



# Chatham Chatter

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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Hello and welcome to our weekly Chatham Chatter. I do hope that you find this way of communication useful as I send it out each week and hope that it is read and used in many ways; for prayer, thought and instruction.

Well, where did that week go? Today is Harvest - we are celebrating in a somewhat different way. As we have been giving out the Bags of Hope since March, over 7,000, it has made me think how fortunate we are in Chatham. No one need go without, whoever they are. On Tuesdays, the homeless, the vulnerable and those on low income all queue to get a hot meal and a bag of groceries to help them through the week. Truly, I do not think we know what it is to want – and yet there are many who do not thank God for his bounty. I'm not sure if you do, but we always say Grace before a meal. We thank God for His provision, care and love for us and we usually end our grace prayer with also thanking God for the cook! (Always a good thing to do!) In my parents' day the 'Harvest' would be 'Brought Home' and there would be grateful thanks for good weather and a good harvest. Sometimes we forget – the news is about shelves empty of toilet rolls, whilst in reality we have all we need and more.

So we will have a virtual Harvest parade of goods on Sunday and songs chosen by many of you and a thought around John 6:5-15 about the boy, the loaves and fishes and the abundance of Gods provision to us all, even though we may feel all we have is very little. May God continue to bless and keep you all safe and well.

See you Sunday 10am



### **Please pray this prayer:**

*Father God, I pray for my church today, that you will fill each of us with your joy and peace, and that, in our worship online and at home, our fellowship and mission will overflow with hope, by the power of your Holy Spirit, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

With the new Covid restrictions now being put in place we are reminded that it is the responsibility of each of us to preserve the safety of others. Ask God to guide you each day to appreciate that life is precious and that we are all special to Him.

It is six months since we last met for worship and we feel out of touch with all those we used to meet on a regular basis. Ask God to bring to mind any of our friends who need encouragement and prayers just now. Whilst we have no detailed information to share, God knows exactly what is happening in our lives. Please, in your prayers, think of those who are struggling with health problems who have been mentioned individually in previous notices. We all need encouragement to make the most of every day and to live the life that God inspires us to live.

Bless each one of you who is receiving this Chatham Chatter. Bless the Salvation Army and the volunteers who are serving communities in all parts of the world.

*Please let Jean know of any urgent prayer requests for the supportive prayers of the Prayer Chain. Email her on [jeanmjones86@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jeanmjones86@yahoo.co.uk) or text on 07787718273.*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Zoom Sunday school is back – please ask Tracy for details to join in.

### BIBLE READING FOR THIS SUNDAY

To help with your thoughts and to be able to have pre-knowledge of the reading this Sunday, we will be reading from **John 6:5-13**



**\*\* JUNIOR SOLDERS NEWS \*\***  
**CONGRATULATIONS to:.....**

**KATELYN, Platinum/Crest AWARD**

**JOAN, SILVER AWARD**

**RONNIE, SILVER AWARD**

**ISABELLA, BRONZE AWARD**

**SHIRLEY, BRONZE AWARD**

Well done to Sam (Junior Soldiers Sergeant) and the team for the excellent support to our young people.

### **THQ**

To keep up with The Salvation Army throughout the territory - click the link;

<https://www.youtube.com/user/salvationarmyvideo>

The Salvation Army Youtube Channel

<https://youtu.be/Nv4OsGF8Ah4>



### **VIDEO MESSAGE FROM THE TERRITORIAL COMMANDER**

'It's my prayer that we will all know what it is to be free' says Commissioner Anthony Cotterill in

his message to the Territory. Watch on YouTube

<https://youtu.be/pKTNi0pmvPc>

### **WATCH AGAIN: WELCOME TO NEW CADETS**

Watch again on [YouTube channel](#) as Cadets of the Messengers of Reconciliation were officially welcomed to William Booth College on Saturday 26 September. The meeting, led by Territorial leaders Commissioners Anthony and Gillian Cotterill, includes a Bible teaching from Chief Secretary Colonel Lee Graves.

### **ONLINE TERRITORIAL CONGRESS**

Although our gathering in Newport was cancelled, you can be part of the experience by watching Congress meetings online. Watch live on [youtube.com/salvationarmyvideo](https://www.youtube.com/salvationarmyvideo) on Saturday 24 October at 3pm and on Sunday 25 October at 9am, with Chief of the Staff & Commissioner Lyndon and Bronwyn Buckingham (IHQ) supported by our Territorial Leaders.

### **PRINCIPLES GUIDING OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE**

Like many others, the territory is learning to adapt to the constantly changing environment. Watch <https://vimeo.com/461439964/52a2f7e1ed> where Lieut-Colonel Dean Pallant explains the principles The Salvation Army is using to make decisions. This is not a time for us to retreat but equally our aim must be to 'do no harm'. A longer article explaining the principles will be published in *Salvationist* this week.

