



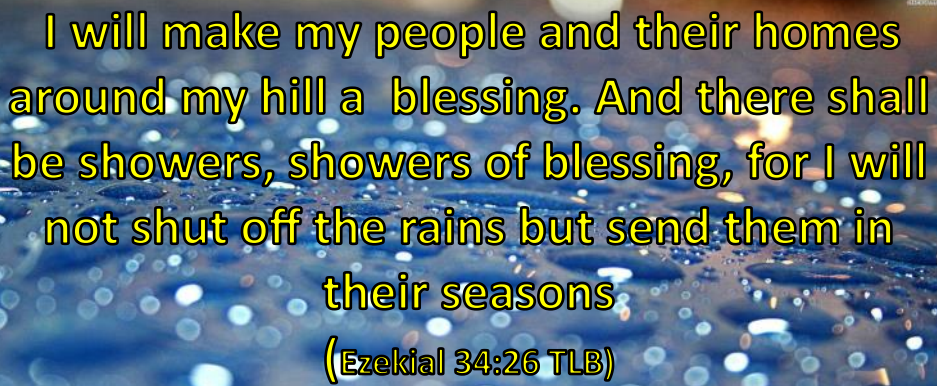
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# Newsletter

The Salvation Army Goswell Road Street, Somerset



Salvation Army Registered Charity No 214779 and in Scotland SC009359



I will make my people and their homes  
around my hill a blessing. And there shall  
be showers, showers of blessing, for I will  
not shut off the rains but send them in  
their seasons  
(Ezekial 34:26 TLB)

Dear friends

I don't know about you but I think I may be a little bit sick of the sight of rain.....

Normally by this time of year the washing is usually out on the line, the grass has had at least three cuts and my shorts would normally be a staple part of my uniform. But for some reason every time we have a nice day weather wise, it seems to be followed by two or three days of rain, and that's before the April showers have kicked in.

I wonder how do we view rain in our life. Do we see it as a restriction on our lives, something that stops us from doing what we want, or need to do, or do we see it as something that brings life to world around us.

There are always different ways of viewing the difficult situations that we face in our life's, we can either choose to look at just the negative side of things or we can look for the opportunities to find the blessings that may be hidden along the way.

There are times when God will use the obstacle in front of you to help you grow into a better person. There are times when the clouds gather and you may not see any chance of blue sky at all, but know that one day you will thank God for allowing you to go through that kind of situation.

Although it may not feel like it at the time, there can be beautiful blessing behind the pain, and if you look hard enough and remain faithful you will see God's goodness behind the bad things that you have experienced.

One thing that we must never forget is that God works in ways that we cannot see or hope to understand and we have just celebrated God's biggest example of this. But One day, as scripture promises us, our tears will turn into joyful singing and we will know those showers of Blessings that the Lord is waiting to shower upon us

The Question is are we ready to step out, even when it is raining.

Blessings, John and Louise

**As you will be aware Bandmaster Brian Lazenby was**



**promoted to Glory just before Easter. His funeral will be held at the corps on Friday 19th of April at 12pm. This is an open service and you are welcome to attend.**



## STREET FOODBANK NEWS

The foodbank is still busy each week, but thanks to our community the shelves are now stocked again! At the moment, the following items are those with the lowest stock:

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| ⇒ Tinned Meat     | ⇒ Tea Bags (packs of 80) |
| ⇒ Biscuits        | ⇒ Instant Coffee         |
| ⇒ Crisps & Snacks | ⇒ Fruit Squash           |
| ⇒ UHT Milk        | ⇒ 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. All of which provides a good offering of food to those who need it. We take food parcel requests up to 1.00pm each day and then aim to deliver out to clients that afternoon.

*Please pray for everyone who receives food parcels this month.*

**Foodbank Phone No. 07511 313339**

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

# THANK YOU

to our community!



From this...



To this...



We were blessed with many, many donations of both food and funds in March, which has completely transformed our empty shelves in the foodbank into full ones once more!

We're really very grateful to everyone who brought us either donations of food stocks or funds, or donated via our Just Giving page to enable us to buy what we needed. Particular thanks go to:

1st Scout Group - Beavers

Crispin School

Brookside School

Street Mission Church

Street WI

Street Parish Council

YMCA

Our toddler group families

And all the many individuals who called in with food or funds

Thank you all very much!



Love God  
Love Others



# Easter

Thanks to everyone who joined us for Holy Week for our services and activities.

Bad weather led to the market being cancelled on Maundy Thursday, but a few of us met at the hall and bagged up 150 hot cross buns, which we then distributed to various members of our community including school teachers, doctors surgery staff and retirement property residents. Many thanks to Burns the Bread for providing them to us at half price!

