



March 2024

Newsletter

The Salvation Army Goswell Road Street, Somerset





Dear friends

Spring is on the horizon or so we hope!

This time of year we start to gear up to the hope that some time soon the season will change. There are already signs of new life in daffodils peeking out of the ground. Winter garden jobs are taken over with preparation of all the new life, colour and produce that will come from the soil. And before long we hope that the warmer weather will take over and the heating can finally be turned off!

Have you seen the sunrises and sunsets over the last week? They have been magnificent and the colours just breathtaking! The sight of a sunrise also fills me with such hope for a good day ahead. It gives me that really awe inspiring moment, that can only come from God's wonderful creation.

This always reminds me of the words of the song 10,000 reasons.

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.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul, worship His holy Name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy Name.

This time of year is filled with such hope! This month as we journey towards Holy week together I pray that once again we find that Love and Hope that's can only come from the Risen Lord!

God Bless Louise and John

SELF-DENIAL 2024 APPEAL

Supporting officers around the world

Today, Sunday 3rd March, is our Self Denial Altar Service where you can bring your envelopes or boxes containing your self denial offering. Don't worry if you've forgotten yours, you can drop it off next Sunday if necessary.





STREET FOODBANK NEWS

The foodbank is still busy each week and our shelves are regularly looking a little bit bare! Our Facebook page isn't working at the moment, which is having huge impact on our donations, as that's how many people find out that we need items! (We do update the list of items we need on our website).

Right now, We'd be very grateful for donations of the following:

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| ⇒ Tinned Meat | ⇒ Fruit Squash |
| ⇒ Tinned Potatoes / Instant Mash | ⇒ Tea Bags (packs of 80) |
| ⇒ Tinned peas/carrots/sweetcorn | ⇒ Instant Coffee |
| ⇒ Jars of cooking sauces | ⇒ Biscuits |
| ⇒ Tinned Spaghetti/Ravioli | ⇒ Crisps & Snacks |
| ⇒ Tinned Fruit | ⇒ Shampoo / Shower Gel /
Toothpaste |
| ⇒ Tinned Custard / Rice Pudding | ⇒ Strong shopping bags |

We work with agencies to identify those in need of help, and food parcels that we provide contain non perishable food, fresh or frozen food from FareShare where possible, and Aldi vouchers. We take food parcel requests up to 1.00pm each day and then aim to deliver out to clients that afternoon.



Love God
Love Others

Foodbank Phone No. 07511 313 339

Money Matters

All of our weekly corps programme costs money to run, and we are regularly purchasing large amounts of food now to keep our foodbank shelves stocked with enough food to meet the demand. If you'd like to give to support our work in our community, you can do so in the following ways...

If you're a member of our church, you can give:

- by weekly, monthly (or other) 'cartridge' envelope for cash or cheques
- by weekly, monthly (or other) cartridge standing order—get in touch with us if you'd like to give in this way and we'll give you the form
- by cash or cheque in the weekly offering plate

If you're a member of the public who'd like to support our community work then you can give:

- by weekly, monthly (or other) standing order - get in touch with us if you'd like to give in this way and we'll give you the info you need
- by donating securely online via our Just Giving Page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tsa-community-support-000376

We give thanks for everyone who regularly supports us financially - we appreciate you enormously!

If you pay tax, then *you can make your donations and gifts to The Salvation Army worth 25% more just by making a Gift Aid declaration* - this is a huge help to us! For us to claim this extra money from the Government, you just have to fill in a small form; please ask Louise for one, if you've not completed one already.

Our Mission:

To share the good news

To serve others without discrimination

To nurture disciples of Jesus

To care for creation

To seek justice and reconciliation

Happy birthday!

to these members of our church family this month:

See printed newsletter for details

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)



Remember

SPRING FORWARD!

Clocks go FORWARD on
Sunday 31st March



The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

Isaiah 35:1





As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

MARK 16:5-7





1. JESUS ENTERS JERUSALEM

Read Matthew 21:8-10

The people waved palm leaves to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem.

