



Weekly News from Blackpool Salvation Army

Sunday 28th September 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
1pm: PCC Meeting in the Lounge
5pm: Kids Community Choir @ Raikes Parade
6pm: Rainbows, Brownies and Guides @ Raikes Parade

Tuesday:

Community Wardrobe: *By appointment only @ Raikes Parade*
Employment Plus: By appointment only @ Raikes Parade
1-3pm: Midweekers - A warm welcome with games, papers and friendship @ Dorset St
6.30-7.30pm: Brass Roots Community Band with Julian Guillot

Wednesday:

12noon: Singing by heart @ Raikes Parade
Community Wardrobe: By appointment only @ Raikes Parade
4.30-6.30pm: Youth Club @ Dorset Street
Please Note: Bible Study group is **not meeting** this week but will return on the 8th October

Thursday:

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

Friday:

1.30pm 'Bridge the Gap' Worship Service @ The Bridge Project

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 Sunday, Major Richard Thompson will lead us in a meaningful exploration of the theme of compassion. It promises to be a powerful and uplifting time of worship and fellowship. We warmly invite you to join us.

The link to watch the recorded service will be forwarded by email, to those on the mailing list, on Monday 29th September.

Promotion to Glory of Olive Roberts

We heard this week of Olive Roberts Promotion to Glory. Olive's Funeral will take place on Friday 17th October at 11am @ Raikes Parade, followed by a service at the crematorium. Please remember the family and friends of Olive in your prayers.

Gordon, our Bridge Project Support Worker and Cook, has been recently bereaved of his mother. Please keep Gordon in your thoughts and prayers at this tender time.

Please pray for:

- Members of our Corps family known to us, who are unwell or grieving at this time
- For our new 'Bridge the Gap' worship service, to be held monthly at the Bridge Project.
- For the young people meeting here in the 'Brass Roots' Community Band, and all those who serve them as leaders.

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



Join Us for Our Harvest Celebration
 Next Sunday (5th October), we warmly invite you to join our Harvest Celebration. During the service, there will be a special opportunity to give through our Harvest Altar Service, and/or by bringing gifts of 'Harvest Essentials' to support the Bridge Project and our Emergency Food Parcels.
 Harvest Offering envelopes are now available. If you do not already gift aid your donations, we encourage you to consider doing so. Gift Aid allows The Salvation Army to reclaim the value of the tax on your donation from the government, helping your generosity go even further. We look forward to celebrating God's provision with you and sharing blessings with those in need.

Shining Stars Baby and Toddler Group
 It's been a busy and fun time at Shining Stars. The children have enjoyed getting creative, making friends, being playful, and it's been great to see everyone getting involved. We were pleased to welcome some new families this week, as well as welcoming familiar friends. A special thank you to Allan Murray for building and installing a new child safety gate for the group. It really helps to help make transitions in and out of the room smoother for everyone.



Messy Church: New Beginnings & Noah's Ark
 Despite the rainy weather last Saturday afternoon, Messy Church was bursting with colour and creativity as we explored the theme of "New Beginnings" through the story of Noah's Ark. Families came together to build impressive junk-model arks and craft vibrant animals, filling the space with joyful mess and laughter. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped to make the afternoon so special.



Singing by Heart - meets again this week on Wednesday 1st October at 1200. Come and join us!



For more information email: blackpool@salvationarmy.org.uk or phone 01253 626114



‘Bridge the Gap’ Worship Service

‘Bridge the Gap’ is a monthly worship service created especially for the clients of The Bridge Project. Just as Jesus bridged the gap between humanity and God through His death on the cross, we are called to share His love—both the love we receive from God and the love we offer in His name. By standing in the gap for others, we can walk alongside them on their journey of faith, offering hope, compassion, and spiritual support. Please keep the preparations for this service in your prayers, and especially lift up the clients who will attend.

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 5th October 10.30am : Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Saturday 1st November 7pm: VE Commemorative Concert



Tickets for this event can be purchased from Tina or Reception - Don't Miss Out!

Flyers are also available in the foyer. Please take some to pass to friends and neighbours.

Christmas dates to Save

- Christmas Fayre : **Saturday 22nd November**
- Carol Concert : **Thursday 4th December**
- Christmas Toy Service : **Sunday 7th December**
- Corps Carol Service : **Sunday 21st December**

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