

The Salvation Army **BOSCOMBE** Palmerston Road www.salvationarmy.org.uk/boscombe

Sunday 28 June 2026

**11.00am – Morning Worship led by
Majors Mark and Andrea Sawyer**

**FOR SUCH
A TIME**



**AS
THIS...**

To KNOW Christ ~ To LIVE Christ ~ To SHARE Christ



Welcome to the Salvation Army here at Boscombe. We are so glad you have chosen to be here with us today as we worship together and lift high the Name of Jesus. Each Sunday we hope and pray that you will receive something for your HEART, HEAD and

HANDS. Let us explain – something for your HEAD to think about during the week ahead, something for your HEART to be touched and moved by, and something for your HANDS to go away and put into practice, so that our BEING and DOING is lived out in our everyday living as Jesus shows us.



Friends,

We are so pleased that you've been able to join with us for Worship as we meet TOGETHER in the name of Jesus, our Risen Lord and Saviour, the one who is Emmanuel – God with us!

What a week we have experienced and still are! Unprecedented temperature levels and such intense heat during the day and the night. It's been impossible to keep cool and it's been so uncomfortable. It's so important to look out for each other in times like this, and to keep safe ourselves.

Hydration breaks may not be popular in the World cup, but they are essential for us as human beings. We need to drink as much water as possible, especially when the weather is so extreme as it is now. However, water is vital for us all year round. It refreshes, satisfies, energises, quenches the thirst and literally keeps us alive!

Friends, what water means to us physically, Jesus means to us spiritually. He is the WATER OF LIFE that brings healing, cleansing, refreshment for the soul, spiritual energy and Life in all its fullness. Jesus himself said – If anyone is thirsty, let them come to me and drink (John 7 v 37).

Today we will be looking at the wonderful story of a wonderful woman of God called Esther, who was born for SUCH A TIME AS THIS. This story has much to teach us today, so may our time together be an oasis of Worship, teaching, prayer and fellowship as we allow God by His spirit to refresh and saturate us with His wonderful love and presence. What a mighty God we serve!

Have a great day and please do stay for refreshments and fellowship afterwards in the Sanctuary.

KEEP SHINING!
Love and prayers.

Mark & Andrea
(Corps Officers/Church Leaders)



CORPS NEWS

Prayer Requests

We have a number of our corps family who need our prayers:

-  Please pray for Alison Lowe whose operation was postponed to Monday.
-  Please continue to pray for Megan Main, Frank Jacob, John Atkins
Lieut-Colonel Doriel Phillips, Graham Lawrence, Bernard Snell and
Catherine Collins-Dryer.
-  Please continue to pray for all those who are struggling with ill health whether
receiving treatment or awaiting tests and procedures. Please be assured of
our love and care for you all at this time of concern.
-  Please continue to pray for all those who have been bereaved recently.
-  Please pray for those who are unable to join us for worship and in particular for
our shut-ins and those in Nursing/Care Homes.

Bournemouth Area Fellowship Band

The Bournemouth Area Fellowship Band invite you to join them for their Open Band Rehearsal this **Tuesday (30 June) from 10.00am to 12.30pm** with Guest Conductor Bandmaster Dr Stephen Cobb. All welcome whether to play or listen!

Funeral Details for Lieut-Colonel Doreen Caffull

Doreen's funeral is being held on **Tuesday 7 July** commencing with the Service of Committal at Bournemouth Crematorium at 1.00pm followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Boscombe Salvation Army at 2.30pm. Please pray for Ramsay, Mike, Graham, Trevor and the rest of the family at this time of bereavement.

Fellowship Walk

Our next Fellowship Walk will take place on **Saturday 4 July @ 10.00am**. Our walk this month will begin, and end, at Tuckton Tea Gardens (Tuckton Gardens, Wick Lane BH6 4LE) and will be a gentle stroll along the River Stour.

Songs of Praise @ Fisherman's Walk

Churches Together in Southbourne are holding their annual *Songs of Praise* on **Sunday 5 July** at Fisherman's Walk Bandstand starting at 2.30pm featuring our Senior Band. Remember to bring your own chairs.

Boscombe Band at the Bandstand

The Senior Band will be performing at Bournemouth Pinewalk Bandstand on **Friday 10 July** and **Friday 17 July from 7.30pm**. Come and show your support as they witness to the people of Bournemouth.

Corps Diary

The latest edition of the Corps Diary is now available in the foyer.

Saturday Night Quiz

Our next social event is being held on **Saturday 18 July @ 6.30pm**. The entry price is £1 per head. Free tea, coffee and squash. Other refreshments are available for a small charge (cans, crisps, flapjacks etc).