We enjoyed a quiet reflective Good Friday service, plus 29 of us stayed for a lovely Sunday lunch after our Easter Sunday joyful celebration.



# 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)*



## Called by God Supported by you

Help salvationists transform  
lives around the world

Thank you to everyone who has given  
towards the Self Denial Appeal for 2024.

The envelopes, boxes and online payments  
have now been counted and **the total  
amount raised by Street Corps was**

**£460.00**



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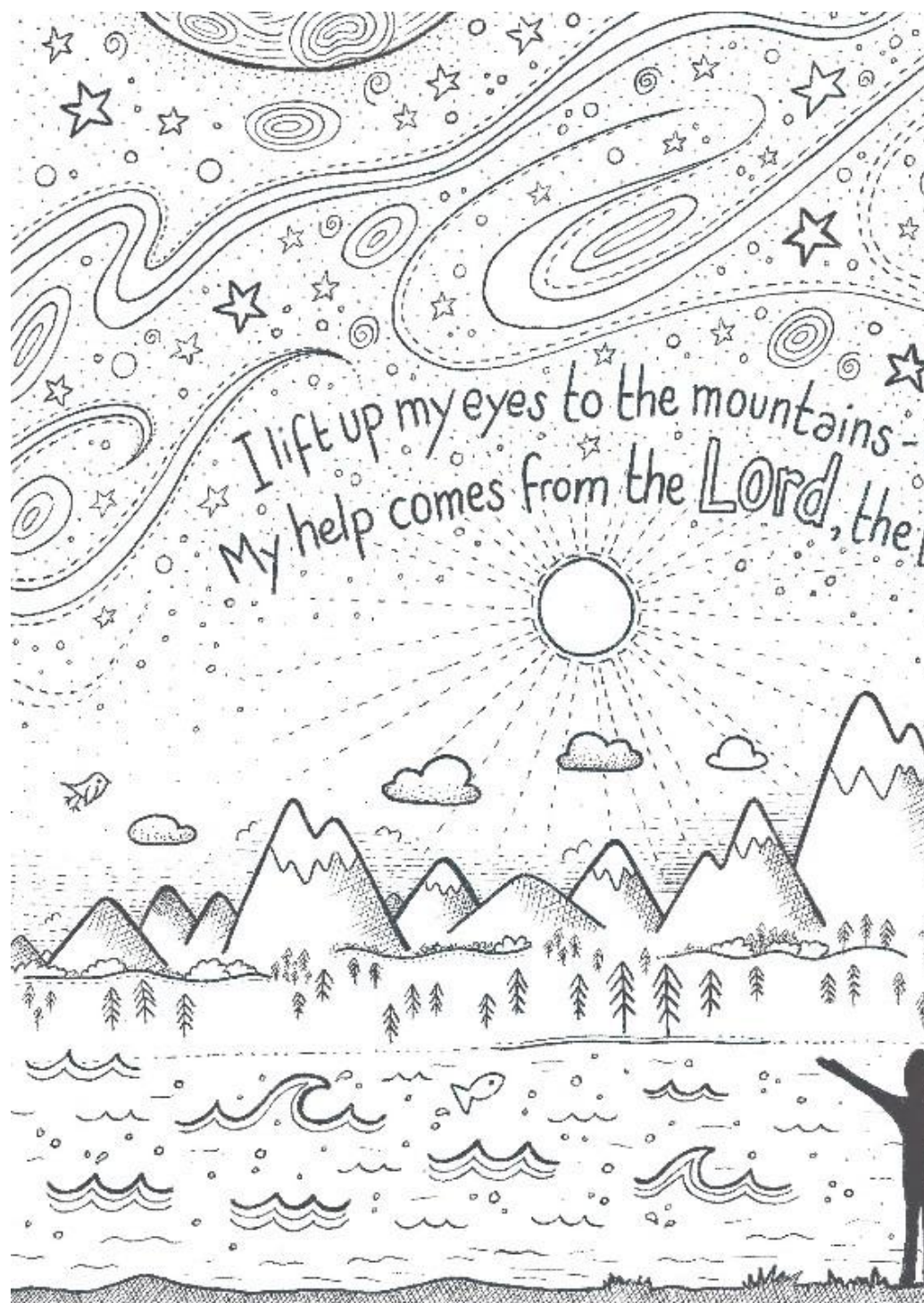


You can donate using this QR code but please remember to give your Corps name when prompted.



