

Outlook



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Message from the Corps Officers

Sunday Worship...Morning Service at 10am.

Sunday School at 10.45am.

Corps Officers : Majors Carrie & Philip James

We are fast approaching the end of another year. I am sure most of us will have some highlights and some challenges. We have said goodbye to some great people and welcomed some new faces. We have enjoyed seeing our young people develop and shared in the celebration of successes. Within our fellowship, we share some difficult times too. We have had many people in our building and continue to hope that they sense something of the love of God here. The visit of the Canadian Staff Songsters was a particular highlight this year, with excellent music and, more importantly, a clear message of the gospel.

In the coming weeks, we will be celebrating Advent and Christmas, and all the business and sometimes stress that the season can bring. I wonder what is your favourite thing about Christmas? There are some great traditions – and some great music. How many times have we heard somebody say, “It’s not Christmas until we hear the Salvation Army Band” Several times, we have asked young people to tell us about their favourite Christmas and what made it special. Invariably, the



answer has been about the people they were with rather than the money spent and gifts received. The important thing about Christmas is not glitter and lights, but relationships. Jesus came to allow us to have a relationship with God – to conquer the barrier that stood between us and our maker. That’s what makes Christianity different from other faiths – it is more than a code or a set of beliefs – it is a relationship with God in Jesus by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

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-John 1:9 & 12

So in the coming weeks, as things get busy, let’s not get distracted or waylaid – let’s keep our focus on the one we are celebrating and prepare again to mark his coming, and continue to receive Him as our friend and saviour.

John 1:9 12 - “The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God”.

Food Bank Referrals Monday - Wednesday & Friday 08:00-12:00 For Collection
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LIVE MUSIC



III
NORTH EAST DIVISION
YOUTH BAND
III



BEDLINGTON SALVATION ARMY PRESENTS
THE NORTH EAST DIVISIONAL YOUTH BAND
WITH BEDLINGTON SONGSTERS

15TH NOVEMBER

18:30

HARTFORD ROAD WEST
BEDLINGTON
NE22 6HU

TICKET
PRICE

FREE

Message from the CSM

As Christmas swiftly approaches, I find myself diving into the hustle and bustle of planning and organizing for the festive season. The air is filled with excitement and anticipation as I begin to compile my lists, from gift ideas to holiday menus, all in preparation for the joyful celebrations ahead.

Currently, in our ladies Bible study group, which meets every other Monday on Zoom, we are exploring the Gospel of Luke. It's fascinating to reflect on how easy it is to think we already know the story of Jesus' birth—the nativity scenes and carols around this time of year bring instant familiarity. Yet, as we delve deeper into the scriptures, I am continually surprised by the layers of meaning and the rich tapestry of events that surround His arrival.



Each moment leading up to that holy night was intricately designed, with perfect coordination from God's hand. While His plans are flawless, the human element introduces unpredictability, throwing potential challenges into the mix. It's reassuring to remember that God anticipated every obstacle. The individuals He chose to be part of this miraculous narrative were righteous and aligned with His purpose. They faithfully followed His commandments and remained attuned to His guidance, illustrating the beauty of divine orchestration.

As I navigate my own preparations, it's easy to become overwhelmed by the myriad of details and expectations during this busy season. Perhaps it's a reminder that I need to pause and listen more closely to what God may be whispering in my heart. As Advent approaches at the end of November, I am resolutely committed to immersing myself in the true meaning of this season—the love, hope, and joy that the birth of Christ represents.

Wishing you every blessing as we journey through this beautiful time of year.