Message from the Corps Treasurer

Please find included in this newsletter a copy of the most recent Finance Update. If you have any questions, please speak with Cameron
(cameron.main@salvationarmy.org.uk).

CORPS PROGRAMME

This Week's Programme

Week beginning 29 June 2026	
Monday to Saturday	BH1 Project – 10.00am to 2.00pm
Monday 29	PramaLIFE Memory Lane Group – 2.00pm Crafty Ladies – 7.30pm
Tuesday 30	Bournemouth Area Fellowship Band Open Rehearsal – SEE PAGE 3 Songster Practice – 7.45pm
Wednesday 1	Tiny Tots Playtime – 9.30am
Thursday 2	Friendship Circle (International Friendship Day) – 11.00am Band Practice – 7.45pm
Friday 3	Lunch Club – 10.30am
Saturday 4	Social Event – Fellowship Walk (SEE PAGE 3)
Sunday 5	YP Band Practice – 9.20am Prayer Meeting – 9.45am Morning Worship led by Majors Mark and Andrea Sawyer – 11.00am Churches Together Songs of Praise @ Fisherman's Walk Bandstand – 2.30pm

Future Events

July 2026	
Friday 10	Boscombe Band Concert @ Pinewalk Bandstand, Lower Gardens, Bournemouth – 7.30pm
Sunday 12	<u>Children's Celebration Sunday</u> Morning Worship led by our YP Corps Songs of Praise @ Keyhaven – 4.00pm
Friday 17	Boscombe Band Concert @ Pinewalk Bandstand, Lower Gardens, Bournemouth – 7.30pm
Saturday 18	Social Event – Saturday Night Quiz (SEE PAGE 3)

**Please join us for tea, coffee and fellowship in
the Sanctuary after the morning meeting**

Boscombe Corps Finances:

A Simple Overview

Thank you for taking a moment to read this short finance update. This leaflet explains our current financial position, why it matters, and how a shared response could make a big difference to the financial future of Boscombe Corps.

Where We Are Now

The 2025/26 financial year has now come to an end, and the accounts have been finalised. As shown below, the senior corps had a £13.1k deficit (we spent more than we brought in) leaving the fund with a closing balance of £11.2k.

Corps	Section	Mar-25	Apr-26	Movement
Boscombe	Senior Corps	£ 24,340.54	£ 11,218.59	-£ 13,122

Looking ahead, next year’s forecast shows a similar, if not increased, shortfall meaning that we will wipe out this fund and be reliant on using legacy funds and asking for mission support (Territorial funding) to support the running of the Corps.

Legacy funds are not intended to support every day running costs over the long term and these funds are better used for missional activities and Corps growth opportunities. If we continue relying on them for normal everyday costs, they will reduce significantly even completely over the next few years.

Why This Matters

This is not about pressure or guilt. It is about good stewardship and understanding the practical position of our Corps so we can continue serving the community well.

God has entrusted Boscombe Corps to us spiritually and practically. If we want to keep loving God and loving others through this Corps, we need to be aware of our financial reality.

How the Corps Is Funded

Our largest source of income is cartridge and weekly giving. This income helps fund the essential costs of keeping the Corps running.

That includes heating, lighting, insurance, compliance costs, support for officers and staff (full breakdown on final page).

Income		
Cartridge/Collection and Other Member Giving	£	108,210
Donation from Public & Organisations (inc. Christmas)	£	11,045
Gift Aid	£	17,054
Corps Section Contributions to Overheads	£	2,292
Total Income	£	138,601

What Could Help Close the Gap?

As noted above, a significant budget deficit is forecast for this financial year, so we need to act now. We have a very faithful number of weekly and monthly givers, both in the weekly collections and by cartridge. If those who already give were able to increase their giving by around £4 per week on average, this would increase overall annual giving by around

£25,000. This would remove the deficit and enable the Corps to expand its work and impact in the community.

That is roughly the cost of a coffee or Tesco meal deal each week. Small changes from many people can make a significant difference.

In the same way, if those who do not currently give were able to start giving regularly, even in a small amount, this would also help reduce the deficit.

This will not be solved by one person or one large donation. It will come through a shared, collective response.

A Personal Response

This is not about comparing ourselves with others or setting the same expectation or response from every person.

Many people already give generously in different ways. Some may be able to give financially, while others may not be in that position at this time, and that is fully understood.

The question for each of us is simply this: have I prayerfully considered my giving to this Corps?

The Heart of It

As Scripture reminds us, giving should never be reluctant or forced. It should come from thoughtful, willing hearts.

We are not asking for compulsion. We are inviting prayer, reflection, and a shared commitment to the future of the Corps.

If we address this together now, we can help avoid much harder decisions in the years ahead.