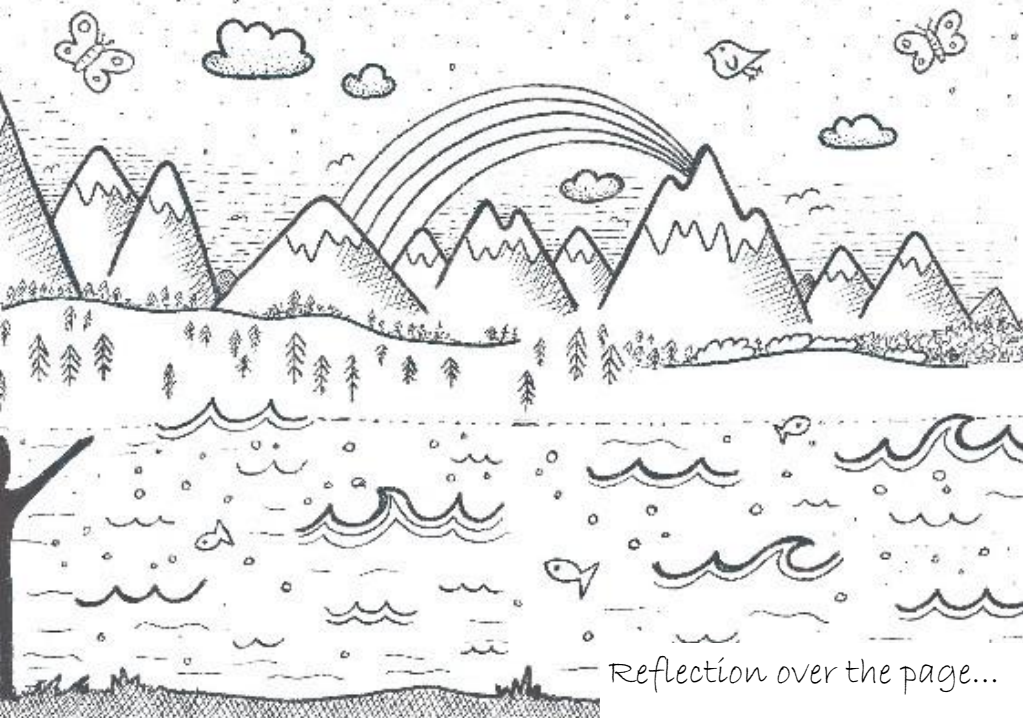
## Drawing Closer to God...

Grab a coffee and some coloured pencils and take some time to colour in the scripture passage in the centre pages overleaf and read the devotional thought afterwards...



I lift up my eyes to the mountains -  
My help comes from the Lord, the





## Drawing Closer to God - PSALM 121

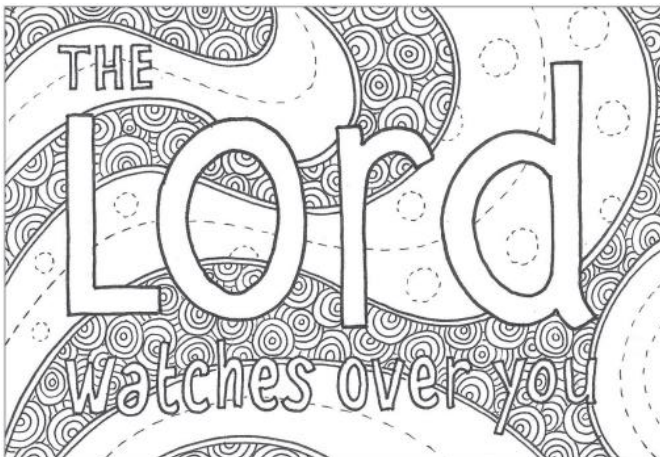
A resource from The Salvation Army

Art: Nat Hanchett Thoughts: Ali Thornton-Dean

*'I lift up my eyes to the mountains-where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip - he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.'* (Psalm 121:1-4 NIV)

When life is difficult, we have a tendency to look down, yet this Psalm paints a picture of God reaching down and gently lifting our face upwards so that our eyes are lifted towards him. Our help does not come from the mountains, however, it comes from beyond the mountains as our vision is lifted even higher towards Creator God. As you sit quietly, try and lift your head upwards as an act of seeking God's help.

Think upon the words *'Maker of heaven and earth'*. Even though God created the entire world he still wants to reach down and help you. He wants you to know how important you are to him. What things are keeping your eyes looking down? Talk to God about those things and let him take them from you so that you can look up and receive his help. If you can't look all the way up just try a little at a time until you .





eventually get the full picture of God's protection, care and love for you. Now think of the words 'The Lord watches over you'. Sit quietly, close your eyes and imagine God watching over you with loving kindness. You are worthy of his loving kindness. Can you feel that?

'The Lord will keep you from all harm'. Can you speak these words over yourself? God provides 'soul protection', as our souls are the most important part of each one of us. Thank God for his protection of your soul.

