

RAMSGATE SALVATION ARMY



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Sunday 22nd November 2020

Sunday worship on is on  YouTube

The easiest way to find the link to the YouTube meeting each Sunday is to find the link on the Corps web page. Type

www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ramsgate and select **Church on YouTube**

You can also find us by searching on YouTube and on the Ramsgate Facebook page.

But we want to still “meet together” and share our thoughts and prayers and testimonies. It will give a chance to share how God has spoken to us during the meeting – and allow us to encourage each other.

So we will have a ZOOM meeting at 11.15am

Sunday 22nd 10 am

Ramsgate worship on YouTube

Sunday 22nd 11.15 am

ZOOM fellowship

Sunday 22nd 12 noon

Youth Group

Sunday 22nd 4.30 pm

Children's Church Kids Club (up to 11 years)

Tuesday 24th 7pm

ZOOM Bible study and prayer

Wednesday 25th 7pm

ZOOM Quiz

Ramsgate ZOOM 8651865167

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Happy 135th Birthday Ramsgate Corps

There are certain celebrations each year where we come together and worship is a new and determined way. We have already mourned not being in one place for Easter, for Pentecost, for Harvest and as I write, it is not clear what we might be able to do at Christmas. We had hoped new members would make commitments this year following Alpha in 2019. We have missed countless opportunities to eat together and have fellowship in worship and recreation.

Today is especially poignant as we mark our anniversary. That time of looking back in thankfulness and forward with expectation and resolve.

It will be hard to do that today; because we do not like things as they are and feel cheated. Yet God has not left us or stopped working among us. I am certain that we will be able to look back on this strange season and see that God did do new things and taught us a new way.

So will you allow God to reach you; through the writings, the poems , the scripture and the songs. Will you hear well the challenge brought from the word?

Will you enjoy this day?

God of our past, we are one today to give thanks for the past.

We think back to those who first had a vision of a corps in this place, to those who gave of their labour, their treasure, their time so it could come to happen,

And as we remember the efforts those who came before us we offer words of thanks and praise

God of growth, we remember too those who helped the new corps to grow in wisdom and in faith.

And so we think of officers, local officers, music leaders, bandsmen and bandswomen and songsters, Sunday School teachers, and many others who provided leadership and cared for each other through the years. We think of the countless open air meetings where your name was glorified.

God of community, we remember events that brought us together; Friendship groups, home league, fellowship lunches, corps outings, brownies, mums and toddlers, youth groups. For the many happy memories that developed into a faith in you.

God of our present, on this day we remember all that led this corps to this day.

For 135 years of ministry to and with this community, for 135 years of growing together in love, for all that has made us what we are now, we give you thanks, we give you praise.

Songs of Praise Sunday 22nd 1.15pm

Young Chorister of the Year - Girls' Semi-Final

From Gorton Monastery in Manchester, Katherine Jenkins launches the very first joint Songs of Praise and Radio 2 competition to find the BBC Young Chorister of the Year. Chosen from hundreds of entries, five talented girl choristers hope to impress expert judges John Rutter, Laura Wright and Carl Jackson, and go through to the final



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Birthdays this week

Tom Neale 24-Nov

Peter Harden 26-Nov

Ramsgate Salvation Army!!!!!!



Prayers please for

We remember the family and friends of John Miles as they prepare for his funeral next week.

For many in our family, situations are unchanged yet we pray determinedly each week for God's hope to be their hope

For Al awaiting further surgery. Pray this will come soon. David also awaiting surgery, Paul, son of Hazel who continues his chemotherapy; Brenda Austin and Liz Harden. Val.

Pray for Mavis and Peter Harden

Please pray especially for Archie – and Lisa and Scott.

A prayer from Major Sheila Parmenter in 1985

As we look at the past history of Ramsgate Citadel, we have much cause for thanksgiving.

The goodness of God can clearly be seen and people's lives have_ been changed by His power.

We look at the past and learn from it but we must now take hold of the present and use every opportunity for the glory of God.

Let the past help us - let the past encourage us - let the past challenge us and let it spur us on in the future with a firm belief in a God who is utterly dependable and unchanging in all His ways

'Now glory be to God who by His mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of - infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts or hopes. May He be given glory for ever and ever.'

