



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021**



**We meet at The Salvation Army Hall Sunday 10.00 am**  
**We will start with prayer** – and invite you to join with us by ZOOM

Our worship service will start at 10.15 – and we will join again for ZOOM fellowship after worship at 11.30

**Also 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](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ramsgate) and select **Church on YouTube**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8651865167>

**Ramsgate ZOOM 8651865167**

**AND DVDs of the service** are available for those who would like them



# What's happening next week at Ramsgate Salvation Army?

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Prayer at the Hall (Join by ZOOM)  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 10.15 am **WORSHIP at Salvation Army Hall**  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 11.30 am ZOOM fellowship  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 12 noon ZOOM Youth Group  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 4.30 pm ZOOM Children's Church Kids Club  
(up to 11 years)

Monday to Friday (6.30am-9am) Breakfast Drop-in (street homeless only)

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

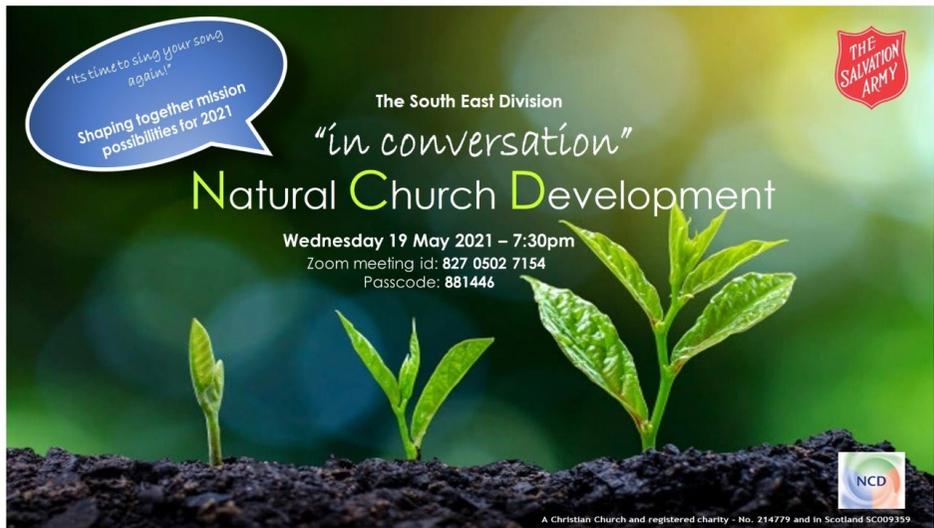


Little Fishes Toddler  
Group 9.30am – 11am

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Bible Study & Prayer

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm



The poster features a background of three green seedlings growing from dark soil. In the top left, a blue speech bubble contains the text: "It's time to sing your song again!" and "Shaping together mission possibilities for 2021". The top right corner has a red Salvation Army shield. The main text reads: "The South East Division 'in conversation' Natural Church Development". Below this, it says "Wednesday 19 May 2021 – 7:30pm", "Zoom meeting id: 827 0502 7154", and "Passcode: 881446". In the bottom right corner, there is a small circular logo with "NCD" and a footer line: "A Christian Church and registered charity - No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359".

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> (10am - 12 noon)

Food Bank

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

PENTECOST SUNDAY



There is a full day of activities on Fortress Radio.



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

And don't forget Songs of Praise Sunday at 13.15pm

**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

Emma Cashdan

Saturday 15-May

Keith Standley

Sunday 23-May

### **Prayers please for**

We continue to support **David Miller** following the unexpected death of his wife Karen. For **Jean Mayton**, **Peter** for **Chris**, a friend of Gay. For **Sam**, step mum to Hollie. For **Tanya**, the niece of Janet. For **Kit**, bother of Jason following a cancer diagnosis. We continue to pray for **Grant** and **Al** and **David** and **John** McCairn all waiting for medical treatment. For Tracy's dad **Ivan** and her family. For **Archie**, Lisa and Scott.

For all those suffering from **Long Covid** – which include some in our church family I want to share some information published by NHS to help in our understanding and prayers

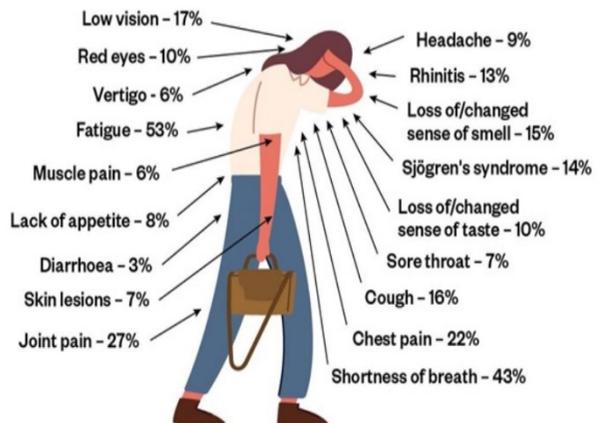
For some people, coronavirus (COVID-19) can cause symptoms that last **weeks** or **months** after the infection has gone. This is sometimes called post-COVID-19 syndrome or "long COVID".

