that said, “Censored by 2nd Lt. John Branon.” Indeed, he had cut out lines from his own letters!

Self-censoring is really a good idea for all of us. Several times in Scripture, the writers mention the importance of taking a good long look at ourselves to find what's not right—not God-honoring. The psalmist, for example, prayed, “Search me, God, and know my heart . . . See if there is any offensive way in me” (Psalm 139:23–24). Jeremiah put it like this: “Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord” (Lamentations 3:40). And Paul, speaking of our heart condition at the time of communion, said, “Everyone ought to examine themselves” (1 Corinthians 11:28).

The Holy Spirit can help us turn from any attitudes or actions that don't please God. So before we head out into the world today, let's stop and seek the Spirit's help in doing some self-checking so we can “return to the Lord” in fellowship with Him.

Reflect & Pray

How will you pursue healthy spiritual self-examination today? What are two things that come to mind that you could remove to improve your fellowship with God?

Search me, O God, and know my heart. See if there are any changes I need to make today as I seek to know You more and serve You better.

Monday 31st August. The Servant Hears

1 Samuel 3:1–10

Had the wireless radio been on, they would have known the Titanic was sinking. Cyril Evans, the radio operator of another ship, had tried to relay a message to Jack Phillips, the radio operator on the Titanic—letting him know they had encountered an ice field. But Phillips was busy relaying passengers' messages and rudely told Evans to be quiet. So Evans reluctantly turned off his radio and went to bed. Ten minutes later, the Titanic struck an iceberg. Their distress signals went unanswered because no one was listening.

In 1 Samuel we read that the priests of Israel were corrupt and had lost their spiritual sight and hearing as the nation drifted into danger. “The word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions” (1 Samuel 3:1). Yet God wouldn't give up on His people. He began to speak to a young boy named Samuel who was being raised in the priest's household. Samuel's name means “the Lord hears”—a memorial to God's answering his mother's prayer. But Samuel would need to learn how to hear God.

“Speak, for your servant is listening” (v. 10). It's the servant who hears. May we also choose to listen to and obey what God has revealed in the Scriptures. Let's submit our lives to Him and take the posture of humble servants—those who have their “radios” turned on.

Reflect & Pray

Why is it vital for you to obey what God has revealed in Scripture? How can you stay “tuned in” to His voice?

Dear Jesus, thank You for being a speaking God. Thank You for the Scriptures that help me follow You in obedience. Speak, Your servant is listening.

From 1st September ODB books are available and you should have received one with your newsletter

From Major John

Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, Jesus wants me for an antibody!

Many of us 'oldies' will remember singing the song 'Jesus wants me for a sunbeam' in the Juniors, (Sunday School). It encouraged us to 'shine for him each day.' We also sang...

Jesus bids us shine with a clear pure light'

Like a little candle burning in the night;

In the world is darkness, so we must shine,

You in your small corner and I in mine.

In Matthew 5, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says to his disciples, 'You are the light of the world' and goes on to say 'Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven'

Being a 'sunbeam' or a 'little candle' may not cut it with the modern generation, so how about being an antibody for Jesus. We hear a lot about antibodies in these Covid times.

Antibodies can fight the virus and they fight infection. In a recent book 'Reappearing Church' written before Covid, Mark Sayer wrote something that prompted these thoughts.

'As God renews individuals who are embedded within a dysfunctional and despairing culture, they act as antibodies, agents of the King with the potential to renew a whole culture.'

It might not sound the same as being a 'sunbeam' or a 'little candle', or have the same ring to it, but it's certainly worth thinking about!

Jesus wants me for an antibody.

Time to Smile.

A heavily bandaged man was sitting up in bed in hospital when his friend came to visit. 'What happened to you?' asked his friend. 'Well, we went to Alton Towers and decided to have a ride on the rollercoaster. As we came up to the top of the highest loop, I noticed a sign above the track. I tried to read, it but was small and I could not make it out. I was so curious that I decided to go round again, but we were going so quickly that I still could not read the sign. By now I was so determined to read the sign so I went round again. As we reached the top, I stood up in the car to get a better view.' 'And did you manage to see what it said this time?' asked his friend.