**\*\*\*\*HOT OFF THE PRESS\*\*\*\***



### **SA CLOTHING BANK**

As from this coming Thursday, the Corps are to have a SA Clothing Bank sited outside the hall for the public to donate clothes. There will be regular financial donations made to the Corps for allowing this service.

### **RAH CAROL CONCERT**

The Royal Albert Hall has agreed to move TSA booking for the Territorial Carol Concert to the new date next year of Wednesday 8 December 2021. For this Christmas, there will be a virtual Territorial Carol Concert, to be available online via YouTube, comprising highlight features from previous years' concerts, alongside new pieces and celebrity readings. This is currently in production and a time and date for the launch will be advertised and announced in due course.

### **GENERAL BRIAN PEDDLE**



**General Brian Peddle** is on Facebook and Twitter and gives very encouraging updates daily of what is going on around the SA world including thoughts and prayers. Facebook & Twitter @GeneralBPeddle. Also Twitter @SalvArmyIHQ

Hear the General's message on International Peace Day 2020. The General says: *'Please join us in praying for peace, particularly in these challenging days'*

<https://www.facebook.com/GeneralBPeddle/videos/330973588169509/>

### **SIGN UP NOW FOR 2021 LONDON MARATHON**

After months of intensive work and consultation with London's authorities, the organisers of the Virgin Money London Marathon have finalised plans for the 40th Race. It will be virtual, and this is how it works  
When: Sunday 4th October 0000 – 2359  
Where: A location or route of your choice  
How: Run the distance of the marathon – 26.2 miles over the course of 24 hours.  
What do you get? Your official running number, an App to record your miles – and which also has commentary relating to what you would see along the route, a finisher's medal when you have completed the course – and a much-coveted finisher's T-shirt

Who can take part? Anyone who had a place in the 2020 race or who had deferred to 2021 will automatically have the option of taking part; but as there will inevitably be some people who do not want to take up their place for whatever reason, you can register your interest in taking part, [challenge@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:challenge@salvationarmy.org.uk) and we will be in touch as and when places become available.

### **BOOK YOUR PLACE: ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON 2021**

The ballot for this event in April 2021 is now open. Run for a reason and join Team Sally Army as you take in four of London's stunning eight Royal Parks. Go to <https://royalparkshalf.com/>

### **CORPS OFFERINGS, DONATIONS**

Don't forget the Just-Giving page to enable you to give your weekly collections and donations

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/chatham-citadel>

If members of the public, your neighbours, friends etc. wish to donate to the Corps please direct them to this link or they can send in donations using a cheque and posting to the Hall for the attention of the CO.

### **CORPS TREASURER**

All cartridges, collections, donations etc: please send a cheque (cheques should be made payable to The Salvation Army) and posted to the hall (Church Street, Chatham, ME4 4BT). Please remember to write your cartridge number on the reverse of the cheque. Or you can pay by BACS ask the CT for details.

**Also, if you have SA papers can you make payments (inc Cheques) separate for all other payments at the Corps, if you wish to know how much you owe please contact Trevor Grant.**

**You have not received Harvest Envelopes this year, but if you wish to give a Harvest/Autumn Gift please pay into the JustGiving page (see above) or make a cheque payable to TSA and send to the Quarters or the Hall. Thank You.**

### **LET US BE RESPONSIBLE CHRISTIANS**

*I RECEIVED THIS MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH EXECUTIVE TO CIRCULATE AMONG OUR CONGREGATIONS.*

Dear Ian

We are asking you all to download the NHS Covid19 App and share the communications to encourage others to download it as the simplest way to help protect those we love.

The NHS COVID-19 App is part of the large scale coronavirus (COVID-19) testing and contact tracing programme and will be used, alongside traditional contact tracing, to notify users

if they come into contact with someone who later tests positive for coronavirus – helping to keep us all safer. The NHS COVID-19 App alerts people at risk of coronavirus, asking them to isolate before they potentially pass the virus on to others as well as providing local area alerts and QR venue check-in. The app will help the NHS understand if the virus is spreading in a particular area, and so local authorities can respond quickly to stop it spreading further and save lives. The app does this while protecting a user's anonymity. Nobody, including the government, will know who or where a particular user is.

As ever we thank you all for your support

<https://coronavirusresources.phe.gov.uk/the-nhs-covid-19-app/resources/>

### **'BAGS OF HOPE' AND MEALS**

We continue this much needed service on Monday and Friday giving out Bags of Hope. We are grateful to the Medway Sunlight Rotary Club who give us referrals and help with delivery for those unable to leave the house due to shielding, age or infirmity. **Can you think of someone who could do with a Bag of Hope?** Also, our weekly meals continue from the front door of the hall, giving support to the most vulnerable of our society.