The chances of having long-term symptoms **does not** seem to be linked to how **ill** you are when you **first** get COVID-19. People who had **mild** symptoms at first can still have **long-term** problems.



## Symptoms of long COVID

- extreme tiredness (fatigue)
- shortness of breath
- chest pain or tightness
- problems with memory and concentration ("brain fog")
- difficulty sleeping (insomnia)
- heart palpitations
- dizziness
- pins and needles
- joint pain
- depression and anxiety
- tinnitus, earaches
- feeling sick, diarrhoea, stomach aches, loss of appetite
- a high temperature, cough, headaches, sore throat, changes to sense of smell or taste
- rashes



Please pray for **healing, strength and compassion**

## Thy Kingdom Come - 13th - 23rd May

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.



Since its start in May 2016 God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement. Christians from 172 countries have taken part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

This **praying** together has been across our diversity and differences as every person, household and church are encouraged to pray in their own way. According to our annual survey findings an **astounding** percentage of people said they were **praying** for family and friends to come to faith in Jesus, and a **significant** number of people join in for the first time, we **recognise** there is much **more** we can do together to help *Thy Kingdom Come* be fully in the lifeblood of the Church.

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*

*Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.<sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.<sup>14</sup> All these were*

*constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.*

*Acts 1:12-14*

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ picks up this tradition. Over the years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray ‘Come Holy Spirit’.

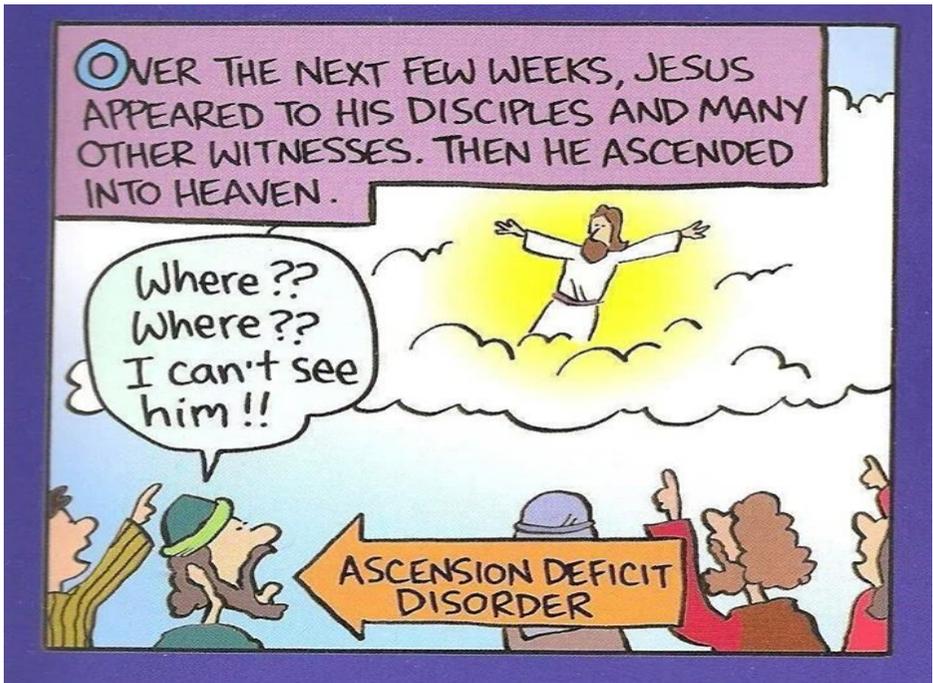
We are praying that the Spirit will inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. It has been amazing how many varied ways there have been in which people from every tradition have taken up this challenge. The effects have been remarkable.

It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God’s Spirit might work in the lives of 5 friends who have not responded with their ‘Yes’ to God’s call.

Whether you have joined in ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ before or not, we invite you to take part – along with churches from over 80 different denominations & traditions in nearly 90% of countries (172) around the world.

*“In praying ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities.”*

Archbishop Justin Welby



**It's vital we recognise the place of Ascension in the life of Jesus on earth; the ascension is the ultimate affirmation of bodily existence.**

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
To his throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!  
Enters now the highest Heaven! Alleluia!

There we shall with thee remain, Alleluia!  
Partners of thy eternal reign, Alleluia!  
There thy face for ever see, Alleluia!  
Find our Heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluia!