May God help us each to give a whole hearted dedication n to what He requires in the days to come.

Amen.

Christmas 2020

We cannot be sure what we will be permitted to do over Christmas – and especially if we can offer Christmas Dinner.

We are going to plan to serve 25 people on 24th and 25th December if we are permitted and believe we can safely do so. If yu have not completed the slip in last week's newsletter please do so and send it to Carl as soon as possible -or phone and request a place.



**This is the letter received in 1985 when the corps celebrated 100 years
The message is clear and as relevant now 35 years later**



International Headquarters London EC4P 4EP

To: The Officers, Soldiers and Friends of Ramsgate Corps.

My dear Comrades,

Mrs Wahlstrom and I join you all in giving thanks to God for one hundred years of Salvation Army- warfare in Ramsgate. We praise Him for His faithfulness throughout the years and we thank Him for all that has been achieved, for men and women who have found Christ, for service rendered to people in need, for the proclamation of the gospel of love and peace. May you continue to be a channel of blessing to many people. A Salvation Army corps should always be a base for evangelical outreach, for caring and sharing in the neighbourhood. I would therefore urge you all to remind yourselves that you are "witnesses for Jesus in the home and in the mart". May God bless your activities within the confines of your corps building and your ministry among the people of the community.

We pray that the centenary. celebrations will be seasons of spiritual power and victory. May Christ be glorified and may many be won for Him.

Yours sincerely, Jarl Wahlstrom

GENERAL



Captain Lilly Benskin and Lieutenant Bartram.

The first commanding officers of the St. Lawrence (Ramsgate) Corps

In the year 1885, so writes Hayden Beerling, the Press reported to the world the murder of General Gordon by "dervishes" in Khartoum; the patenting of the internal combustion engine by Gottlieb Daimler; and the discovery of the world's richest gold field on the Rand in South Africa.

The activities of Salvationist converts from nearby Minster and two young women Salvation Army Officers in the village of St. Lawrence, Ramsgate, around that time did not receive national acclaim. However, the seed sown by those early pioneers continues to produce fruit to the present day.

St. Lawrence - "This place has just been captured. The barracks we took we found too small. A larger hall has been taken and even this is packed out. We shall have to run the two. Several sinners have been captured. This place is only a mile from Ramsgate. The fisherman are coming up and getting saved, and a mighty work is going to be done." Thus stated Major W. Ridsdel for the War Cry of November 27th 1886.

What kind of place was "this place of St. Lawrence?"

At the turn of the century the village of St. Lawrence had a population of 2,000 - 2,500 inhabitants, most of whom were workers living around and about the few the big, houses and estates of Southwood and Nethercourt. A sizeable number lived in slums.

In the more rural part of the parish there were some 565 inhabitants, mostly agricultural labourers at Haine, Cliffsend, Pegwell, Newington and Manston. A century ago the work house was still very much a real fear to working class people, not least in St. Lawrence, where poverty was very evident.

The major social issue of the age was war against strong drink. Temperance societies were very much the order of the day, and the local parish church of St. Lawrence instigated its own branch of the Church of England Temperance Society and established clubs for men and boys. Anti-drink teaching was on the basic curriculum of the parish schools.

This then was the environment in which two young women Salvation Army Officers (Captain Benskin and Lieutenant Bartrum) established the first Ramsgate Corps of the Salvation Army.

History suggests that the Corps flourished from the outset. Major Ridsel writing for the War Cry January 8th 1887 stated -

St. Lawrence - "I have just visited this Corps which has only been open a short time, and find that a mighty work has been accomplished. Our little barracks, which will hold some 350 people were packed and people standing. Ten captures this week. Grand feeling towards the Army, people coming up from Ramsgate catch the fire and want to know when we are going to open there. Captain Benskin is going on for victory."

The opening of the St. Lawrence Corps and the nature of its bright easy-going meetings was a novelty which appealed to the working class population of the parish. It provided a means of worship which was not inhibited by the formal structure and class tension associated with the church.

This extract is from the 100 year anniversary researched and written by Hayden. Thanks Hayden.