'Yes. Remain seated at all times!'

One night, a lady with stumbled into a police station. She told the desk sergeant that she had heard a noise in her garden shed in the back yard and had gone to investigate. The next thing she knew, she was hit in the face and knocked out cold. A policeman was sent to her house to investigate and returned a few minutes later, also with black eye. 'Did you get hit by the same attacker' asked the sergeant. 'No madam, he replied.' 'I stood on the same rake!'

A man went into a pet shop to buy a goldfish. The assistant said, 'Do you want an aquarium?' The man replied 'I don't mind what star sign it is.'

Dumb quiz show answer. Local Radio.

Quizmaster: Who had a worldwide hit with 'What a Wonderful World'?

Contestant: I don't know.

Quizmaster: I'll give you some clues: what do you call the part between your hand and your elbow?

Contestant: Arm

Quizmaster: correct. And if you are not weak you are?

Contestant: Strong.

Quizmaster: Correct. And what was Lord Mountbatten's first name?

Contestant: Louis.

Quizmaster: Correct. So, there we are then, who had a worldwide hit with 'What a Wonderful World?'

Contestant: Frank Sinatra?

Quiz

- 1.What describes descending a sheer face by sliding down a rope?
- 2.Which famous bear came from Peru?
- 3.Which island is in the Bay of Naples?
- 4.In which London Square is the American Embassy?
- 5.In 'Pride and Prejudice' who does Elizabeth Bennet finally marry?

TV Times

- 1.How letters make up the conundrum in 'Countdown'?
- 2.How many points do you get for a starter in University Challenge?
- 3.On which show did Tommy Walsh and Charlie Dimmock find fame?
- 4.Whom did David Dimbleby replace on 'Question Time'?
- 5.Who wrote the acclaimed series of monologues 'Talking Heads'?

Anagram what is the only English anagram of NECTARINES?

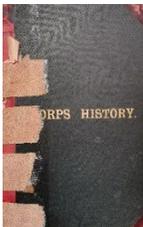
Answers

Quiz

TV Times

1.Nine, 2. Ten, 3. Ground Force, 4. Peter Sissons 5.Alan Bennett

The only English anagram of NECTARINES is TRANSIENCE



We will return to the archive in September

Worship at home 23rd August 2020

Sheila Song Number 909

When upon life's billows you are
tempest-tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking
all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name
them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

*Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God hath done.
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

2 Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly
And you will keep singing as the days go by.

3 So amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be disheartened, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

Johnson Oatman (1856-1922)



Mavis Song number 213

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end,
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me;
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer
And shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
To chasten or control;
O speak to make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in Glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my friend.

John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

David

Song Number 987 We are marching on with shield and banner bright.

David says “get your timbels at the ready!” What can he mean?

The Timbrel & The Salvation Army

Having proved how useful musical instruments were in attracting crowds to open air meetings, William Booth, in the War Cry dated 27th March 1880, stated his wish that as many officers and soldiers as possible should learn to play instruments.

The musicians of those days were not as proficient as might have been wished, but a great variety of instruments were pressed into service. The War Cry of 17th February 1881 carried a picture of "Miriam, a Forerunner of the Prophetess of The Salvation Army" with timbrel in hand.



Up to this time nobody in The Salvation Army had ventured to beat a tambourine, but the picture inspired Captain Charles Rothwell who was stationed at Mansfield, Nottingham. Seeing a tambourine in a pawnbrokers shop he lost no time in buying it, and Mrs. Rothwell played it in the processions which "filled the devil with disgust, the newspapers with comments, the barracks with people and helped sinners into the fountain!

When Mother Shepherd, accompanied by her two youngest daughters Polly and Sally, took charge of West Bromwich Corps in June 1881, soldiers and people alike took no notice of them. Sally, noticing her mother's distress, and having heard William Booth state that he would even wear a red coat for Jesus, turned her red lined white coat inside out and headed their small procession beating a tambourine with immediate effect.