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JOIN US FOR A

CHRISTMAS MARKET

NOVEMBER 22, 2025;
FROM 11 AM TO 1 PM
Hartford Road West, NE22 6HU

Stalls with hand made gifts, crafts, cakes
and goodies as well as our famous
Turkey Rolls with homemade soup

FOR MORE INFO GO TO

our Facebook page:
Bedlington Salvation
Army

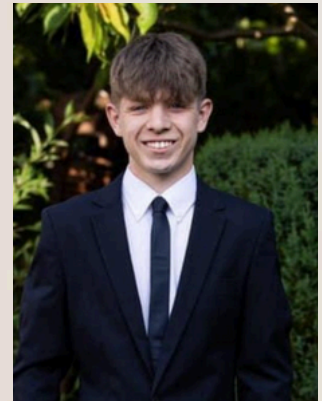
Around the Corps



Retired Bandmaster
Brian Storey
celebrated his 90th
birthday this month,
after the band
practice the group
celebrated with
some cake



Shelia Dixon
celebrated her 70th
birthday at the end
of september



Congratulations to
James Mercer
passed his practical
driving test in
October



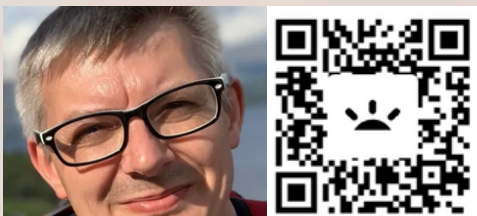
Clare Tasker & Rachel
Lightley celebrated
their birthdays back at
the start of October



Michael Elliot
Celebrated his 18th
Birthday at the start
of September



Michelle Mercer & Ross
Floyd working at St James
Park in Newcastle United's
2-1 win over Fulham



Karl Smith's Homecoming
Fundraiser has raised £6,808 to
keep donating scan the qr code
above or go to
gofund.me/draw.road.help

Isaac Tasker has been given the responsibility of head
boy at his school

Eunice Lawson a member of our over 60 group was
Promoted to Glory at the age of 85

Jacob Smith celebrated his 17th Birthday back in October

Congratulations to Gillian & Jimmy Floyd who celebrated
there 40th Wedding anniversary

Jude Floyd Celebrated his 5th birthday back at the start of
October

Isabel & Les are Celebrating there 64th wedding
anniversary this week



Bedlington SA Carolling Dates

DEC 6

**MARKET PLACE &
SANDERSON ARCD AE**
Morpeth 10:30 -12:00

ST JOHN'S, WIDEOPEN
NE13 6JQ - 19:00

DEC 9

DEC 13

ASDA, BEBSIDE
NE24 4LZ
10:00 - 13:00

TESCO, KINGSTON PARK
NE3 2FP
10:00 - 13:00

DEC 20

DEC 23

**COMMUNITY CAROLS IN
THE MARKET PLACE**
Bedlington - 18:30

**MARKET PLACE &
SANDERSON ARCD AE**
Morpeth 10:30 -12:00

DEC 24

Review - Youth Councils

This year's youth councils unfolded over the vibrant weekend of October 11th and 12th, immersing our youth in a rich tapestry of fellowship, fun, and faith. On Saturday, they gathered in Sunderland, as our young participants gathered for a delightful BBQ. They relished the laughter that filled the air while engaging in spirited games, forging memories that would linger long after the day's events. As the sun dipped low, they made their way to the lively Village Hotel the following day, where anticipation buzzed in the atmosphere.

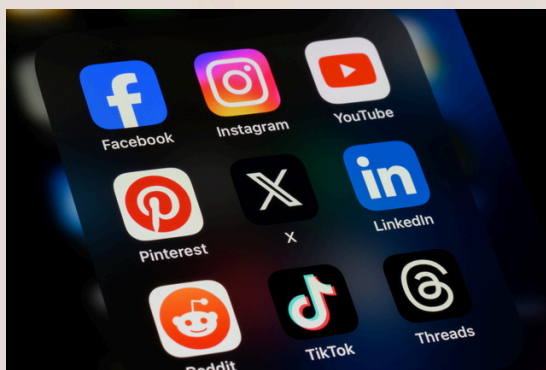
During our time together, a compelling call to action reverberated through the gathering, prompting us to collectively awaken to our true purpose. This urgent message drew its strength from the profound biblical passage in Revelation 3:1-3, which reminded us of the need for spiritual vigilance and renewal.

"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation for being alive, but you are dead. Wake up!

Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you."



