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CHALK FARM CORPS SUNDAY NEWSLETTER



Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
(Galatians 6: 9, NIV)

It was time to sort out the main worship hall and clean those untouched places so I set to moving the platform. Underneath the stage was two items... one was a lost part of magic (my bouncing ball trick)... the other was a small rolled up piece of paper which had found its way right underneath the platform. I picked it up and recognised it as one of the promises from the promise box I kept on the small platform table. I unravelled it to see what it said and there were the words; *'And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.'* (Galatians 6: 9, KJV).

I might have felt like fainting after moving the platform but in all seriousness the words meant a lot to me as I interpreted them for myself and our fellowship here at Chalk Farm Salvation Army. The New International Version says; 'do not give up'. It's important for us as we emerge from the great trial of this pandemic; losses, griefs, lockdowns and restrictions that we do not give up! Prior to this pandemic and during it we have been sowing and we should be assured that the reaping time will come. We should not be tempted to give up but rather eagerly await the time when we are able to safely return to worship. They I'm sure all will embrace the opportunity to again be together in fellowship and perhaps we'll have a new perspective on the importance of being united with others in 'the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father and fellowship of the Holy Spirit'.

Earlier in the week I was privileged to be part of the North London Division Officers Retreat conducted over Zoom (Social Media). The Bible Study looked at Philippians and how Paul experienced great joy even through suffering in chains. It is important that we each have joy when working for the Lord even when faced with hardship. Together we can achieve much for the Kingdom - and God has not finished with you or His Salvation Army in Chalk Farm - far from it - He desires we sow and reap a harvest of salvation. And so this issue of Chalk Farm News comes with a promise and exhortation to keep on - never give up - the harvest awaits us.

'the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.' (Galatians 6: 18, KJV)

Captain Michael J Kinnear, Commanding Officer

Corps roadmap out of lockdown

All dates are provisional and dependent on the government roadmap proceeding as planned, currently Stage 3 on Monday 17th May and Stage 4 on Monday 21st July.

Sunday worship

Sunday 23rd May

Gathered worship recommences (subject to entering Stage 3).

Sunday 27th June

Refreshments and fellowship lunch available after worship (subject to entering Stage 4).

Homeless work

Evening Take Away Homeless Service to continue every Monday and Wednesday from 6 pm – 8 pm The shower facility is open subject to enhanced COVID secure measures.

Monday 21st June

Drop-in recommences sit-in service with shower facility open (subject to entering Stage 4).

Luncheon Club & Over 60's (CAMEO) Club

Thursday 29th June

Luncheon Club and CAMEO Club (subject to entering Stage 4 & appropriate staffing).

Thursday 22nd July

Summer outing to Kew Gardens subject to Government guidelines.

Parent & Toddlers (Little Stars)

Subject to mission review and staffing. Not to reopen until September at the earliest.

Hall hire

Thursday 6th May

Polling station

Friday 21st May

NW Arts socially distanced concert, main hall at half capacity (subject to entering Stage 3).

Pastoral home visits

From Monday 21st June (subject to entering Stage 4).

Budget 2021-22

Headquarters have approved Chalk Farm Corps budget. The Corps has been granted £69,000 in Mission Support Funding this coming year in order to meet its anticipated costs. This is less than in recent years but remains significant. Our thanks go to everyone who has contributed to the Corps over this last year and to several donors who funded our COVID response. Chalk Farm Corps budget has been circulated to all members of the Corps Mission Council and a summary is available upon request.

Corps Missional Journal

The word of the Lord came to me, 'What do you see, Jeremiah?'
(Jeremiah 1: 11, NIV)

Our Corps Roadmap corresponds with the easing of lockdown restrictions issued by the Government and takes into account our current risk assessments and staffing. This year has been hard in many ways but also a year with much blessing. The Corps has partnered with other agencies and supported those in poverty and homelessness. Casting your mind back a year ago the Corps completed step 1 of its Missional Journal. This journal is to help us move forward being open to what God wants of Chalk Farm Salvation Army in the present age and circumstances we find ourselves in. It also gives opportunity to look back with gratitude, assessing just where we are today before moving forward to fulfil a vision of what we believe God wants us to become.

So we move on positively to Step 2 of the Missional Journal process and there is some urgency to move on through this step at a pace due to the unprecedented circumstances find ourselves within. With this in mind I want to help you to engage by presenting just a few questions from this stage so myself and the Corps Mission Council will know your thoughts. Before looking at these questions remind yourself of our shared core values and vision noted in Stage 1. Also consider the very diverse community in which we are placed and the sorts of people who we engage with well or want to engage with better.

Q1. What do you think Chalk Farm Corps is known for?

In the past:

In the present:

Q2. What do you see as our key resources / assets? (People / Property / Finance etc.)

Q3. What are the big themes at Chalk Farm Salvation Army? I.e. what might need to continue, stop or start in relation to our mission and ministry – *for such a time as this?*

Q4. What are we doing to intentionally help people explore life with God? Could we do more – and if so what?

You may like to forward your thoughts on paper or by talking with Captain Michael Kinnear. Responses are invited to be received by Monday 3rd May.

Song of the week

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to veil his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant and blood,
Support me in the 'whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Edward Mote (1797-1874)

Thy Kingdom Come

13-23 May 2021

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- *Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus*
- *Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness*

Everyone at Chalk Farm Corps will shortly receive further information and a prayer journal.

1 Corinthians 16: 13-14

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.

On the television

Sunday at 10.30am, BBC One

Sunday Morning Stories: Kate Bottley presents a new series of inspiring stories rooted in faith, hope, and spirituality.

Sunday at 1.15pm, BBC Two

Songs of Praise: From Bridgewater Gardens, Salford.

On the radio

Sunday at 8.10am, BBC Radio 4

Sunday Worship: A former chaplain to the Queen, Canon Ann Easter, reflects on the gift of relationships.

On the internet

Sunday at 11am

Join Regent Hall corps for an online Sunday meeting on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/user/ediprodv

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