The use of the timbrel spread quickly. In the War Cry of 7th October 1882, George Scott-Railton noted that 1600 had been sold in the space of six weeks and warned the Army's timbrellists that they should not beat their tambourines without at the same time singing!

When conducting meetings in Scotland, Catherine Booth boldly claimed that tambourines and fiddles were as sacred as organs. The General suggested that when tambourines were used, there should be something to balance them, "such as clappers, bones, fifes or banjos!"

We are marching on with shield and banner bright,
We will work for God and battle for the right,
We will praise his name, rejoicing in his might,
And we'll work till Jesus calls.

Then awake, then awake, happy song, happy song;
Shout for joy, shout for joy, as we gladly march along.
We are marching onward, singing as we go,
To the Promised Land where living waters flow;
Come and join our ranks as soldiers here below,
Come and work till Jesus calls.

2 In the open air our Army we prepare,
As we rally round our blessed standard there;
And the Saviour's cross we gladly learn to share
While we work till Jesus calls.

3 We are marching on; our captain, ever near,
Will protect us still, his guiding voice we hear;
Let the foe advance, we'll never, never fear,
But we'll work till Jesus calls.

4 We are marching on and pressing t'wards the prize,
To a glorious crown beyond the glowing skies,
To the radiant fields where pleasure never dies,
And we'll work till Jesus calls.

Julie Pearce

Song 378 Lord, I come before your throne of grace;

Julie writes that the song always lifts her up and reminds her that God is with us all the time.

Lord, I come before your throne of grace;
I find rest in your presence and fullness of joy.
In worship and wonder I behold your face,
Singing, 'What a faithful God have I'.

What a faithful God have I,
What a faithful God.
What a faithful God have I,
Faithful in every way.

Lord, I come before your throne of grace;
I find rest in your presence and fullness of joy.
In worship and wonder I behold your face,
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What a faithful God have I,
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Faithful in every way.

2 Lord of mercy, you have heard my cry;
Through the storm you're the beacon, my song in the night.
In the shelter of your wings, hear my heart's reply,
Singing, 'What a faithful God have I'.

3 Lord, all sovereign, granting peace from Heaven,
Let me comfort those who suffer with the comfort you have given.
I will tell of your great love for as long as I live,
Singing, 'What a faithful God have I'.

Robert and Dawn Critchley

Chris Blyth Tune Lavenham

Prelude on the hymn tune 'Lavenham' composed by Geoffrey Nobes has been a popular piece with the thought-provoking lyrics.

We hope and pray that these will be helpful to you.

Lord, there are times when I have to ask, 'What?' –
times when your love is not easy to spot.
What is life's purpose and what of me here?
Grant me some answers, Lord, make your will clear.

Lord, there are times when I have to ask, 'How?' –
times when what's preached doesn't square with life now.
Wrestling with doubt I ask, 'How can this be?'
Grant me some answers, Lord, help me to see.

Lord, there are times when the questions run fast –
times when I fear that my faith may not last.
Help me, support me, Lord, help me get through.
Lead me through darkness till light shines anew.

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Tom and Cherie

Song 61 The King of love my shepherd is

It was played at our original wedding in 1966, so has special meaning for us.
Also it was the parable of the lost sheep that brought me back to worshipping the Lord. I am thinking of writing about that for inclusion in the weekly magazine in the future.

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.

2 Where streams of living water flow

My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

5 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

Heather

Psalm 92 From Psalms Now by Leslie F Brandt

It's a glorious feeling to be able
to unload my heart,
to spill out my gratitude
in thanks to You, O God.
Morning, noon, and night,
I want the whole world to know of Your love.
I want to shout it, to sing it,
in every possible way
to proclaim Your praises,
to express my joy.

How great You are, O Lord!
Your thoughts are unfathomable,

Your ways beyond comprehension.
And all the while, the problem of evil still confounds us.
We simply cannot understand
why the ungodly appear to be so successful,
why good fortune seems to follow those who defy You.
But we know their success is short-lived.
Those who refuse to turn to You will never find
that ultimate and total fulfillment
that is promised to the children of God.
The children of God,
those whose lives are open to You
portray the wonder and beauty of Your Spirit.
They are like springs of water in a parched world.
They flourish even amid the distortions
and the ugliness around them.
Their *lives* are rich and productive
in a barren and desolate society.