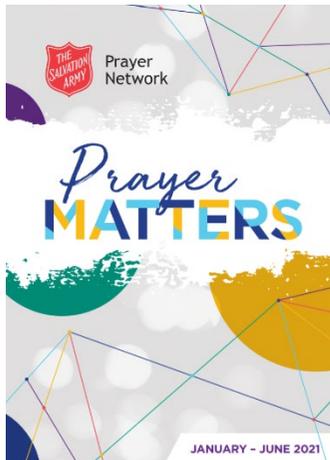
*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

The Salvation Army Song Number 221

# THY KINGDOM COME, MY KINGDOM GO

CAPTAINS TIM AND CHRISTIANNE SWANSBURY, CARSHALTON

We've probably prayed 'Thy Kingdom come' many times, but have we truly prayed it until we can honestly also say '



## **my kingdom go'?**

'Thy Kingdom come' is all too familiar; however, the implications of 'my kingdom go' should really make us think. Throughout the ten days of Thy Kingdom Come you are invited to pray for God's Kingdom to come in various ways, as well as reflecting on the personal submission and surrender this may require.

Lord Jesus, thank you for everything you are and for all you have done, especially for your life and example. Please help me to follow you today, to

be like you, and to pray like you, 'Not my will, but yours be done.' Thy Kingdom come; thy Kingdom come in my life, and my kingdom go.

## **Promotion to glory - Commissioner Wesley Harris**

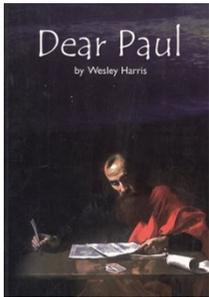
We give thanks to God for the life and ministry of Commissioner Wesley Harris who was Promoted to Glory from his home at Livingstone Gardens, Melbourne, Australia on 14th May 2021

Some of you may remember his book – or the extracts published in the Salvationist

This book grew from a vivid dream experienced by the author, Commissioner Wesley Harris, in which he was writing a letter to the

Apostle Paul. After recounting the dream to his wife the next day, she said, “Why don’t you do it?”

The summary on the back cover states: “So it was that the commissioner wrote his letter to Paul...and then another, and another. As they could not be posted to the intended recipient, he sent them instead to the editor of Salvationist, where they were subsequently published over a period of 20 months. Now the 79 letters have been brought together in this book.”



Based on Paul’s words in Scripture, and expanded by his own reflections, Harris covers many topics. Examples are: A letter about...student days, the need for quietness, suffering and the future, the grace of giving, strength in weakness, and God’s ordinary people. Each letter is thought-provoking and inspiring, and many are seasoned with humour.

In his introduction Commissioner Harris says, “Sadly, I have never received a reply from the Apostle Paul but I hope that sharing the letters through this book will encourage others to explore the life and letters of the great apostle and discover more of God’s will for their lives.”

And as we recognise Candidates Sunday today we will use the powerful words from the Commissioner. **Song 603**

Lord, I would be available to serve where there is need;  
Despite the cost to reach the lost, and match my creed with deed;  
Not just by word of mouth alone  
Would make your glorious message known!

*Available I'd ever be, To serve you is my destiny!*

## Have a lovely week with Jesus!

One of the good things that has happened as far as I am concerned over the past months is that many Corps and Church meetings and services are on line. It has meant I have been able to watch and listen to those from Corps or Churches I have connections with and has been a great blessing. I would just like to share one or two things that have caught my attention.

I have enjoyed the meetings from Nottingham Arnold Corps and at the end of their meeting and following the benediction, their Officers Marcus and Jayne Mylchreest finish with a smile and words, 'Have a lovely week with Jesus'. What a nice feel good way to conclude.

My son's church, Trinity Church, Nottingham, is a relatively new church plant in the city. They have recently started back having socially distanced services but continue online too.

I was rather taken aback when it came to the offering in their services, when on more than one occasion the leader has commented, 'this is not a whip round'. It doesn't seem quite like the language we would use, but he has gone on to explain that the offering is not just a chance to drop your loose change carelessly onto the plate, but is the opportunity to 'worship God with our finances'. It is a challenge and a timely reminder to give thought to our giving to God.

2 Corinthians 9 verse 7 reminds us, 'Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'

The worship at the church is what we would probably describe as contemporary worship, but I was taken by a new version of the old chorus 'I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back'. The leader pressed the point that when we decide to follow Jesus there needs to be resolve, we are resolved that we are not for turning back. It brought to mind one of my favourite verses from an even older hymn by John Bunyan...

He who would valiant be  
'Gainst all disaster,  
Let him in constancy  
Follow the Master!  
There's no discouragement

Shall make him once relent  
His first avowed intent  
To be a pilgrim.

**'Have a lovely week with Jesus!'**

### **Time to Smile**

In the beginning there were only wind instruments in the orchestra. Then they noticed that many of the people could not play wind instruments, so they gave them boxes with wires strapped across them. These people were known as 'strings'. Then they noticed that some people could not play strings, so they were given two sticks and were told to hit whatever they wanted. These people were known as 'percussionists'. Finally, they noticed that one percussionist couldn't even do that, so they took one of his sticks away and told him to go and stand in front of everybody. And that was the birth of the first conductor!

