



# Outlook

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Monthly news and information service for the members, friends, and community of Bedlington and surrounding areas.



**Sunday Worship...Morning Service at 10am.Sunday School at 10.30am Corps Officers Majors Carrie & Philip James**  
Led by 5<sup>th</sup> May Steve Gibson; 12<sup>th</sup> May Major Philip; 19<sup>th</sup> May Major Carrie; 26<sup>th</sup> May Major Philip

## PROGRAMME FOR MAY

**MONDAYS** HomeLeague. 1.30pm.Get together for a varied programme including guest speakers. Meet new friends. All are welcome

**TUESDAYS** Slimming World.9. 30AM.Call Joy tel 0790551028.

**WEDNESDAYS** Little Lambs Toddler Group. 9.15am-11.15am. Children 12 weeks to 3 years must be with an adult. Call Arleen to book a place.  
Seniors Lunch Club 12pm. 2 course meal. Please Call Arleen to book.  
Over 60's club 1.30pm-2.30pm Relaxed meeting for men and women. Talks, singing and friendship.  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Woman's Fellowship 7.30pm  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Men's Fellowship 7.00pm

**FRIDAYS** Little Lambs Toddler Group. 9.15am-11.15am. Children 12 weeks to 3 years must be with an adult. Call Arleen to book a place  
Thankful Friday Coffee and Cake 10.00 -12noon.

**MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> (Bank holiday)** Organised Walk. Please note you need to sign up to take part

**SATURDAY 11th** Launch of Garden Project 10am -12noon

**FRIDAY 31st** Messy Church Come along as a family for crafts, worship, food & fellowship

**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> June** Corps Anniversary Weekend – with barbecue (weather permitting)

## SPRINGTIME MESSAGE



We are now well and truly into spring and the scenery is changing. The blossom is out, lambs are in the fields and the birds are active in the gardens as we enjoy that time between winter and the summer. In the Church calendar we are in an "in-between" time where we have celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, but not yet marked Jesus' ascension or the start of the active life of the Church at Pentecost. It seems from the first chapter of Acts that the disciples continued to meet in the upper room where among other things they joined constantly in prayer. We are not in the same position – we live after Pentecost – the Holy Spirit has come. But as we enter the next season of the year, it is always good to share fellowship and to spend time praying, seeking God's guidance. When the disciples' prayers in Acts were answered and the Holy Spirit came, the impact was huge. I wonder what God has in store for us? We will be seeing changes in programme and people over the coming period and we do have some special weekends coming up. But I wonder what else we can expect? What will the Spirit be doing in Bedlington Corps? And in our lives at home and at work school or college as we grow together as disciples within this fellowship.

Please do continue to pray for our Corps – and for Bedlington. People need to know God loves them, and we are privileged that God has chosen to entrust that message to us to share.

God Bless

Philip & Carrie (Majors)

## LAUNCH OF OUR GARDEN PROJECT



Bedlington Salvation Army  
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We are launching our  
**COMMUNITY GARDEN**  
Sat. May 11th 10:00-12:00  
Come along and get involved in starting to develop our garden  
**ALL WELCOME**  
**FREE BBQ** (weather permitting)  
Approved Charity no. 24479 and registered 505939

## ORGANISED WALK 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Meeting at church point Newbiggin-by-the-Sea 10.30am. Walk is around 2-3 miles. Refreshments at Bertorellies at the end.

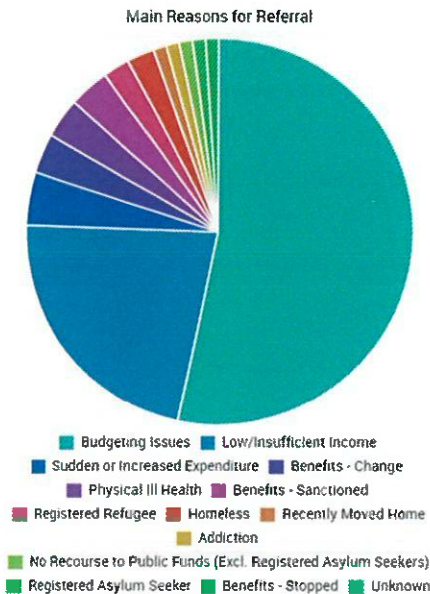
**PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT.**

Office Contact for all enquiries:-  
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## Foodbank Update

Our Food Bank is an integral part of our community programme. It is open Monday to Friday, 8am until noon. These opening hours affords us the chance for a conversation with people collecting, possibly over a cup of tea or coffee. That way we can get a better idea of their situation and their needs and can often signpost to other services or offer extra support as a result of this chat.

The aim of our Food Bank is to offer support to people who ring up and ask, or turn up on the doorstep looking for help; also, for those who are referred to us via agencies. We offer food to anyone who asks for help, regardless of the reason they find themselves in need.



Do you have some spare time to be a volunteer with The Salvation Army?  
If so please call us on Tel 01670 829356 during office hours.

Foodbank Referrals Mon to Fri Mornings  
08.00 – Noon. For Collection.

We have some great supporters who give generously to enable us to offer our Foodbank service to the community. From local supermarkets and members of the public and our Church Family, who regularly arrive with food and/or cash donations too. Some are anonymous and simply turn up at the door every few weeks and hand over boxes or bags of goods. We also receive donations from school collections. Usually at Harvest or Christmas, some collected around Red Nose Day from NCEA Thomas Bewick C of E Primary School in Ashington.

Recently we were contacted by a lady whose son had collected food for us and he wanted to deliver it personally. You may have seen the photo of Alfie on the Facebook page. He filled the back of his mother's car and asked her to drive him from Ashington to support our Food Bank. Good Work Alfie!

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It may not take up much space, and be a small part of the weekly community programme, but our Food Bank is a vital lifeline for so many people and we are supported by so many more, for which we are eternally grateful. If you haven't seen our Food Bank, please ask next time you are in the Centre.

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