Help us, those of us who love You, O God
to prove to our disjointed world
that You are in our midst.

Claire Everything is Possible

I would like to share Philippa Hanna's new song Everything is possible. The reason I have chosen this is because it has a strong message, we can do everything because God is amazing and He loves us no matter what. My favourite part of the song is when she sings "Yes everything is possible through God who us strength," and another part of the song which has such a powerful message behind it is this "For whosoever shall believe Jesus made a way his blood poured out on Calvary has broken every chain."

There's a story of unfailing love
That echoes in my heart
There's a promise that You're always here
Your word will light my path

We shall not fear the days to come

You are with us to the end
And everything is possible
Through God who gives us strength

You make everything brand new
Cos You're the God of miracles
And everything is possible
Through God who gives us
strength

Whether I am rich or I am poor
I will give You thanks
I will lift my voice to sing Your
praise
In every circumstance

Whether found in sickness or in
health
I have learned to be content
Cos everything is possible
Through God who gives us strength

You make everything brand new
Cos You're the God of miracles
And everything is possible
Through God who gives us strength

For whosoever shall believe
Jesus made a way
His blood poured out on Calvary
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Through God who gives us strength

Oh everything is possible
Through God who gives us strength
Yes, everything is possible
Through God who gives us strength

A prayer for when I am self-destructive

Lord, I am an instrument of your peace.
Where there is self-hatred, let me sow love;
where there is negative self-talk, kindness;
where there is loathing of my body, acceptance;
where there is nursing of old injuries, release;
where there is envy of others, gratefulness;
where there is perfectionism, humanness.

O God, grant that I may not so much seek
to be self-hurting, as self-healing;
to be self-denying, as self-cherishing,
to be numb, as to feel.

For it is in being loved by you, that I know I am lovable;
through your confidence in me, I confidently face each day,
it is in being yours now and eternally, that I live in peace. Amen

Keith Song 391 Stand up and Bless the Lord.

It brings back memories of Sunday night Salvation meetings in the summer months when visitors would come and fill our hall and enjoy a good sing, especially the last verse. The words of verse 4 remind us that even at this difficult time God is our strength and our salvation.

Stand up and bless the Lord,
Ye people of his choice;
Stand up and bless the Lord your God
With heart and soul and voice.

Praise ye the Lord, hallelujah!

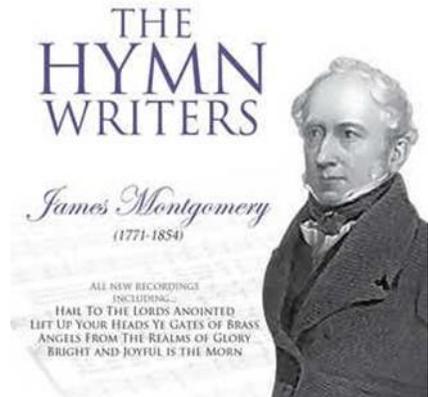
2 Though high above all praise,
Above all blessing high,
Who would not fear his holy name
And laud and magnify?

3 O for the living flame
From his own altar brought,
To touch our lips, our minds inspire,
And wing to Heaven our thought!

4 God is our strength and song,
And his salvation ours;
Then be his love in Christ proclaimed
With all our ransomed powers.

5 Stand up and bless the Lord,
The Lord your God adore;
Stand up and bless his glorious name
Henceforth for evermore.

James Montgomery (1771-1854)



Bless *the Lord,*
Oh my soul: and all
that is within me, bless
his holy name.
-Psalm 103:1

Maggie Song Number 14

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Father, unto thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light,
Father, unto thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight,
Father, unto thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

5 For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of Heaven,
Father, unto thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

May the LORD bless you and protect you.
May the LORD smile on you
and be gracious to you.
May the LORD show you his favor
and give you his peace.

I'm another in the long line of
admirers.

Eve and Adam admiring the garden,
Abram staring, open-mouthed, at the
stars,
Elijah running through a beautiful rain,
and David singing, always singing on
the hillsides.