He concludes his article (which I can supply in full if you would like) by writing these prescient words

During the course of its history, the Corps has been the focal point of many changes.

Its ministry has experienced years of persecution and misunderstanding; upheaval and fear; stability and approval; and those of contraction and indifference. Yet through it all and in every age there have been those of our numbers whose faith in the Corps and its mission have been a constant encouragement for the future. Officers, soldiery, families and individuals, many of whose names are no longer part of memory, inspired by the love of Christ and the desire to lead others into an understanding of His teaching, and will for their lives, have been part of the rich human tapestry of what we accept as Corps life. The social conditions and status of the Town and its citizens may have changed. The State social services may now provide for the physical needs of the population throughout life, yet, men and women still seek to avoid the pressures of life through the medium of alcohol and drugs, and mankind remains its own worst enemy.

A large sector of society still seeks the solution to an emotional and spiritual desert through media of garish entertainment and technological fantasy and remains indifferent to the words of Christ, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me."

Can we then doubt that there remains a gospel to proclaim and a need for our ministry .as we approach the Twenty First Century?

Some thoughts from Major John

The Soldiers of Christ

Many of you will know that Salvationists have been encouraged to pray at twelve noon each day for our Nation and the situation we are in at this time. Now our movements and activities are curtailed for many of us at the moment, it gives us an opportunity to join with in this call.

I have been inspired recently learning of the life of Rees Howells and his powerful ministry of intercessory prayer during the Second World War. The Bible college near Swansea, South Wales, was closed during the war years, but Howells and a group of one hundred people used the college for intercessory prayer to powerful effect. They had the name 'The Soldiers of Christ' and as the soldiers on the ground fought the battle against the enemy, they fought the battle in the 'Heavenlies.' Fighting against the spiritually dark forces.

At some of the darkest times in the war this group of people prayed through. One of these times was the evacuation of Dunkirk, 26 May-4 June 1940. The Allied Soldiers were pushed back to the sea by the advancing German forces. General Alan Brook described the situation faced by the British Army at the time.

'Nothing but a miracle can save the British Expeditionary Force now.'

In Rees Howells prayer diary his words are recorded.

May 16th. The position is most serious in France, but even if the troops are fighting against such great odds, the Lord is able to help them.

May 17th. 'I am not willing that thousands of our boys should be lost.'

'There is intercession and faith, so the Lord can do a mighty deed. Our people will see God answering their prayers, and they will have the joy of it.'

338,226 stranded troops were successfully evacuated despite intense enemy bombing. It is said the operation was the longest and most successful evacuation in military history.

Winston Churchill described it as 'A miracle of deliverance'.

There were other amazing answers to prayer as these 'Soldiers of Christ' prayed on through the war years.

Will we be ‘The Soldiers of Christ’ for our day, as we face a different enemy and join those called to intercessory prayer?

Will we pray for revival in our Nation and in our World?

Let this nation be changed’

Let this nation be saved’

Let this nation be turned back to You.

Amen.

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Time to Smile.

An elderly couple are invited round to supper with friends and after the meal, when the wives had left their husbands talking at the table, the guest complimented him on his wife’s cooking. ‘We had a good meal last night too’ he added. ‘We went to a new restaurant in town, it was excellent. You two should try it.’ ‘We will, replied the host, what is it called?’

The other man didn’t answer for a moment and when he did it was to ask, ‘What’s the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know the red flower with prickly thorns.’

‘Do you mean a rose?’

‘That’s it,’ his friend said. He then turned in his chair and called through to the living room, ‘Rose, what’s the name of that restaurant we went to last night?’

A mother was taking her young son for a walk along the beach when suddenly a terrific squall blew up, bringing with it crashing wave sand a furious wind. Before they could reach safety, a huge wave engulfed them and carried the boy out to sea. Overcome with grief, his mother sank to her feet and prayed that her little boy would be spared.

In answer to her prayer a second wave surged up the beach and left the boy back on the beach next to his mother.

Again, she clasped her hands and said, ‘Lord this is truly a miracle. How can I ever repay you?’

Then after another look at her son she added, ‘Lord before you go, there’s just one thing - he did have a hat!’