Throughout the weekend, we absorbed a series of short yet deeply impactful messages that emphasised the importance of having 'hearts ablaze' with passion, 'eyes wide open' to the world around us, 'ears attentive' to God's whispers, and being 'dressed properly' in readiness for action. Each phrase echoed the necessity of being prepared to respond meaningfully to the needs of our lives and the communities we inhabit.



In reflective moments, we paused to scroll through our personal social media feeds, diving deep into pressing issues that weighed heavily on our hearts. Topics such as the dangers of idolatry, the pervasiveness of misogyny, and the harsh realities of violence surfaced, reminding us of the challenges that require our attention and action. These contemplative intervals were energised by bursts of laughter and playful chaos, yet they consistently drew us back to the essence of our gathering: a unified commitment to growth and awareness.

Youth councils have long served as a beloved occasion for reconnecting with friends we all too seldom see. This year, however, the alchemy of fun, fellowship, and faith forged an extraordinary atmosphere that captivated our hearts and minds. As we emerged from this enriching experience, we did so not only with renewed friendships but with a profoundly deeper grasp of our faith and a heartfelt connection to Jesus. The weekend transformed us, inspiring us to confront the world's challenges with a spirit of hope and resilience.



Donate to our Toy Appeal



Support The Salvation Army this Christmas

We welcome your help with gifts for children up to the age of 18. We offer support to families referred to us by Social Services, Health Visitors, Schools & other agencies.

Please help us by donating new, unwrapped toys and gifts.

We are in the Centre Monday—Wednesday and Friday 8am—noon.

Thank you

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Or find us on Facebook at Bedlington Salvation Army

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Review - Community Day

On Saturday, 27 September, we conducted an open day for the community from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, during which we welcomed around 70 attendees.

Upon arrival, each guest was greeted at the entrance and provided with a guide detailing the locations of various displays and stalls, as well as a carrier bag for the collection of any complimentary items.

The event featured informative displays and activities which were strategically organized throughout the facility:

Room 1 hosted the Air Cadets, Bedlington Library, and the Stop Smoking & Social Prescribers.

Room 2 was designated for children's activities, featuring What a Hoot Nursery, a soft play area, craft activities, and complimentary refreshments for the children.

Room 3 served as a quiet and multisensory space, typically utilized for the Little Lambs program.

Room 4 provided free hot beverages and hot dogs from a service hatch, along with displays from Mind Active, The Salvation Army's Older People's Ministries, Citizens Advice Bureau & Energy Advice, the County/Town Councillor, Bedlington Churches, and Grenfell's Funeral Directors; all of which offered friendly engagement and giveaways.

In the Worship Hall, attendees had the opportunity to participate in "Come and Have a Blow," an interactive session allowing individuals to try playing a brass instrument



The outdoor area, particularly the garden at the rear, was accessible for all guests. In the car park, the Salvation Army Emergency Vehicle was present to offer complimentary hot drinks and chocolate, alongside a Fire Engine for viewing.

Overall, the event proved to be highly successful, resulting in the engagement of a new family for Sunday Worship, the recruitment of a new volunteer for the Little Lambs program, and the opportunity to connect with an individual who has consistently supported our social media initiatives over the past six months.



— WE WILL — REMEMBER

West Bedlington Town Council and Bedlington Churches Together would like to invite you to the 2025 Remembrance Sunday service and parade in Bedlington on Sunday 9th November.

Arrangements for this year are mainly the same as previous years and are as follows:

Parade members: Meet at 2pm outside of The Salvation Army - Hartford Road West, Bedlington.

The parade will leave at 2.15pm and the service will start at 2.30pm at the War Memorial on Front Street, Bedlington.

The Order of service can be found on the West Bedlington Council website



Over 60's

Are you looking for something new to do on a Wednesday afternoon? Why not join our Salvation Army corps' over-60s group? We meet every Wednesday at around 1:30 PM for an hour.



Since this gathering follows the Luncheon Group, many of the ladies have already enjoyed a good lunch, but there is always a cup of tea or coffee available. Each week offers something different as we cover a wide range of topics, allowing everyone to share their thoughts or simply listen. There's never a shortage of friendly banter!