### **LOOK AHEAD TO INTERFAITH WEEK: 8-15 NOVEMBER**

At this time of Covid-19, Interfaith Week is ever more important, helping people to continue to come together; make new links and friendships; educate against prejudice and hatred; and volunteer together to help others. You will find ideas for socially distanced and online activities at

[www.interfaithweek.org/resources/ideas](http://www.interfaithweek.org/resources/ideas) and these can be modified for your use.

### **INFORMATION FROM MEDWAY COUNCIL**

Please be advised that as per previous years, Medway Council-run car parks in the town centres will offer free parking in the run up to Christmas.

This year, there will be 4 free Christmas parking days running from 17<sup>th</sup> December to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020.



### **Rotary help for PYO Rainham Community Orchard**

Lower Bloors Lane on junction with Lower Rainham Road Rainham ME8 7TR

**Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th October 10am - 4pm.**

In July 2014 Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT) Corporate Ambassador Hamish Mackay Miller, Publisher of The Net Mag-

azine, recruited a band of volunteers to rescue five acres of overgrown apple orchard in Lower Rainham. Agreement was reached with the orchard's owner that the volunteers would run it both as a productive orchard and for the benefit of wildlife. Each autumn the orchard is opened up to the community for Pick Your Own apples - **£1 per Kilo** - all proceeds from the sale of apples is donated to KWT.

The PYO days have helped to involve the local community in the project and to recruit more volunteers. Any apples left are sent to Owletts Fruit Juice who turn it into litre bottles of juice which sell for £3.00

### **ON YOUR DAILY JOURNEY**

As part of your daily devotions let's pray the **A to Z prayer**. Each day I will give you a letter from the alphabet. Please use this letter to pray for members of the Corps with this initial, friends, family and neighbours and why not let them know that they have been prayed for, an email, note through the door or letter. Let's make a difference by praying for each other. Can you imagine the difference that will make.

### **Monday Isaiah 43:11-12**

*"I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no Saviour. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed -- I, and not some foreign God among you. You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, "that I am God."*

#### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

1 Peter 2 reminds us that we are here as witnesses to "declare the praises of him who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light." We have seen and experienced God's saving work. We are recipients of his blessing. We are the people who anticipate his mighty deliverance yet to come. How can we remain silent? How can we remain bitter, pessimistic, or discouraged? The God who made the tomb empty and made the corpse our living Lord is our God and he is mighty to save. He is our Saviour!

#### **A - MY PRAYER...**

O Mighty God, I confess that I slip so easily into my day-to-day rut that I grow immune to the joy and excitement of your salvation. Give me eyes to see and a voice to tell of your glorious deeds, your mighty works, and your answered promises. I believe you are leading me to glory, so help me show and share that glory with those who do not know you as God, Saviour, and King. Through Jesus I pray. Amen.

### **Tuesday Deuteronomy 13:4**

*It is the Lord your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him.*

#### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

So many people want us to follow their lead and obey their voice. But God has proved himself faithful and loving through the ages. In his might he is to be revered. But rather than seeing reverence as a "church thing," we are reminded by Moses it is a "life thing." We are to obey and keep his commandments, and we are to serve him and depend upon him in our daily lives. Rather than silence in the assembly, reverence is action to his glory!

#### **B - MY PRAYER...**

Holy and Righteous Father, help me take my worship outside the church building into my day to day life as I try to live what I sing, practice what I say, and pursue what I pray. In Jesus name. Amen.

### **Wednesday Proverbs 19:20-21**

*Listen to advice and accept instruction and in the end you will be wise. Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.*

#### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

"Man proposes, heaven disposes." Most of us rush to give advice and make grandiose plans. The wise man reminds us that wisdom comes from submitting to instruction for a significant period of time and then, only at the end of long listening, does it come. If you are like me, you would do much better to let your plans ripen a bit more in the light of the Lord before you launch into them. I am comforted that James, the wisdom writer of the New Testament, reminds us that God will give that wisdom if we seek it and not doubt.

#### **C - MY PRAYER...**

Almighty God, teach me your ways and help me discern your paths for my life. I have so many plans and schemes, but I know if they are not from you, they will not stand. Lead me to your wisdom and I pledge to you that I will not only seek to know it, but also seek to live it. Through Jesus I pray. Amen.

### **Thursday Psalms 62:8**

*Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.*

#### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

It is so hard to share the secrets of our hearts with anyone. We want to keep our secret failings, embarrassments, and sins hidden, fearing others would reject us and we would shame ourselves. But hidden sin is only hidden from us, not from our Father. Hidden sin festers in our hearts and drives a wedge between us and the God who would forgive us and empower us to triumph over it if only we would pour out our hearts to him, because he is our refuge.