A friend used to take a rather dear elderly lady to church. The church eventually fitted hearing apparatus into the pews. The two friends set off for church the following Sunday with considerable hope. They were a little bit late and it took them some time to get into their pew and to check the system was working. Meanwhile the vicar asked for a few moments of silent prayer, with the result that in the middle of the reverent hush and silence, there rang out a cry with considerable indignation: 'I STILL CAN'T HEAR A THING!'

Each Sunday the vicar told a story to the children. One day he brought a telephone in to illustrate the idea of prayer.

'You talk to people on the telephone but don't see them on the other end of the line' he began. The children nodded yes.

'Well talking to God is like talking on the phone. He's on the other end, but you can't see him. He's listening though'.

Just then a little boy piped up and asked, 'What's his number then?'

## Quiz

1. Which very soft wood is popular with model makers?
2. The River Ganges is sacred to people of which religion?
3. Which part of an ocean shares its name with a musical?
4. What were the supporters of James II and his Stuart descendants known as?
5. What is shouted by people when they make contact in fencing?

## Who was Who?

1. Who became US President in 1992 when Governor of Arkansas?
2. John Paul Getty made his millions from which commodity?
3. How was Argentinean Ernesto Guevara de la Serna better known?
4. William Gladstone was Prime Minister under which monarch?
5. Which legendary cricketer had the first names William Gilbert

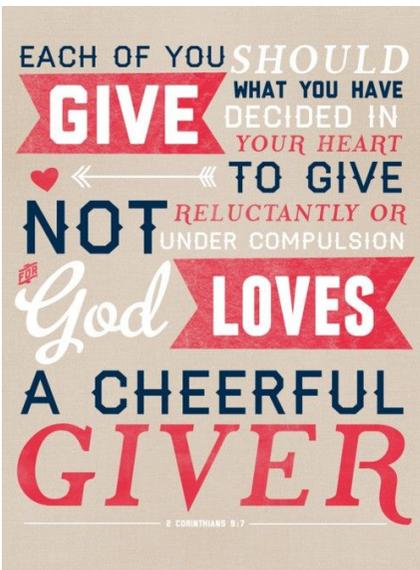
**Anagram** What is the only English anagram of CLOBBER?

**Answers**

**Quiz**  
1. Balsawood 2. Hindu 3. South Pacific 4. Jacobites 5. Touché

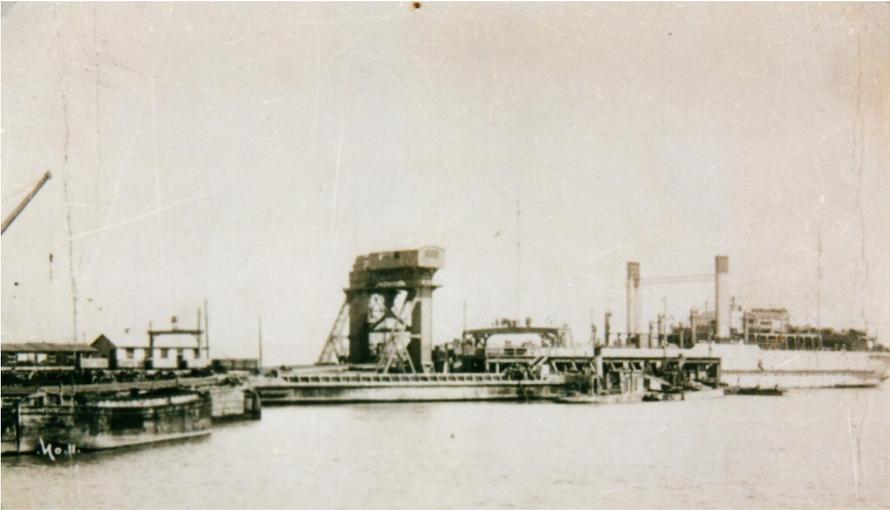
**Who was Who?**  
1. Bill Clinton 2. Oil 3. Che Guevara 4. Queen Victoria 5. W.G. Grace

**Anagram** The only English anagram of CLOBBER is COBBLER.



### **Richborough Port : The train ferry.**

The gantry structure consisted of two steel towers more than 40 feet high. Connected at the top by transverse girders which carried the machinery for raising and lowering the link-span.



The train ferry 1919. Road vehicles in the centre are steam lorries, possibly Fodens. Pegwell Bay and Ramsgate Cliffs in the distance.

