

Stowmarket C O R P S



M O N T H L Y NEWSLETTER

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Many of us will really have enjoyed the last month with a feast of football to watch over that time from the World cup in the USA, Canada and Mexico! England had a great tournament but sadly fell at the semi final stage, but still finished well playing good football in defeating France in the Bronze medal match. It was England's best finish in the tournament since 1966!

It doesn't seem possible that the Premier League and the Football League will start soon again in a matter of weeks! But that is not the end for the feast of Sport for the summer months. We now have the Commonwealth Games from Glasgow to enjoy! It is one of the major sporting events in the world, maybe only second to the Olympics. I do however understand that it is a slightly trimmed down event this year as Glasgow took on responsibility quite 'late in the day' after the State of Victoria in Australia decided not to stage the event due to rising costs. But I have read that there are still expected to be 3000 athletes from 74 countries and territories that are part of the Commonwealth who will be taking part in this feast of sport. I have read that the King and Queen as Heads of the Commonwealth will be at the opening ceremony.

Athletes competing include Josh Kerr the Scottish track racer who has just broken the men's mile world record, and Adam Ramsey- Peatty who is chasing his 4th Commonwealth Games Gold record in the in the men's breast stroke. But of course all of the athletes taking part will be striving to do their best and ultimately to finish well!

The Christian faith is often likened to a race by the Apostle Paul. He wrote in Philippians 3:14 – "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Jesus calls each one of us to follow Him and to run 'our race' for Him. The 'race' to which He calls us may be different to others. But the prize for us all, whoever we are, is ultimately a place in Heaven. And so we all are challenged to always live our lives to the glory of God so that we may all win that prize. That means making sure that we run our personal race well, but also to be willing to encourage and support others around us who may at times be struggling, so that they too may be able to finish their race well.

It is remembering that together in unity we can do even greater things. God has a purpose and a plan for each one of us, and I pray that daily we will all strive to do the very best that we can for God.

Thank you for all that you do and may God bless us all as we 'run for Him.'

Every blessing
Major Kevin

Regular Activities

Sunday:

10:30am Morning Worship

4pm Messy Church (2nd Sunday of the month or otherwise stated)

10:30 am Café Church—4th Sunday of the month

Monday to Friday

Café on the Rec - see website for opening hours and also

Sunday mornings 8.30am to 10am for the Junior Park run.

ALL OTHER
ACTIVITIES WILL
RECOMMENCE IN
SEPTEMBER.



All item(s) for the September newsletter: messages, prayers or prayer requests, please let Major Kevin, Caroline, Mags or Bev know by Sunday 23rd August. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you each month, please let Bev know.

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September 12th Barn Dance and Hog Roast @ Hart's Farm, Combs 7pm
Tickets: Adults £15 Child (under 12) £8



CAN YOU MAKE A SCARECROW FOR THIS EVENT?

September 22nd—Alpha Course starts 6.30pm at the Hall

September 26th Car Treasure Hunt from 1.30pm starting at the Hall

September 27th Indian Meal at Red Fort, Stowmarket—6pm

October 17th Visiting Salvation Army Band from Regent Hall. Afternoon playing Workshop at 3pm followed by an evening concert 7pm Tickets £10

October 19th Dwell—an evening of all age prayer and worship 7pm Free Event.

October 25th—Thai Meal at the Salvation Army, 6pm £7.50 per person

November 14th Quiz Night with Pie & Mash 6pm at the hall £6 per person.

November 28th Christmas Fayre 10am—2.30pm Lunch served 12 noon—1.30pm
If you would like a stall, email stowmarket@salvationarmy.org.uk

November 30th Christmas meal at the hall 6pm £10 per person

December 5th Community Carols at the hall 6pm £10 (under 12's FREE)

December 6th Christmas Toy Appeal Service 10.30am

December 13th All Age Carol Service 10am Coffee & Pastries; 10.30am Service

December 20th Candlelight Carol Service 6pm

Tickets for events will be available from the Café on the Rec and from The Salvation Army, Stowmarket, through the year. You can also scan this QR Code to order tickets for events.



August dates for your diary

Sun-Sat 2nd-8th EYSS—Music School
Sunday 8th Messy Church 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday – Saturday 12th – 15th
KIDS CAMP AT HADLEIGH FARM
Sunday 15th Fellowship Lunch 1:00 p.m.
Sunday 23rd Café Church 10:30 a.m.

IF YOU HAVE ANY 'SUBJECT' THAT YOU WOULD LIKE BROUGHT UP AT THE CORPS COUNCIL MEETING PLEASE CONTACT ANY ONE OF OUR CORPS REPRESENTATIVES:
Mrs Daphne Hartley
Mr Andrew Stokes
Mr Cameron Rosser

Information Morning - Saturday 31 October 2026 at the Hall, 1030am to lunchtime.

Are you interested in finding out more about the Salvation Army, our history, beliefs, mission, structure and opportunities for membership? Then come along on Saturday 31 October 2026 at 10.30am when these things will be explained and discussed in an informal open format. The morning will conclude with a light lunch. Booking is essential, so if you would like to come along please give your name and contact details to Gwen Cracknell, or sign up on the sheet in the foyer.



Prayer Topics for the month

Week	Our Corps/Church	Our Community	Our World
22	Our local & The Salvation Army's Worldwide missions Acts 1:8	Support for single parents Isaiah 41:10	Orphans & displaced children
23	Café on the Rec & its volunteers.	The homeless Isaiah 58:7	Wise use of natural resources
24	Discipleship & mentoring programs 2 Timothy 2:2	Our local farmers & food producers.	The United Nations
25	Technology & media Ministries & its use. Psalm 96:3	Strength for care givers & healthcare workers. Galatians 6:9	