The main focus of our group is fellowship and friendship. Loneliness can often be an issue as we age, and coming together to share experiences is a great way to combat that. You can expect plenty of laughter, and sometimes we even try our hand at singing—though we could definitely use a few more singers!

This is one of our church activities, and we warmly welcome new members. Don't let the "over 60s" label discourage you; we are young at heart! Your participation may just be part of God's plan for you.

Currently, we only have female attendees, but if you have any suggestions for daytime activities for the men, please share them with our local officers.

As Psalm 92:14 says, "They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green." We hope to see you any Wednesday afternoon!

Your help in funding our Church

Over the past month, we have come to understand how important it is to support the church's work financially.

During our Harvest Weekend, we celebrated God's goodness through fellowship activities and teaching. We also invited everyone to give during our Harvest Altar Service. As we shared, the funds raised, totaling approximately £1,600, will be used to support our young people. This includes investing in organized activities here at the Corps and partially sponsoring their attendance at Summer Camps. Your contributions are greatly appreciated by the Corps leadership, the young people themselves, and the parents who support the development of their family members.

In October, we renewed our commitment to Generous Discipleship, which plays a crucial role in the financial structure of the church. This commitment enables us to fund the presence of officers and staff, ensures the stewardship of our available resources and property, and importantly, supports our ongoing mission in the community.

Your renewed commitment and investment in the church allow us to be self-supporting and manage a budget of approximately £100,000. Your faithful financial support, reflecting both spiritual purpose and dedication to God, is highly valued by the Leadership Team and positively impacts our future ministry together. Thank you all.

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Live Streams

**If you're unable to join us for worship at Bedlington
Salvation Army, don't worry!**

**You can still be a part of our community by watching our
services live or catching up on past services every week.**

**Visit our Facebook or YouTube channels to stay
connected and engaged with our vibrant congregation.**

Weekly Programme

SUNDAY

Morning Service 10.00am

Sunday School 10.45am

MONDAY

Home League 12.30pm

Monthly—see monthly plan

WEDNESDAY

Little Lambs Toddler Group 9.15-11.15am

Children up to 3yrs must be with an adult.

Call Arleen to book a place.

Seniors Lunch Club 12.00pm

Two Course meal for Over 60s. £5

Please call Arleen to book a place

Over 60s Sunshine Hour 1.30—2.30pm

All welcome (if you're over 60)

FRIDAY

Little Lambs Toddler Group 9.15-11.15am

Children up to 3yrs must be with an adult.

Call Arleen to book a place.

Thankful Friday 10am-noon.

Free refreshments & all welcome

Corps Calendar In November

Sunday 9th

Remembrance Sunday Meeting	10am
March from SA Hall	2.15pm
Remembrance at War Memorial	2.30pm

Saturday 15th

Musical Festival with the North East England Divisional Youth Band & Bedlington Songsters	6.30pm
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Sunday 16th

Morning Worship led by Bedlington Youth	10am
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Wednesday 17th

Men's Fellowship Artefacts Evening	7.30pm
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Saturday 22nd

Christmas Market	11am-1pm
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Monday 24th

Home League Carol Service	12.30pm
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Sunday 30th Advent Sunday

Morning Worship featuring SA Young People & Little Lambs Nativity	10am
Fellowship of Churches in Bedlingtonshire Advent Service at the Salvation Army	4pm

Corps Calendar - December

December

Wednesday 3rd

Ladies' Fellowship Christmas Party 7.30pm

Sunday 7th 2nd Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship including Toy Service 10am

(If you are able, please bring along a new, unwrapped toy so we can help families in need this Christmas)

Carol Concert featuring Band & Songsters 4pm

Tuesday 9th

Bedlington Band & Singing Company Carol Concert at St John's Church, Wideopen 7pm

Sunday 14th 3rd Sunday of Advent

Morning Worship 10am

Monday 15th

Home League Meal at the Golf Club

Thursday 18th

YP Band & Singing Company 'At Home' 6.30pm

Sunday 21st 4th Sunday of Advent

Corps Carol Service 4pm

(NO morning service)

Tuesday 23rd

Community Carols in the Market Place 6.00pm

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

Christmas Worship 10.30am

Sunday 28th

No Service