A notice in a doctor’s waiting room advised patients how important it was for new-born infants to have all the vaccinations that doctors advised and ended with a warning ‘Remember, the first year of life is the most dangerous.’ Beneath this someone had added, ‘The last is not without its hazards either!’

The hardness of the butter is directly proportional to the softness of the bread.

Proof read carefully to see if you any words out.

Spelling is becoming a lossed art.

Tolkien enjoyed writing stories so much it became a Hobbit.

Voluntary work? I wouldn’t do it if you paid me.

Quiz.

1. In the Old Testament which two books are named after women?
2. In the 1980’s Greg LeMond became the first American to do what?
3. Who was the husband of cellist Jacqueline du Pre?
4. In the Bible who was King David’s father?
5. Wellesley is the family name of which Dukes?

World Tour

1. Where is the Forbidden City?
2. Greenwich Village is in which borough of New York City?
3. Which city gave its name to a type of riding breeches?
4. K2 is on the border of Pakistan and which country?
5. Where are the roaring forties?

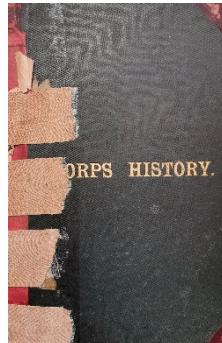
Anagram

What is the only English anagram of TOENAIL?

Quiz

Answers

- The only English anagram of TOENAIL is ELATION.
1. Beijing 2. Manhatten 3. Jodhpur 4. China 5. Cape Horn
- World Tour
Jesse 5. Wellington
- J Ruth and Esther 2. The Tour de France 3. Daniel Barenboim 4.



With thanks to Sandra and Hollie who have looked through the history books to find news about anniversaries celebrated through the years

1920, marked the 35th anniversary and we were blessed to have electrical lights installed in the Young People's Hall. The officer at the time writes that this was a great improvement, Lights were installed at a cost of £21 12s-6d which is the equivalent to £630.

1930, marked the 45th anniversary. Wonderful weekend that culminated in 40 people at the Mercy Seat!

1940 – 55th anniversary. At a time when Ramsgate was badly affected by bombing raids the entry tells of how busy our Corps family was kept by serving tea to those sheltering in the Tunnels built under our town, having set up a mobile canteen in the shelter.

Town in great distress 200 homeless
Retired Sgt M^r Nicholls + Secy Stock Their homes
wrecked also many of the soldiers homes
damaged. Sis M^r Hitch's father + mother killed
also M^r Haggis a Home League member her
boy killed & Secy Lucas injured.
Busy serving tea to the people in the
Tunnels

1945 – 60th anniversary. There was a 'super' demonstration given by the Young People. Young People from every Corps in the Canterbury Division came along for worship, and to take part in the demonstration. Over 300 people attended.

1965 – 80 years of our Corps family. The British Commissioner came to visit for the afternoon and for an evening. Unfortunately, there was a thunderstorm after a lovely day which scuppered some plans for a beach meeting... but the evening meeting held in the hall was "well worth attending".



1985 100 year anniversary - 9/10

November, Saturday celebration tea followed by programme "Corps Kaleidoscope". Leaders for the weekend were Commissioner and Mrs D Durman. Praise meeting was followed by a Faith Tea.



(Joyce, Hayden, Meg, Keith and Adrian share some memories which can be seen on YouTube)

1986 - 29/30 November Meetings led by Colonel and Mrs Rivers. Praise and thanksgiving for re-opening of Hall re-modernisation.

1987 - 21/22 November commenced with a fellowship tea followed by an informal musical evening. The Sunday's meetings were led by former Commanding Officer Major Sheila Parmenter.

1988 - 6 November, 103rd annual meetings were led by Lt. Col and Mrs Emm previous corps officers.

Memories of looking back but also a look to the future of the corps.

1989- 22 October The corps welcomed back former Corp Officers Captain and Mr Ward who led the meetings

1990-17/18 November, Saturday evening Canterbury Temple Band gave a programme, chairman for the meeting was Colonel John Hounsell.

Bandmaster Hayden Beerling gave the vote of thanks. Sunday's meetings were led by Colonel and Mrs Hounsell.