## Worship at Home 16<sup>th</sup> May

### Candidate's Sunday 2021

*Today the "point of greatest impact" upon the future for any saved young person of ability is full-time service for Christ*

Picture shows Lieut.-Commissioner Robert Hoggard commissioning Cadet and Mrs. Kenneth Saunders in Wellington Citadel. Mrs. Saunders is the daughter of General Albert Osborn.

PERHAPS YOU SHOULD OFFER  
YOURSELF AS A CANDIDATE

Today we will consider the call given to disciples – to be witnesses – as we celebrate Ascension

*you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*  
Acts 1:8

And the personal call God makes on the life of some to be spiritual leaders in his Salvation Army.

You may see the theme today and feel inclined to switch off. **I urge you do not!**

Song Number 55

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,  
To his feet thy tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like thee his praise should sing?  
Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise him for his grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless;  
Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3 Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows,  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

4 Angels in the heights adore him,  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon bow down before him:  
Dwellers all in time and space,  
Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)*

## **OPENING PRAYER (CADET MATTHEW STONE):**

Father God,

Thank you for this new day. A day for us all to be still and to listen to your voice. Help us to hear your voice in the midst of all that surrounds us and give us the courage to obey your call. You have a role for each one of us; help us to listen to you to discern what you are calling us each to do, and help us to be willing to respond to you. As we spend some moments in prayer today, may we each hear your voice and feel your love for us.

Amen

In the stillness we pray:

Thank you, Lord, that you still call people to follow you.

Pray for those whom God has called and for those who are discerning that call for themselves. For cadets, for those who have offered for officership, for territorial envoys, for those called to serve God where they are and in the places they find themselves.

Pray that people may pay attention to what God is calling them to do and to be, for ears to listen and hearts willing to say yes.

Pray for yourself and the part you play in the building of the Kingdom of God, whatever age you are.

Pray that we will each be willing to be used by God for his glory.

I urged you not to switch off – and Major Janet Robson asks what goes through your mind on this day in our Salvation Army calendar



What would you say to going on an adventure?

Not something like ever before ...

What would you say to the adventure of a lifetime?

BUT ...

What if the destination was unknown?

What if the journey was not straightforward?

Would you be willing?

What if it meant giving up some 'stuff' to get there,

Leaving behind the comforts, the routine, and the agenda that you have designed for yourself ...

Would you be willing?

What if there's doubt, and what if there's fear?

What if there's concern about what other people might say and think?

Would you be willing?

What if it meant putting one thing above everything else ... one voice,  
above every other noise ...?

Would you be willing?

What if it meant trust, complete and utter trust,  
in the one person who can lead the way?

Would you be willing?

What if it meant saying 'yes', a complete and utter 'YES!'  
to the One who calls us to leave behind what we've built for ourselves  
and to follow him ...

Would you be willing?

What if you knew, and fully accepted, all that he has done for you ...  
Pleaded your cause, carried your sin, surrendered himself for your best  
interests ...

Would you be willing?

What if he wasn't?

What if Jesus wasn't willing to go through it all and say 'yes', a complete  
and utter 'YES!'  
to what the Father had in store ...

What if Jesus, on the Mount of Olives, failed to say to the Father: 'Not  
my will but thine'.

Would any of this be possible?!

Love made it possible!

And love makes it possible, for us to join Jesus in his mission, in his  
world, for his glory!

His love for us, and our love for him ...

Love is not static, and love is more than just a feeling ...

Love compels us into action!

What if choosing to put aside everything that hinders us to fully serve  
God actually means we have free rein to take up all that God promises ...

All that God gives ... All that God is ...

What if you had run out of 'what ifs'?

Is this your opportunity to prove that you are willing?

Only you can answer ...

Are you up for the adventure?

Is LOVE calling you?

Created by Lieutenant Emily Watson and Cadet Joel Watson

### **Song number 603**

Lord, I would be available to serve where there is need;  
Despite the cost to reach the lost  
And match my creed with deed;  
Not just by word of mouth alone  
Would make your glorious message known!

*Available I'd ever be,  
To serve you is my destiny!*

2 Lord, I would be available to do your holy will,  
Not seeking ease if I may please  
The one who calls me still.  
The going may sometimes be rough  
But then your grace will be enough.

3 Lord, I would be available with all that I possess  
To walk the road and share the load

With those I seek to bless.  
Your love incarnate in my life  
Will overcome where there is strife.

4 Lord, I would be available to follow in your ways.  
For you I'll live and gladly give  
My residue of days.  
The 'where' and 'when' I leave to you  
And dare to claim your promise true.

*Wesley Harris*

If you have been to the hall since Easter you will have seen the amazing stations of the cross banner we had at the front of the building – what has been really exciting is the number of people who have taken the leaflets we produced – leaflets that told the Easter story and had a prayer of commitment. Over 75 were taken and we have been praying that people may have renewed or come to faith as they engaged with the passion story



Well, those banners have been packed away and we have replaced it with the TRYPRAYING banner – and this time are making some prayer booklets for children and adults available 24/7 in the waterproof holders by the banner.

