



Weekly News from Blackpool Salvation Army

Sunday 9th February 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
5pm: Kids Community Choir @ Raikes Parade
6pm: Rainbows, Brownies and Guides @ Raikes Parade

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

9.30am: Men's group @ Raikes Parade
4.30-6.30pm: Youth Club @ Dorset Street

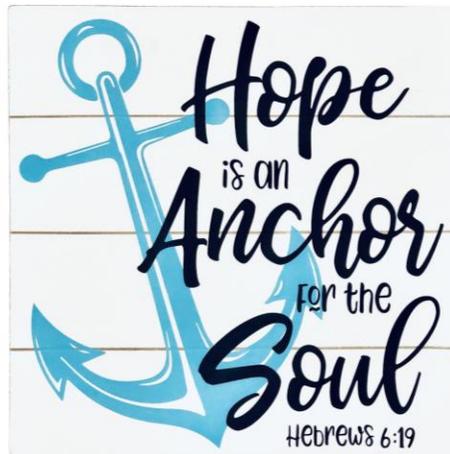
Thursday:

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

Saturday:

3-5pm: Messy Church

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.



Sunday Worship & Bible Teaching

This week our Sunday worship and Bible teaching will be led by Captain Naomi Clifton on theme of 'Christ, my hope'. We hope that you can join us at 10.30am at the Citadel on Raikes Parade or online at our YouTube channel, youtube.com/@blackpoolsalvationarmy

Please pray for:

- Hazel Gay who is in hospital, and for Stuart as he supports her
- Wendy Greaves as she recovers from shoulder surgery
- Wyn Bennett who is experiencing severe back pain
- Members of our corps family who are experiencing long-term health issues



Saturday 15th February, 3-5pm

for families of all ages, under 15s must bring an adult

**Get messy ~ Enjoy a meal
Explore faith together**

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

Self-Denial Appeal

Today is the launch of our Self Denial appeal. The Self Denial Appeal started in 1886 when General William Booth called Salvationists to give sacrificially and to deny themselves so that they could offer God's love to a hurting world. The Salvation Army is now active in more than 130 countries, and the Self Denial Appeal still operates in every territory. Whether living in wealth or poverty, Salvationists from all walks of life generously support the Army's mission to share the Gospel and improve the lives of millions of people through the love of Jesus. As we prepare to give in the appeal, each week our meeting will include a video featuring the work of The Salvation Army in Indonesia. Giving envelopes will be available next week from Tina Meredith and our Altar Service for the Self-Denial Appeal will take place in our worship on Sunday 2nd March.

Men's Group - 12th February

Inspired by the latest suggestion from President Trump regarding Gaza, this week's theme is Empire Building. Do you have any thoughts about this? Come and share them, and we can look at the Biblical response.

Updates from the Bridge project

The Bridge Project continues to offer to support to people facing really difficult circumstances. This week it's been great to offer plenty of toiletries as we've sorted out our resources. We've been helping clients to look at their limited finances and make practical plans to budget effectively. Among other good news stories from the Bridge project is that one of our clients has moved to York for a new beginning with some old friends. Another client is in recovery and has recently been accepted to volunteer at 3 different organisations!

Contact details:

General enquiries: blackpool@salvationarmy.org.uk / 01253 626114

Corps Officers (church leaders):

Capt. Dr John Clifton - john.clifton@salvationarmy.org.uk / 07921 578589

Capt. Naomi Clifton - naomi.clifton@salvationarmy.org.uk / 07823 442959

Corps Sergeant Major:

Major Ged Nicoll - gerald.nicoll@salvationarmy.org.uk

Community Centre Manager:

Allan Murray - allan.murray@salvationarmy.org.uk / 01253 626114

Volunteer Development Coordinator:

Elaine Taylor - elaine.d.taylor@salvationarmy.org.uk / 01253 626114 / 07831 150643

Where to find us:

Blackpool Citadel, Raikes Parade, FY1 4EL

Blackpool South, Dorset St, FY4 3BB

Kids' Community Choir Outing to the Gang Show

Last weekend our Kids' Community Choir enjoyed a wonderful trip to see the Gang Show at the Grand Theatre. The children particularly enjoyed spotting two of choir members, Cordelia and Matthew, who were participating in the Gang Show and occasionally gave us a wave while performing! Thanks to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts to make the trip possible.



Children's Church Celebration Sunday

Last week our Children's Church Celebration Sunday was a giant affair as Captain Laura McLean used cardboard boxes to help us remember that in God's strength we can face all things. The Kids' Community choir sang 'One World' and 'Hand me down my silver trumpet' beautifully. Thank you to the YP team who nurture our young people in their discipleship.



Dates for the diary:

Sunday 16th February, 10.30am: Meeting led by Major Estelle Blake (THQ)

Sunday 2nd March, 10.30am: Self-Denial Altar Service led by Captains (Dr) John & Naomi Clifton

Sunday 30th March, 10.30am: Mothering Sunday

Friday 18th April, 10.30am: Good Friday Meeting

Sunday 20th April, 10.30am: Easter Sunday All Age Worship