1992 - 21/22 November, the corps met together to celebrate the anniversary by having a social. Sunday meetings were led by Mrs Captain Chisholm.

1993 -13/14 November, on the Saturday evening we held our first barn dance, this was well supported and was an enjoyable evening. Friends entered a

Salvation Army Hall for the first time and contacts were made, people wanting to know if they could come to the Carol Service.

1994 - 27 November, meetings were led by Commanding Officer Major and Mrs Gill.

1996 - 23/24 November, meetings led by Captain and Mrs Malcolm Jeffrey.

1997 - 23 November, former commanding officer Sheila Parmenter led the meetings.

1998 - 28/29 November, a quiz evening was held on the Saturday. Sunday Majors John and Enid West led the meetings.

2001-13/14 October, a very successful quiz evening was held on the Saturday.

Prior to the quiz 4 of our young people travelled to the Cenotaph in London to play for members of the Old Land Army who held a Memorial Service. The young people were Ian and Joy Standley, Michael Tovill, Simon Gash.

2006 - 19 November, Majors Chris and Sharon Baker were responsible for the meetings. Major Chris is a module leader at the William Booth Training College and Major Sharon is an associate officer at Upper Norwood Corps.

2007 -18 November, Major Jane Cowell was welcomed back to the Corps to take the family service.

2008- 25/26 October, Saturday evening was a social event, "Knowledge and Nibbles". Majors Alan and May Dadd led Sunday meetings. Tea time special took place in the form of a songs of praise.

2009 -17 /18 October, Saturday a programme was given by Chatham Songster Brigade. Sunday meetings were led by Captain Paul Holifield from the Ward Cry/Salvationist editorial team.

2010 - 23/24 October - great rejoicing as 125th anniversary was celebrated. The leaders for the weekend were Majors Andrew and Alison Gaudion. The weekend commenced with a reunion tea and was followed at 6pm with a celebration meeting with many people taking part. During the Sunday morning meeting the dedication took place of Matthew, son of Julie and Andrew Pearce, many members of the family attended. The afternoon meeting was a tea time special with a good buffet and a great atmosphere, which rounded off a memorable weekend.

2012 -127th anniversary. A family Service was held in the morning. The afternoon meeting was a tea time special, and included the DVD William Booth's "A passion for the poor". It was a very informative DVD and for the whole 30 minutes there was not a sound from the congregation, a very unusual occurrence!





**RAMSGATE
SALVATION ARMY**

**130 years
CELEBRATION WEEKEND
5th and 6th December 2015**

Led by the Territorial Leaders
Commissioners Clive and Marianne Adams

Saturday 5th December:
15.00 Showcase: The Salvation Army Tea
16.30 Carol Service

Sunday 6th December:
10.30 All-Age Worship Luncheon
12.30 Film and Music Celebration

All welcome

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Worship at home 15th November 2020

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Come, let us worship Almighty God.

Let us lift up our songs, our prayers, our praises.

Come, let us honour Christ Jesus.

Let us love Christ with our hearts, our minds, our spirits.

Come, let us be filled with the Spirit of the Living God.

Breathe in us, Breath of God.

Alleluia

Amen

Dear Lord,

Help us live lives that glorify you.

Replace our fears with hope in you.

Replace the desires of our own will with love of You.

Guide and compel our lives by the power of your Spirit.

We ask this in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Song 816

- 1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
 urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
 sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
 Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

- 2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
 speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
 teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
 Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

- 3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
 spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
 for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
 Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

- 4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
 loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
 hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,

Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

- 5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
 self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
 Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all the generations.

You, O Lord, have been a dwelling place for us and our children.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the
world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You, O Lord, have been with us for these one hundred and thirty years!

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

You, O Lord, have been our refuge and our strength!

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

You, O Lord, are the eternal One and we have trusted you.

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions
never fail.

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

You, O Lord, have been our faithful One!

Jesus said, "I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome
it."

Song 477

- 1 Thank you for saving me;
what can I say?
You are my everything,
I will sing your praise.
You shed your blood for me;
what can I say?
You took my sin and shame,

a sinner called by name.
Great is the Lord. Great is the Lord.
For we know your truth has set us free;
you've set your hope in me.