This connects so well with our Pentecost theme “Thy Kingdom Come” and I do

hope you are finding the prayer journals you received last week helpful as you spend the ten days between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday. The

challenge is to pray – each day – for 5 people who you want to have an experience of God

The Ascension teaches us that one of the best prayers we can utter is simply, Come, Holy Spirit!

Pause and pray

I think about my community, the mission field God has placed me in. The family, friends, neighbours and colleagues I share most of my life with.

God, I ask You to give me five names; people I know who don't know You. People You want me to pray for every day between now and Pentecost Sunday. Empower me by Your Spirit to be Your witness to them this week.

The story of Jesus' ascension could feel like an ending, but Tom Wright reminds me that, 'the story continues, and [I am] a part of it!'<sup>\*</sup> Through the life of Jesus Christ, a small group of disciples experienced the presence of God in a particular way, in one place, for a few short years. Through Jesus' Ascension, and the subsequent sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, many people have experienced and will experience the presence of God in all places, for all people, for all time in and through the body of Christ, His Church.

Jesus, thank You for the gift of Your life, the incredible love demonstrated through Your death on the cross, the victory won through Your resurrection from the tomb, and the power released through Your Ascension into heaven and the sending of Your Spirit. I yield myself completely to You. Spirit of Jesus, fill me and lead me today.

We are going to hear a song written especially for "Thy Kingdom Come"

As you read the words or hear the lyrics – may God convict you of the people you should be praying into the Kingdom

# **We Seek Your Kingdom**

We seek your kingdom throughout every sphere  
We long for heaven's demonstration here  
Jesus your light shine bright for all to see  
Transform, revive, and heal society  
Before all things, in him were all things made  
Inspiring culture, media, and trade  
May all our work serve your economy  
Transform, revive, and heal society  
Peace, truth, and justice reigning everywhere  
With us be present in our public square  
Fill all who lead with your integrity  
Transform, revive, and heal society  
Forgive us Lord, when we have not engaged  
Failing to scribe your heart on history's page  
Make us again what we were made to be  
Transform, revive, and heal society  
Faithful to govern ever may we be  
Selfless in service, loving constantly  
In everything may your authority  
Transform, revive, and heal society

NOEL ROBINSON, ANDY FLANNAGAN, & GRAHAM HUNTER

## **Pray for the Cadets**

### **MESSENGERS OF GRACE**

Martin Bellshaw  
Dean Brill  
Jonathan and Heather Culshaw  
Gavin and Mary Dunn  
Jamie Jones  
Maria and David Karickovi

Elliott Kervin  
Kit Mayston-King  
James Pegg  
Susan Shorland-Compton  
Corinne Seabridge  
Amanda Sewell  
Portia Stirling-Mack  
Joel Watson  
Stephanie White  
Nazia Yousaf

## **MESSENGERS OF RECONCILIATION**

Abigail Gray  
Emily Hague  
Lesley Holland  
Chelsea Huddlestone  
Diane Johnson  
Jackie Littlewood  
Joanna and Thomas Morgan  
Miriam Smith  
Matthew Stone  
Wendy Verheij

## **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** CAPTAIN IAN STANDLEY AND CADET MIRIAM SMITH

Luke 22:39-42 (*The Passion* translation)

<sup>39</sup> *Jesus left the upper room with his disciples and, as was his habit, went to the Mount of Olives, his place of secret prayer. <sup>40</sup> There he told the apostles, ‘Keep praying for strength to be spared from the severe test of your faith that is about to come.’*

<sup>41</sup> *Then he withdrew from them a short distance to be alone. Kneeling down, he prayed, <sup>42</sup> ‘Father, if you are willing, take this cup of agony away from me. But no matter what, your will must be mine.’*

Jesus left the upper room with his disciples and, as was his habit, went to the Mount of Olives, his 'place of secret prayer'.

***Where is your place that you go to pray?***

***Why is it important to you?***

***Is it a good habit or do you need to find a new place?***

There he told the apostles, 'Keep praying for strength to be spared from the severe test of your faith that is about to come.'

***What have you been fervently praying for?***

***What things have tested your faith in this period of lockdown?***

'Then he withdrew from them a short distance to be alone. Kneeling down, he prayed.'

***How do you pray?***

***Do you move away from things that may distract you?***

***Do you always pray alone?***

***Are you seated, standing or walking?***

"'Father, if you are willing, take this cup of agony away from me. But no matter what, your will must be mine.'"