God's praises being sung through the
ages, praise to a Creator whose work
stands the test of time.
This time, it's my turn.

I close the computer, open the back
door and step into the garden.

My heart is a sounding board
for the night sky, deep with stars.

The fragrance of today's rain still
lingers,
and the crickets are singing all night
long.

It's God's earth and I care for it.
raising the oceans, transforming our
weather?

What about the beached whales, the
bewildered polar bears,
the news of one more species never to
be seen again?

Creation has cared for me, nurtured
me,

held me close and taught me to sing.

I don't know what it will be today:
a song of lament, a song of justice,
a chant for peace, a chant for change,
a hymn for hope, a hymn for healing?
Open now my lips, Lord,
and my mouth will sing out your song.

Find the Songs from our Summer Praise Meeting



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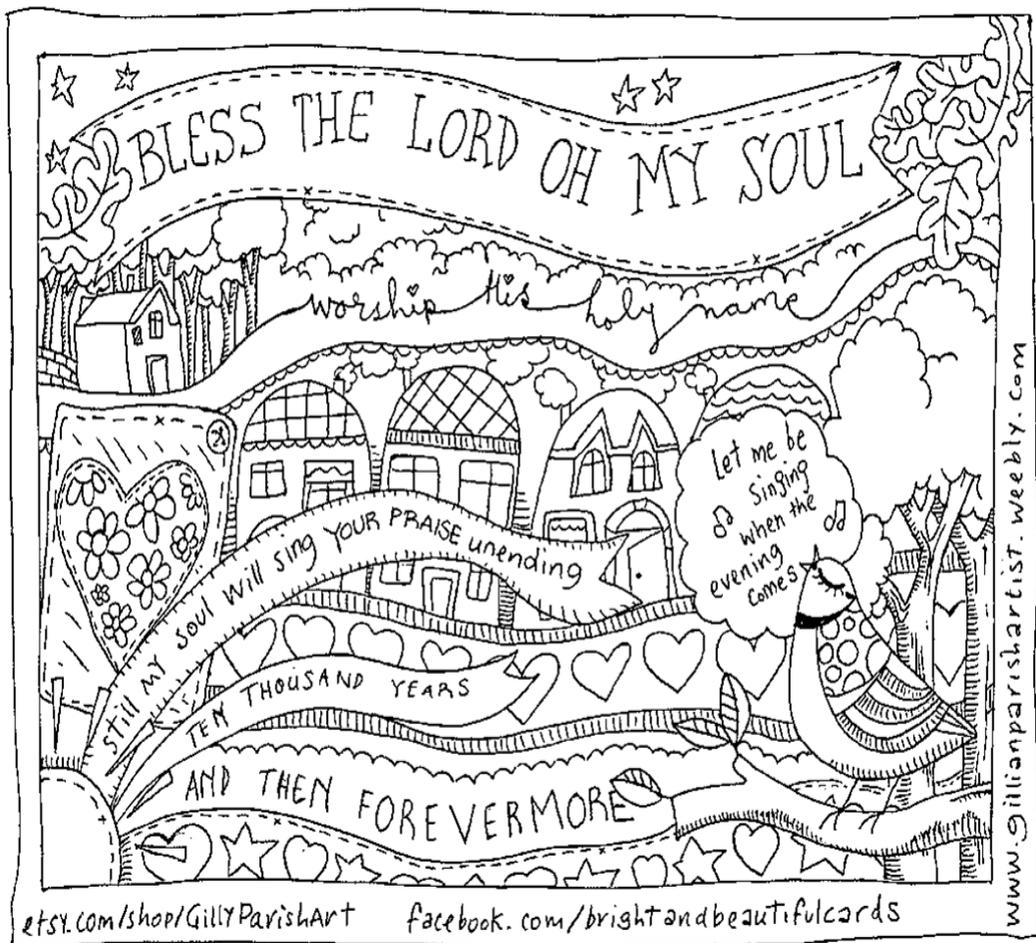
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10,000 Reasons by Matt Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes.



'The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'
Lamentations 3: 22-24 ESV