- 2 Mercy and grace are mine,
forgiv'n is my sin;
Jesus, my only hope,
the Saviour of the world.
'Great is the Lord,' we cry;
God, let your kingdom come.
Your word has let me see,
thank you for saving me.
Great is the Lord.
Great is the Lord.
For we know your truth has set us free;
you've set your hope in me.
Thank you for saving me; what can I say?

Martin J Smith (born 1970)

Acts 20:17-24

From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church.¹⁸ When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia.¹⁹ I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents.²⁰ You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.²¹ I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

²² "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there.²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me.²⁴ However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord

Jesus has given me —the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

The Way It's Gonna Be

The way it's gonna be, the world is gonna see

A little bit of heaven in my life

A picture here of you, help me to be true

A little bit of heaven in my life

May I be a bright star shining

Helping people finding

Their way to you, today, today, today

Just wanna praise you, yeah, yeah, yeah

Just wanna praise you yeah, yeah, yeah

Just wanna sing your love forever

Bring a little bit, bring a little bit

Bring a little bit of your love Lord Jesus

Bring a little bit, bring a little bit

Bring a little bit of your love

(Doug Horley)

A prayer from Major John Watson

I'd like to begin my prayer with the words of a song.

1 O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and pow'r;
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

2 O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore, for this we plead.

3 O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in ev'ry part.

Major John Watson shares an anniversary prayer

And Heavenly Father as we remember and celebrate today the 135 years of worship witness and service, we thank you for your faithfulness your goodness and your mercy.

We thank you for those who have played their part over the years in the continuing witness of the call, for those whose influence and Christian example continues to be felt today.

We thank you for Jesus and pray that his name will always continue to be lifted high. As we sing; We Want to See Jesus lifted High a banner that flies across this land.

We want his name to be lifted high in Ramsgate and Thanet.

As we're going through this strange time when we have not been able to meet and worship in our corps building or enjoy corporate worship, we pray for the time when we were able to meet together again,

And as we do, I pray we will meet and worship with a new renewed appreciation of the privilege of worship, with a new desire to love and serve you and to seek your face.

We thank you in the meantime for those who make it possible for us to share on YouTube and Zoom and with the weekly bulletin.

We ask your blessing on our corps family, for the bereaved, the sick, those anxious about loved ones, our children, young people in school and college and university.

We particularly bring before you Lord, the lonely and the isolated, Lord bless them with pray.

Bless our leaders Carl and Heather, and the team working hard with the food bank and community service. We pray for the contacts made, and pray that they might bear fruit in coming days.

Lord we pray for our nation, and for our world, the government and local government.

We pray for our Salvation Army.

May we be an army of transparent integrity.

We pray for the church at this unprecedeted time. May they raise up powerful and prophetic voices to speak to our nation in these times and to bring about an awakening to things spiritual; To your kingdom. And may there be a seeking after you

And finally Lord, we make that prayer again

Come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in ev'ry part.

Amen

Song 376

- 1 King of kings, majesty,
God of heaven living in me,
gentle Saviour, closest friend,
strong deliverer, beginning and end,
all within me falls at your throne.
Your majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve your majesty,
I live to serve your majesty.
- 2 Earth and heaven worship you,
love eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to your throne;
all within me cries out in praise.
- Chorus

Jarrod Cooper

Our anniversary message from Major Mark Herbert

Courage takes practice and we need a lot of courage at the moment. Don't we?
And have done in recent months and probably for some time still to come we're not out of the woods yet.
We are slowly and strategically beginning to think about restarting some programmes and there may well be some impatience around this after this current lockdown is lifted.
But our priority remains the same and that is to keep everyone safe.



I know that the leadership team here will make the right decisions about timing and about what you can do and when you can do it.

And I want to pay tribute to Carl and Heather. Linda and I stand in awe of their energy and their drive and their passion for their work and ministry. Thanks both for all that you do.

So, how are you doing? How are you all doing? It's a bit up and down isn't it?

If you haven't been overwhelmed enough yet to have a tantrum then that's still to come. None of us will come out of this season unscathed.

We may not feel it's quite the same crisis now as it was because it's become a way of life, but there still remains for all of us unanswered questions, unresolved problems and an uncertain future even as we celebrate our Corps anniversary.