- How are we welcoming Jesus into our lives daily?
- How are we welcoming others?
- Colour in the word 'Welcome' as a reminder.



Jesus invites each one of us to faithfully follow him.

Respond to his invitation think of a word that describes who Jesus is to you.

Pray that he will help you to faithfully follow him.

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Read John 20:1-2

Peter and John looked inside the tomb and found that Jesus had gone but the strips of linen that had been wrapped around his body were still there.

- Take a strip of cloth and tie it somewhere as a daily reminder that Jesus is no longer dead.

Read John 20:18 the empty tomb

- Imagine you are Mary. You saw Jesus on the cross but now he is no longer in the tomb! How does that make you feel?
- What does his resurrection mean to you today? Take time to simply 'be' in Jesus' presence.



6. JESUS SUFFERS AND DIES

Read John 19:1-6

Jesus' suffering means that there is no pain too great in this world that he cannot identify with.

- Look at some news headlines and take time to pray for the different situations you see.

BREAKING NEWS //

Read Matthew 27:51-52a, 54

It's hard to imagine the pain Jesus endured. He suffered not because of his own sins, but because of your sins.

- Take some time to contemplate this and what his sacrifice means for you.

Despite all he was enduring, Jesus' final words on the cross were still of love and mercy: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34).

- It can be hard to forgive others and even ourselves. Lord, I forgive.....I don't want to hold on to resentment. Bless.....and give me healing. Amen

EASTER - JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

2. JESUS CLEANSSES THE TEMPLE

Read Matthew 21:12-13

Jesus was angry because the 'house of prayer' was being used for trade, profit and personal gain, with people being cheated out of their money.

- What would make Jesus 'overturn tables' in the Church today?
- As you pray this prayer, cleanse your hands with gel as a symbolic act of devotion...
Lord, cleanse my heart and mind. Sanctify my motives, may they be pure and righteous. Anoint my lips to challenge the things that would anger you today. Turn over the tables in my heart. Turn over the tables in your Church. Cleanse our/my worship to you. Amen.



3. JEUS LOVED, JESUS BETRAYUED

Read John 12:3

- Write a word of love or devotion on the heart

Read Matthew 26:14-16

While Mary expressed her love for Jesus, Judas was secretly plotting to betray him for money, and later Peter would deny knowing him.



- Look at the coin. Sometimes our hearts 'betray Jesus' in the choices we make, in the thoughts we think, in the words we say. Ask God to bring some of these things to mind. Pray that he would help you to be faithful to him.



4. JESUS AND THE DISCIPLES

Read John 13:2-5

It was usually a servant's task to wash people's feet when they entered a house, so Jesus' act of service was surprising to the disciples. They may have even felt embarrassed.

- Look at the image of the sponge - the water pouring out, and think about who God is asking you to serve today. May your act of service be as radical and life-giving to the person who will receive it as Jesus' was.



Read Matthew 26:26-29

Jesus was sharing the Passover with his friends, his last meal with them before his death. Although now, he was describing himself as the Passover lamb, whose body would be sacrificed and blood shed for the redemption of the whole world.

- Say words of thanks to God for giving his only Son to die for you.



5. JESUS IN GETHSEMANE

Read Matthew 26:36-39

Jesus needed the prayerful support of his closest friends, and yet verses later he found them sleeping.

- Think of someone who you know needs prayer right now - encourage them by telling them that you're praying for them.



Jesus knelt in the garden with his face to the ground.

- If you are able, kneel or sit and consider in what area of your life you need to say to God 'Your will be done.'

ORDER THE 2024 REAL EASTER EGG NOW

Original RRP from £4.50

Special Edition
RRP £9.99

EASTER IS EARLY SO ACT TODAY

Easter is early
this year!
Order by 10th
March!



Out of the 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year, The Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade one with the Easter story in the box.

AVAILABLE FROM... Order by 10th March!

The Real Easter Egg is a great opportunity to share the Easter story with children in your family

→ Milk Chocolate egg - £4.90

→ Fun Pack (6 mini eggs) - £5.00

→ ~~Dark Chocolate egg~~ - £5.50

→ Easter Blessing Milk Choc Bar - £3.00

New Design Easter Story

New 24 page Easter story-activity book is included in Original and Dark eggs.