What You Can Do

Please take time to prayerfully reflect on whether and how you may be able to support the Corps in a way that is right for you.

- Pray about your giving.
- Reflect honestly on whether you could adjust it.

If we all take responsibility together, we can help ensure Boscombe Corps continues to be a blessing to this community for years to come.

For Those Who Like to See The Numbers

Apr 25 - Mar 26	
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Expenditure	
Officer Allowances and Staff Salaries	-£ 68,730
Quarters Costs	-£ 6,550
Insurance	-£ 10,734
Corps Utilities	-£ 13,666
Corps Building/Maintenance	-£ 14,127
Printing and Administration	-£ 6,750
Travel/Accommodation	-£ 1,603
Courses	-£ 1,340
Food & Catering	-£ 5,219
Teaching and Resources	-£ 1,313
Centage	-£ 12,906
Others	-£ 3,018
Reserve Transfers	-£ 4,100
Music Licence	-£ 1,666
Total Expenditure	-£ 151,723
Deficit	-£ 13,122



How did you find the heat last week? The one thing that the heatwave forced me to do was to slow down, because normal pace was too hard to maintain in the rising temperatures!

I got to reflecting on this and I think there are so many benefits to slowing down, especially when it comes to our prayer life and faith.

This week let's try and focus on slowing down and taking it all in with God.

Monday 29 June – Slowing down can heighten your senses as you become more aware of your surroundings. Try to slow down today and see what else you notice about your surroundings, what is God wanting to say to you through your senses? What can you hear, what can you see and taste that you don't normally notice?

Tuesday 30 June – In your stillness, you can hear God's voice clearly – listen for God's voice in a moment of quiet today.

'My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me' (John 10:27)

Wednesday 1 July – Going slower can make you feel more intentional about using your time well for God. In all things, seek his Kingdom.

'But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you' (Matthew 6:33).

Thursday 2 July – Spiritual growth is a slow journey – God's timing is perfect.

'But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint' (Isaiah 40:31).



Friday 3 July – Psalm 46:10 says *'Be still, and know that I am God'*. Listen to the hymn *'Be Still and Know'*.

*Be still and know that He is God
Be still and know that He is holy
Be still, oh restless soul of mine
Bow before the Prince of Peace
Let the noise and clamour cease.*

Saturday 4 July - What areas of your life feel most rushed? What do you wish you had more time for? Pray to God about these things.

Sunday 5 July – Join me in this prayer:

Sovereign Lord, creator of time and space, may you help us to slow down in these coming days, help us to use our time well and to make space for You in our walk of life.

When days feel fast paced and overwhelming, slow us down. When things are busy and hectic, remind us of your perfect timing.

Help us to be wise with our time, help us to be intentional with our time and show us how best to prioritise You.

Amen.

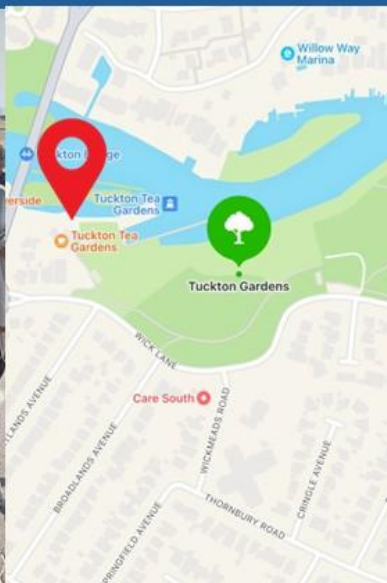
This week's Prayer Matters have been compiled by Jess Main

Heart and SOLE!

BOSCOMBE CORPS WALKING FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Meet at 10am at
Tuckton Tea Gardens
for a stroll along
Stour River
(see map)

**SATURDAY
4 JULY**



Boscombe Band of The Salvation Army
invite you to

*Listen to
the band*

Starts at
7.30pm

**Live from Bournemouth
Pinewalk Bandstand on**

**Friday 10 July
Friday 17 July**



The Salvation Army
BOSCOMBE
Palmerston Road

**We look forward to
seeing you there!**

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION SUNDAY



SUNDAY 12TH JULY @ 11AM

**Come and join us for Party Chaos
at the Celebration Station!**

Three planners, one mission, a truth they soon see
God's family party is for you and for me!



PARTY CLOTHES WELCOME!

**DRESS TO CELEBRATE AND SHINE LIKE THE BRIGHT STARS
GOD MADE YOU TO BE**

**Saturday
Night Quiz**

SATURDAY 18 JULY

6.30PM

QUIZ ~ GAMES ~ FUN

*Refreshments and
snacks available at a
reasonable price*