*PRAYER - Creator God, when earthly things draw our eyes downwards, help us to look upwards as we seek you and receive your help and protection. At times, life can be difficult and even frightening. We ask that from the darkness of earthly struggles to the technicolour of your love and protection you will fill us with your light, as we rest in the security of your beautiful gaze. We ask that you will walk with us and watch over us until we meet again. Amen.*



## Market Stall

Our market stall is a great opportunity for us to engage with our community, not just to sell items but to be available as a listening ear, or to chat, or offer prayer.

Everything that we sell on the stall (or via online sales through Facebook Marketplace) raises much-needed funds for our corps. ***For the year 1 Apr 23 to 31 Mar 24, we raised £1957.50!***

We're always looking for items that we can sell on our stall - we need new or nearly new items; things that would make good, affordable gifts!

During the colder months, and the shortage of volunteers, we've reduced our presence on the market to every other Thursday.

If you'd like to volunteer some of your time on the stall, please speak to Wendy.

### 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



# Salvation Army periodicals

Weekly Papers are available every Sunday at the hall; you can pay each week by popping your money in the pot and entering how much you've paid on the sheet on the table.

**War Cry is 50p per week or £25.50 annually.**

**Kid's Alive is 50p per week**

**Salvationist is 70p per week or £35.70 annually.**

Great value for the amount of content each week!



As it's the start of a new financial year, please let us know if you'd like to pay for your papers for the whole year, or for several months at a time; please have a chat with Wendy and she'll let you know how to do that.

## Paper sales in Wells

Helen sells the papers in Wells on Wednesday mornings - outside Café Nero/ Waterstones on the high street.

As well as raising much-needed funds for the corps, it's a great opportunity and privilege to be a listening ear in the community and to offer prayerful support to those who need it.

There are a number of 'regulars' now who come for a chat.

***For the year 1 Apr 23 to 31 Mar 24  
a total of £4429.95 was collected!***

If you would like to volunteer some of your time to carry out this ministry, particularly at times when Helen's not able to be out, please get in touch.



## 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](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/street)

or on Facebook at [facebook.com/streetsalvationarmy](https://facebook.com/streetsalvationarmy)

Share with your friends & family who are online!

Email - [street@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:street@salvationarmy.org.uk)

*Unfortunately, there's still a technical problem with our Facebook page - we're working with Meta and THQ Digital Team to resolve the issue. Do check our website where there is always up to date information!*

## 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](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tsa-community-support-000376)



DO NOT FORGET TO DO GOOD  
AND TO SHARE WITH OTHERS,  
FOR WITH SUCH SACRIFICES  
GOD IS PLEASED

Hebrews 13:16

## Wordsearch - Stronger Together

This month's wordsearch is all about being stronger together - once you've found all these words, the letters remaining form a mystery answer:

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Apostles

Body of Christ

Common union

Community

Cover

Don't neglect

Easier

Encourage

Faith

Fellowship

First church

God's plan

Habit

Heavy books

Important

Lifestyle

Love others

Many membered

Oneness

Pillar

Prayer

Sacrifice

Same spirit

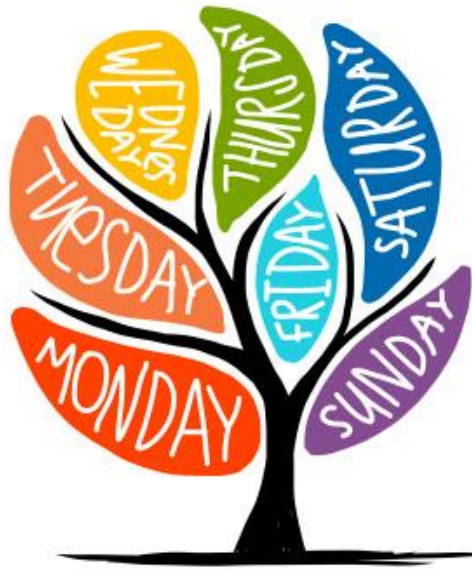
Shareholder

Shortcomings

Stir up

Time

Withstand



### *Corps Programme during April*

<b>Monday - Friday:</b>	all day	<i>Food Bank</i>
<b>Mondays:</b>	all day	<i>Job Club with Job Centre Plus</i>
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	9.30am	<i>Toddler Group (not 2nd or 9th)</i>
	2.00pm	<i>Hindhayes School Christian Assembly (not 2nd or 9th)</i>
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	morning	<i>Paper sales - Wells (24th only this month)</i>
	9.30am	<i>Toddler Group (not 3rd or 10th)</i>
	2.00pm	<i>Home League Ladies Fellowship (not 3rd or 10th)</i>
<b>Thursdays:</b>	all day	<i>Street Market (not 4th or 11th)</i>
<b>Fridays:</b>	10.00am	<i>Coffee Morning</i>
<b>Sundays:</b>	10.30am	<i>Sunday Worship</i>