***What do you need God to take from you this day?***

***How are you going to respond to God's will?***

Build Your kingdom here

Let the darkness fear

Show Your mighty hand

Heal our streets and land

Set Your church on fire

Win this nation back

Change the atmosphere

Build Your kingdom here

We pray

Come set Your rule and reign

In our hearts again

Increase in us we pray

Unveil why we're made

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit, come invade us now  
We are Your church  
We need Your power in us  
(Let's go)

**The Candidates Fund offers financial assistance for cadets during their training at William Booth College.**

**Your gift will support and make a difference to those who are responding to God's call.**

**Please use any of the following options:**



*Cheques can be made payable to 'The Salvation Army' and sent directly to The Candidates Unit, William Booth College*



**GIVT**

**JUST GIVING**



**CANDIDATES SUNDAY 2021**

*But no matter what, your will must be mine.*  
Luke 22:42 (TPT)

## **LET US PAUSE AND PRAY (CADET CHELSEA HUDDLESTONE):**

Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,  
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.  
Loving God, we bring to you all that we are.  
Take our hands; may we each be willing to use them to help others.  
Take our feet and help us to walk in your ways.  
Take our lips, and may the words that we speak and think be honouring to you.  
Take our ears; may we always be willing to listen to you.  
Take our minds; may we use them to honour you.  
Take our hearts, and may they be yours completely.  
Take ourselves; may we be willing to obey you.

Amen.

## **TESTIMONY Cadet James Pegg**

Hello, my name is James, and I am a cadet of the Messengers of Grace Session here at the William Booth College, currently in my second and final year of training. In a few months I will be commissioned as a Salvation Army officer and will be sent to the community to which I have been appointed.

All of this is great, but it is nothing that I boast of nor take credit for. This is God's work and his will and his purpose for my life.

A part of my story to how I got to this place comes from a time in my life when I needed to purposefully search for what God wanted me to do – the question of 'What am I on this planet for?' As a young man I was certain – almost convinced – as to where I thought my life was going. Or at least I thought I did. But a moment came when that certainty of what I thought I wanted was no longer as assured as it once was, and I had to navigate myself through a time of searching and questioning.

I realise now that this was preparation for God's will in my life to be revealed. It came to a point during prayer and a time of searching that I prayed something along the lines of, 'God, if you call me to something, I will do it.' I look back at this point in my life as a moment of surrender, a moment when I effectively said, 'Not my will but yours, God.'

In the days, weeks and months following that moment, things started to fall into place: a word from Scripture, a lyric from a song, a conversation with someone from the corps, all of it pointing towards spiritual leadership as a Salvation Army officer. It was God's calling in my life, an undeniable calling. This calling on my life is the work of God, and he continues to call me to go deeper into relationship with him.

I pray as I journey into Salvation Army officership that I will continue to have those moments when I hear God prompting me to surrender my will and listen to his, and in some beautiful way his will becomes mine.

All glory to God!

## **TESTIMONY Cadet Joanna Morgan**

When I first attended The Salvation Army back in 2015, I had not set out to go to church when I left my home. At that time I was in a bad place – I was drinking heavily, massively in debt and had left home with other purposes. But if I hadn't heard a clear voice telling me to look right, or ventured into the doors of Swindon Gorse Hill and been lovingly accepted into the corps family, I truly do not know where I would have ended up. Unaware at the time, I now know that the voice I heard was God, and it was the love of Jesus that led to my own salvation. Jesus led me here, to this place.

In the Scripture used this year for Candidates Sunday, we see the humanity of Jesus in full view – he knew what he had to do, yet he had doubts. When I was called to become an officer, I can assure you that that was not my intention either. But I began the journey, and it would be true to say I still had doubts. I was sober, clear of debts, finally had a stable home and had met and married the most wonderful man, yet God was still calling me to give up all this newly found stability and follow him.

But I am so glad I did. Now I am here, I am filled with such peace that can only come from saying yes to God. So if you believe you have been called, yet you have doubts, I pray that you will have the courage to find that inner peace that allows you to place your trust in him who is faithful. May God bless you all in the days and decisions ahead.



## **SERMON Captain Ben Ellis (Territorial Candidates Officer)**

Key Verse: 'But no matter what, your will must be mine.' (Luke 22:42b *The Passion* translation)

Supporting Scripture: Exodus Chapters 3 and 4

I wonder what you wanted to be when you were younger? For some you may have wanted to become a teacher, a doctor, an actor. For some of you may have said an astronaut, some people may have even said Superman or Wonder Woman. When I was asked this when I was younger, my response, so I have been told, was "the General of The Salvation Army!" You must realise I was only very young when I said this; as I got older this was not my dream at all!

In truth, as I grew up into my teens, I didn't know what I wanted to be or do, I had no real plan. I remember sitting in my final assembly in Sixth Form not knowing what I was going to do. My friends had plans to go to university, some were starting apprenticeships, others were going to the world of business; but me, I sat in this service thinking 'God, if you have a plan for me right now, you better start revealing it'.

I wonder if you have spoken similar words in your life. Not knowing which direction to take in life, and not knowing or understanding the plan that God has for you?

