



# Weekly News from Blackpool Salvation Army

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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

## **Sunday:**

9.50am: Prayer meeting @ Raikes Parade  
10.30am: Worship & Bible Teaching for all ages  
11.15am: Lighthouse Crew @ Raikes Parade

## **Monday:**

10am: Shining Stars Baby & Toddler group @ Raikes Parade  
6pm: Rainbows, Brownies and Guides @ Raikes Parade

## **Tuesday:**

Community Wardrobe: *By appointment only @ Raikes Parade*  
1-3pm: Midweekers - A warm welcome with games, papers and friendship @ Dorset St

## **Wednesday:**

Citadel building is closed for a staff day

## **Thursday:**

10-12noon: Coffee and chat @ Raikes Parade  
12-1pm: Friendship club hot lunch @ Raikes Parade *Please book in advance*  
2-3pm: Friendship club @ Raikes Parade  
7.30pm: Citadel Band practice @ Raikes Parade

The Bridge Project @ Blackpool Citadel is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for the homeless hub drop in 9-11am and then hot meals from 12.00-2.00pm.

## **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



## **Epiphany Sunday**

This Sunday is Epiphany, the day we remember the visit of the wise men to the infant Jesus. Our meeting will be led by Captains John and Naomi Clifton and will draw our Advent and Christmas series to a close as we celebrate the Everlasting Light. We hope that you can join us at 10.30am on Sunday at the Citadel on Raikes Parade or online via our YouTube Channel.

## **Covenant Sunday - 12<sup>th</sup> January**

Next week is Covenant Sunday, a day when we join with Salvationists across the UK and Republic of Ireland to reflect on the commitments we have made to God. We will be considering both our personal covenant, as well as renewing our commitment to our shared journey of faith as a corps. This will include the Corps Officers and members of the Pastoral Care Council and Leadership team sharing updates on life in our corps family.

## **Please pray for:**

- Brian Evans who is in hospital
- Jacqui Wild as she recovers from surgery
- The successful recruitment of a new administrator to join our team later in the year
- Captain John Clifton as he prepares to attend the International College of Officers as a delegate
- Our Covenant Day meeting next Sunday



### Christmas Carol Service

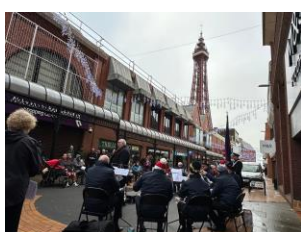
It may feel a long time ago now but on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December we shared in a wonderful carol service for all ages in the corps family. We're grateful to the kids' community choir, band and the young people of the Lighthouse Crew for helping us to remember that Christmas is all part of God's plan to save the world.

### Christmas Eve Carolling

On Christmas Eve members of the band and collectors went carolling in local hotels to share carols and stories of The Salvation Army's work in this community. Thank you to everyone who has supported this year's carolling efforts, whether by playing in the band, collecting or counting the money collected.

### Christmas Day Open-Air

Thank you to Major Ged Nicoll and the band for leading us in our Christmas day worship at the open-air. It was a wonderful morning of joyful carols, the Gospel message and the biggest Christmas cracker we saw this Christmas!



### Christmas Day meals

On Christmas Day over fifty people enjoyed a Christmas dinner prepared by staff and volunteers, whether Bridge project clients celebrating at the hall or with a 'takeaway' meal delivered to their home by a volunteer. Our guests received the gift of a selection box. Thank you to everyone who made this day so special.

### Job Vacancy - Administrator at Blackpool Salvation Army

The deadline to apply for the role of administrator at Blackpool Salvation Army is midnight on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January. This is a vital role in the infrastructure of the corps that keeps things running smoothly and makes it possible for our team of staff and volunteers to keep on helping families in need, supporting individuals who are homeless and much more! It involves providing essential administrative support, including financial, to ensure the effective delivery of our services and programs, helping us bring hope and practical assistance to those in need. Find out more and apply at <https://tinyurl.com/Blackpooladmin>

### International College for Officers

Captain John Clifton has been appointed to attend the International College for Officers (ICO) as a delegate between 13<sup>th</sup> January and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025. This is a full-time residential experience in London that brings together Officers from across The Salvation Army world for an intensive period of leader development. Please speak to Captains John and Naomi Clifton or CSM Major Ged Nicoll with any questions.

### Dates for the diary:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 10.30am: Epiphany Meeting  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 10.30am: Covenant Day  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 3-5pm: Messy Church  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 10.30am: Children's Church Sunday (YP Prizegiving) led by Captain Laura McLean  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 10.30am: Meeting led by Major Estelle Blake (THQ)

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