What I do know is that one ounce of faith will overcome a ton of fear.

Faith overcomes fear. Trusting in God will help us to conquer the fears that we face. Faith doesn't mean to say you're never afraid.

Of course it doesn't. Faith means you won't let your fear stop you from doing things. There's three verses I want to look at very briefly this morning that help us to understand this a little bit more clearly.

They're found in Acts chapter 20 verses 22 to 24.

Perhaps you could read them for yourselves a bit later.

But here is Paul at the church at Ephesus. He loved the church. He was there at the beginning of the church and he felt it was time for him to move on and these are his last words to the church there in Ephesus.

Pick it up in verse 22.

Paul speaks about a new thing that comes out of the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Do you see it there compelled by the spirit? I must go. Come I can't help it. I have to go. This nagging within me won't leave me alone.

The Greek phrases Deo pneumo and it and it's described like this this strong strong thing within me.

This binding that I have of the spirit that just won't let me go. The tugging of my heart. That won't cease. It is there constantly.

And Paul says because I have to go I'm compelled by the spirit.

This is what God demands from me the for this I was born. This is a God thing.

This is why I am moving on

And Paul I guess is saying to us today on this our Corps anniversary Sunday.
Look for the unique thing that God has made you for.
The thing that will make you powerful, the thing through which God will work out
his plan and purpose and calling for your life.
Sometimes if I'm honest I think if my life was aligned to those who lived in the
Bible. It wouldn't look very radical. Or very exciting. And that may be true.
But what I do know is that I don't have to understand fully to obey God
immediately.
So Paul says there's this new thing that won't go away that I've got to do and
then the second thing he goes on to say in that same verse is I'm going forward
not knowing what will happen to me.
I move forward not knowing what will happen to me there.
The spirit has spoken and I respond and I don't know where I'm going to end up.
All I know is that I have to do what I've got to do.
The Bible is full of examples of people that step out in faith. Only knowing where
the next step will lead. And what a great example that is for us today.
God has not called us simply to take up space on this planet and to make a name
for ourselves. He's called us to change the world.
Time is limited
Time is passing quickly.
Jesus is coming. I step out not knowing what is going to happen, but I step-by-
step action by action, decision by decision, dream by dream.
I'm obedient to the calling of God upon my life.
So I say it again for all of us this morning.
It's not what we do that determines whether our work is secular or sacred.
It's the reason why we do it.
The Bible is full of the idea that God weighs the motive of our hearts
And the great thing is that obedience leads to opportunity. We start with where
we are with what we have. And we step out in faith. Faith is a work order.
It is a charge and a challenge to put our still cap toe cap boots on the yellow
jackets the white helmets
and of course nowadays the face mask and the gloves.
And to get going. To take the first step.

And see where it leads. What dreams will your dream?

What prayers will you pray? What vision will you cast?

My prayer is that you would have to courage and boldness to allow your heart to be stirred.

I've been around the block enough to know that if Satan can remove our courage and boldness. Then we won't be able to change the world.

I step out. Not knowing but this Paul guarantees. The third thing he guarantees is this.

That there will be opposition.

There will be resistance. When you live boldly for Christ you will face opposition.

There will be those who don't understand what you are doing.

They will try to ridicule your dreams and your visions and your plans.

Don't let them. Don't let those people do that.

Just understand that there will be resistance to the things that God has called you to do.

When we hear from God all hell breaks loose.

There are consequences to our obedience.

I've heard hundreds of sermons through the years about the consequence of our disobedience. If I do this what all this and this and this will happen but there are consequences to our obedience.

But let me tell you this.

It is always worth it.

It is always worth what comes our way if we are obedient to Christ

And those obstacles come in many shapes and forms. From criticism and discouragement and sometimes it's a huge battle ground, but it's time to pick up with our calling and run with it again.

It's time to fight. It's time to fight for something that is higher something that is bigger than we are something that is more important than we are.

Our lives are too valuable. Our calling is to Great.

Our God is too good to waste our lives.

So don't give up on the God who hasn't given up on you.

So I'm stirred by the spirit. I step out in faith not knowing where I'll end up.