It is, in my view, that this is when you need to really have your ears open to God's voice, to be alert to all that he has to say and be willing to take the time and wait on him.

We read in scripture of the countless accounts of men and women who heard the voice of God and were willing to follow where he led them.

We read of Moses, in Exodus chapters 3 and 4, having a wonderful encounter of God. God calls Moses to lead his people out of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land, a land flowing with milk and honey. Throughout these chapters we see Moses giving so many reasons why he should not be the man who God is calling. But God responds in love saying, "I will be with you."

## THE TENSION OF WILL

You may have known a time, or you may be going through the struggle of letting go of the plans that you have made, in light of God's plans. It could be the security of the home we have created, the job we have worked for, the money that we are earning, which is success in the world's eyes. Are you willing to set all these aside to trust in God? Are you willing to say to the Father, as John Gowans beautifully writes:

*Nothing can I achieve, nothing attain;  
He that without Thee builds, labours in vain;  
Shatter my own design,  
Shaping a plan divine,  
Come to this heart of mine,  
Saviour, again. (SASB 600)*

## THE TENSION OF SELF-WORTH

And the thoughts creep in “I’m too young,” “I’m not smart enough,” “I’m not good enough,” “I can’t do that!” Thoughts that could possibly be in your mind today. It may be that in the past people have spoken similar words of lies over you so that you struggle to believe God would even consider wanting you.

There are so many truths found in scripture. We are God’s masterpiece, and he created us perfectly. But are you willing to trust the one who made you, the one who formed you? He promises to equip you and empower you in order to fulfil his will.

It might also be that you have heard God’s call but have struggled to believe that he has spoken to you, so you are waiting for one more sign, one more nudge. You might have struggled with this for some time, for some years.

Maybe today is the day for you to say, “but no matter what, your will must be mine.” You need to again listen to the gentle voice of God and then follow.

Agnes Parke Heathcote writes:

*I heard a voice so gently calling:  
Take up thy cross and follow me.  
A tempest on my heart was falling,  
A living cross this was to be;  
I struggled sore, I struggled vainly,  
No other light my eyes could see.*

*I'll follow Thee, of life the giver,  
I'll follow Thee, suffering redeemer,  
I'll follow Thee, deny Thee never,  
By Thy grace I'll follow Thee. (SASB 589)*

I wonder today is God calling you to follow?

Are you willing to follow where he leads?

You might be saying “I’m too old, I’ve had my chance, surely God CANNOT use me?!”

Well maybe God might be asking you to support those in prayer or be a voice of encouragement to someone who maybe struggling with their calling. It might be that you could be ‘that nudge’ and offer that verse from scripture which might have an impact on someone’s life today.

Are you willing?

I wonder though, is God calling you to Officership or Territorial Envoyship?

Are you willing to follow God's call?

Don't miss this opportunity today to respond.

He who created you. Who loves you. Who called you will also equip you and you can trust him with your life.

Speak to your Corps Officer/Leader who will be more than willing to have a conversation with you. Or you can contact your Divisional Leaders or contact us in the Candidates Unit.

May God Bless you today, and the days ahead as we look to trust in God, knowing he will be with us. Are you willing to follow?

## **PRAYER TO CONCLUDE (CADET WENDY VERHEIJ):**

Creator God,

As we pause and pray today, may we be reminded that we are part of your family. It can be so easy to think that we have nothing we can offer you, nothing we can bring. But you gently remind us that we each have a purpose and that you can use us for your glory. Help us to offer up our lives. Help us to hear your voice and be willing to respond to whatever it is you are calling us to do or to be. Help us to bring all that we are to you, to be used for your glory.

Amen.

Song Number 277

Thine is the Kingdom, Lord,

Thou art the King of kings;

Thy realm enfolds the universe

And Heaven its tribute brings;

Though evil forces seem

On earth to hold the sway,

Thy loyal peoples wait in faith

To hail thy crowning day.

2 Thine is the power, O Lord,  
Nor Heaven nor earth can break;  
The oceans move at thy command,  
The stars their courses make.  
Thou canst the breath of man  
Bestow or canst withhold;  
Of all the wonders of thy power  
No tongue has ever told.

3 Thine is the glory, Lord,  
The greatness and the praise,  
The final victory over death,  
The end of mortal days.  
All majesty is thine,  
Beyond the poet's pen,  
For thou art life, and light and love:  
Amen, amen, amen!

Arch R. Wiggins (1893-1976)  
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### **Ascension: Benediction**

(based on Ephesians 1:19-21)

**As you go from here, remember this:  
The same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead  
and placed all things under his authority—  
this same power is at work within you  
and in all who believe.  
Praise God!**

# Jesus taken up to heaven Acts 1: 1-11

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and in all Judea  
and Samaria,  
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earth.

Acts 1:8

