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## HOVE CORPS NEWSLETTER MARCH 2026



Love God  
 Love Others

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**THOUGHT:** A few days ago there was an opportunity for hardy stargazers to see 6 planets align in the night sky. It was reported that these were easily seen with the naked eye so I hope no-one missed it! I must admit that, as I perched on a small brick wall in my back garden, these heavenly bodies did not make themselves clear to me.

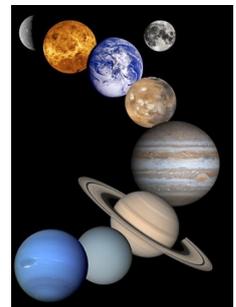
As I tried to see the planets I did see the moon and remembered that, during the Apollo 16 mission in 1972, NASA Astronaut John W. Young took The Salvation Army flag along with him to the Moon. It's considered the only non-national flag to have been on the Moon, symbolising hope and service.

Astronaut Young returned the miniature flag with a signed letter, and the artifacts are now displayed at The Salvation Army Heritage Centre in Toronto and other locations, according to The Salvation Army Southern Historical Centre

David wrote 'When I consider your heavens,  
 the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars,  
 which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
 human beings that you care for them?

God loves us above even the moon, the stars and the planets.

Now that is amazing.



### MARCH CALENDAR 2026



- FRIDAY 6th** World Day of Prayer Service at 10.30am - Our Hall
- SUNDAY 8th** All-Age Service at 10.30am followed by Prayer Lunch
- WEDS 11th** Free Community Talk at 10.30am - Subjects include:  
 Estates, Wills and Lasting Power of Attorney
- SUNDAY 15th** Mother's Day Service 10.30am including a dedication
- MONDAY 23rd** Corps Council Meeting at 7.30pm
- SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup>** Palm Sunday Worship led by Major Matt Butler  
 followed by an Open Air Service at Ellen Road flats.

## The War Cry's Ewan Hall explores the origins of Mother's Day.

It's that time of the year again when many children will be frantically trying to think of how they can spoil their mums. Mother's Day, also known as Mothering Sunday, is a joyful celebration when people show their appreciation for all that their mothers do.

The origins of the day come from the Middle Ages when, on the third Sunday before Easter, people would return to their 'mother church', which was the church or cathedral where they were christened and grew up.

Servants were given the day off by their employer to go back home, and the meeting of families resulted in the focus shifting from the 'mother church' to mothers in general.

In 2026, Mother's Day in the UK is a mix of the Middle Ages traditions – including the date and family reunions – and American customs that were gradually adopted after the Second World War. The US traditions, initiated by an activist called Anna Jarvis, focused on the sending of cards, gifts and flowers to celebrate mums and the positive impact they had on their children's lives.

There is a lovely little advert on the TV at the moment where a little girl talks about all the different kinds of mothers there are. She mentions, young mums, older mums, yet to be mums, pet mums, step mums and many other mums.

Let us remember all the wonderful mums we have known in our lives, not just those who belonged to us but those who have influenced us at different points in our lives too.

## Happy Mother's Day all you mums.