But I do know that there will be opposition

And here's the fourth thing you find it there in verse 24 have a read of it for yourself.

My only aim is to finish the race and complete the task.

The Lord Jesus has given to me to finish the task that God has given to me And that's the best bit of all. Of all we all end up somewhere.

Let us make sure we end up somewhere on purpose.

This is what I was created to do. Live a life with no regrets, never apologise for having a big vision. You can trust the God who holds the whole world in his hand. So see what God sees, feel what God feels, do what God says. Let nothing draw me back or turn my heart from thee.

May God bless you as a corps on your corps anniversary Sunday celebrations.

May you dream new dreams. May you step out in faith again.

May you reach those people that no one else is reaching so that the kingdom will be built in Ramsgate where you live and to God alone be the honour and the glory.

Amen.

Compelled by love

Compelled by love, Called to serve

Wherever there are souls in need. Compelled by love,

Called to find the lonely And the lost.

Touched by God's grace,

I'll love where hearts are hurting. How can I offer less than all

When I am born again by his forgiving? I'm compelled by love.

Compelled by love, Called to toil

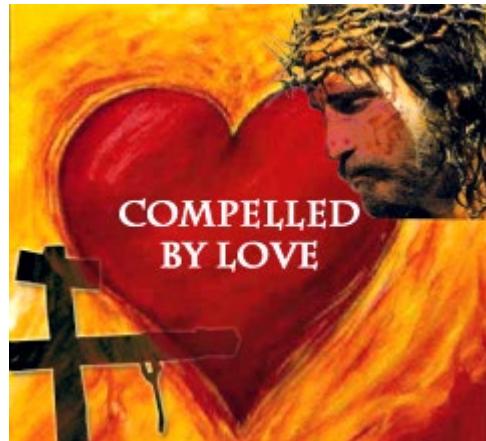
Wherever there are mouths to feed. Compelled by love,

Called to work where life is at its worst. Moved by God's grace,

I'll prove that I am willing. How can I offer less than all When his love fills my heart, My spirit thrilling?

I'm compelled by love.

Compelled by love, Called to follow Christ
No matter where he leads. Compelled by love,
Called to give and not to count the cost.
Filled with God's grace,
I'll lead a life worth living. How can I offer less than all
When I am made anew by his infilling? His love calls me, his love claims me, I'm compelled by love.



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On this Anniversary Sunday, we give thanks for all that has gone before and we give thanks for all those who have gone before. We have met in your name, and heard again the stories of faith, met the risen Christ by the power of the Spirit. Now we ask for a renewed vision for our corps

May we receive a fresh vision for the corps which expresses the values of the kingdom of God.

May we be a corps where the good news of Jesus Christ for all people is made real amongst us.

May we be a corps where all are welcome.

May we be a corps which shows unity through diversity.

May we be a corps where our weaknesses are completed in you as we find strength together.

May we be a corps where the kingdom of heaven breaks in upon us and is made real amongst us.

Song 349

1 Yet once again, by God's abundant mercy,
We join our song of thankfulness and praise;
Ever the light of our redeemer's victory
Shineth before us in the world's dark ways.

Jesus shall conquer, lift up the strain!
Evil shall perish and righteousness shall reign.

2 O for the time of Christ's completed mission!
Throbs of its rapture reach us as we pray;
Gleams of its glory bursting on our vision
Speed us to labour, urge us on our way.
Chorus

3 Stretch out thy hand, O God, and let the nations
Feel through thine host the thrill of life divine;
Grant us, we pray, still greater revelations,
Make of these days an everlasting sign.
Chorus

Albert W T Orsborn (1886–1967)

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21



Heavenly Father, You have promised that when your church seeks after you it will be like a tree that is planted by the rivers of living water – Your church will grow and prosper and have great success.

Father we pray that your church may prosper in all that it does and that Your hand would lead and guide us in the year that lies ahead. Lord we pray that this church may bring forth fruit – spiritual fruit, thirty, sixty or even a hundredfold fruit.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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Galatians 5:22-23

**FAITHFULNESS
GENTLENESS
GOODNESS
JOY
KINDNESS
LOVE**



Set your minds

on things above,

not on

earthly things.

Colossians 3:2