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COMPETITION

Market Stall



Anything that we sell on our market stall raises much needed funds for our corps. We're always grateful for more high quality, stock - we'd really love **good quality:**

- toiletries
- homewares
- textiles
- books
- toys, games & puzzles
- bric-a-brac



Items can be dropped off at the hall Mon-Wed & Fri 9.00am to 1.00pm, or directly to the stall.

Home League

As discussed at last week's fellowship, the timing of Home League is changing:

Starting this week - Wednesday 6th March, Home League will now run from **1:45pm to 2:45pm on Wednesday afternoons.**

Everyone welcome - not just ladies!

Join us this Easter

Tuesday 26th March - 9.30am

Easter themed toddler group

Wednesday 27th March - 9.30am

Easter themed toddler group

Wednesday 27th March - 2.00pm

Easter themed film & reflection,
with tea & cake

Maundy Thursday 28th March

Giving out Hot Cross Buns and invites to our Easter
services on the market

Good Friday - 10:30am

Contemplative worship
(*no coffee morning*)

Easter Sunday - 10:30am

Easter Worship followed by Sunday Lunch
(*booking essential*)

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Love God
Love Others



We'll be giving out a hot cross bun from **Burns the Bread** along with an invitation to our Easter services at the market on Maundy Thursday.

This has been a great way to bless our community when we've done it before - please pray for everyone who receives one!

How can people have faith in the Lord and ask him to save them, if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear, unless someone tells them?

✦ ROMANS 12:14 (CEV)



Join us for **EASTER SUNDAY LUNCH**

After worship on Easter Sunday
31st March

£6 per person

Choice of lamb, beef
or chicken

BOOKING ESSENTIAL!



He is not here - he is
risen, just as he said

MATTHEW 28:6



Flower Rota

Helen has a list of those who'd like to provide flowers on dates that are special to them throughout the year. Do get in touch if there's a date you'd like to keep. **If you asked for a date last year - please let me know if you're happy to do the same this year!**



Street Corps online

www.salvationarmy.org.uk/street

or on Facebook at facebook.com/streetsalvationarmy

Share with your friends & family who are online!

(Unfortunately, there's a technical problem with our Facebook page at the moment - we're working with Meta to resolve it. We aim to keep up to date information on our website)

Our Vision:
Fullness of life
for *all* with Jesus

Just Giving Page

JustGiving™

We have an online fundraising page for donations towards the work of our foodbank in Street:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tsa-community-support-000376

Wordsearch - The Cross

This month's wordsearch has the theme of The Cross - once you've found all these words, the letters remaining form a mystery answer:



Abraham
Afflicted
Christ
Creation
Crucify
Disciple
Forsaken
Freedom
Glory
Good
Heaven
Hell

Honour
Hyssop
Justify
Messiah
Mission
Moses
Passover
Peace
Perfection
Pharisee
Pilate
Power

Praise
Promises
Prophecy
Punishment,
Rebellion
Righteous
Sacrifice
Scapegoat
Slavery
Throne
Trinity
Worthy

Corps Programme during March

Monday - Friday:	all day	Food Bank
Mondays:	mornings	Job Club with Job Centre Plus
Tuesdays:	9.30am	Toddler Group
	2.00pm	Hindhayes School Christian Assembly
Wednesdays:	morning	Paper sales - Wells
	9.30am	Toddler Group
	1:45pm	Home League Ladies Fellowship
Thursdays:	all day	Street Market
Fridays:	10.00am	Coffee Morning (not on 29th March)
Sundays:	10.30am	Sunday Worship



Special Events during March

Wednesday 27th March:	2.00pm	Easter themed film & reflection, with tea & cake
Maundy Thursday 28th March:	all day	Giving out Hot Cross Buns at Street Market
Good Friday 29th March:	10.30am	Reflective worship (no coffee morning today!)
Easter Sunday 31st March:	10.30am	Easter worship followed by Sunday Lunch (booking essential)