### **D - MY PRAYER...**

Loving Father and Holy God, today I want to confess to you several things on my heart. Father, I am afraid for others to know that I have..... Holy God, I have sinned and ask your forgiveness for..... Eternal Lord, I get anxious about..... You alone are my refuge and strength. I trust these confessions with you and ask that you strengthen me by the power of your Holy Spirit not to fall into these same traps again and again. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

### **Friday Proverbs 3:5-6**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

When things are tough, I find it easy to call on God and lean on his mercy and grace. He's my ripcord Saviour. But I must confess, when I'm revelling in his blessings and things are going well, I am so much like the Israelites and forget to acknowledge that all the blessings I have and all the opportunities I have received come because of his grace. In my joy and success, I need to learn to acknowledge him.

### **E - MY PRAYER...**

Gracious Father, every good thing I have in my life has come because of you. The family I have been blessed with, the protection I have received, the values that I hold, the successes I have enjoyed, the hope I have, the salvation I have received, and the future I anticipate are all mine because of your grace and not my goodness. Thank you! Thank you! Through Jesus I thank you more! Amen.

### **Saturday Jeremiah 29:11**

*"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

When Israel lay devastated in the face of a ruthless enemy that would rob all glory and strip bare the very soul of God's people, God issued his promise. While the destruction visited upon them was in response to their rebellion and sin, God's punishment wasn't punitive alone, but redemptive. In their destruction, God promised prosperity, hope, and a future. Just as a doctor must cause pain when he sets a broken bone so it may heal, God's discipline is not capricious but curative and ultimately life-giving.

### **F - MY PRAYER...**

In my struggles, O Lord, help me find your grace -- not in the relief of struggle and pain, but in redemption and change to your glory. By your grace and through my Saviour I say it. Amen.

### **Sunday Romans 12:2**

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

### **THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...**

Don't be moulded by the world. Wow, isn't that a tough one to obey? It's a reminder that what we think is one of the places of greatest spiritual warfare. Sloppy thinking is more than sloppy, it's dangerous because we are fed messages constantly that distort God's truth and holy values. But rather than being incensed by the world acting like the world, let's be transformed by renewing our minds and doing what Paul said he did -- take every thought, every word, captive for Christ. We often think a tithe is giving ten percent of our money, but an even more vital tithe is giving ten percent of our thought time totally to the things of God!

### **G - MY PRAYER...**

O Lord, please guard my soul from pride, my heart from callousness, and my mind from too much focus on unimportant things and not enough on your things. Teach me in my heart what it means to be about my Father's business, especially in the world of my thoughts!

Through Jesus, my greatest example of time spent with you. Amen.

God bless you all - Please be safe.



## Ian F Payne – Major

Below is an article to be published in the *Salvationist* on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October, I felt it was worth sharing through the *Chatter* as it will encourage and inform us all.

### Communicating Principles in a Pandemic Lieut-Colonel Dean Pallant, Secretary for Communications

Hello. I am Dean Pallant and I head up the communications team for The Salvation Army in the UK, Ireland, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. 2020 has been quite a year – the coronavirus has challenged us in so many ways.

The impossible became reality. The world has locked down. Fit, healthy friends caught the virus and died. Some survived after months in hospital but are still struggling to get back to full health. We have learnt the hard way that COVID-19 is not a disease to ignore. This virus spreads when people spend time together. This makes it a particularly tricky enemy.

For more than 150 years, even during war time, The Salvation Army has encouraged people to meet. God created us to be social beings. We were not created for 'social distancing'. The life of The Salvation Army depends on people meeting together in worship, Bible study, prayer meetings, music rehearsals, serving at the lunch club, selling the *War Cry* and *Kids Alive!* on the street, meeting people for a pastoral visit or chatting over a cup of tea. The Salvation Army is all about relationships – with God, with each other, with our neighbours, with strangers. Army life is under attack from this dangerous little COVID-19 virus.

Like many others, the territory is learning to adapt to the constantly changing environment. Just when we think we've settled a matter; a new piece of government guidance or new challenges emerges. Communicating during COVID has not been easy but there has

been great support across the territory. Local and divisional leadership teams have proven time and time again to be flexible, agile and creative in finding new ways to serve God and people. Salvationists have been very patient, resilient and full of grace with each other – most of the time! Ministry has continued, relationships have been sustained online and in many other creative ways. The Salvation Army has stepped up across the territory – and across the world – to the glory of God.

However, more than eight months into this pandemic, people are getting tired. As a second wave of infections appears on the horizon, all we want is to 'get back to normal'. We want to restart corps programmes because people need to be together. People are suffering. Mental and spiritual health is being damaged. The cost of lockdown is not only financial – there is a relational and spiritual cost which is worrying many of us. Unfortunately, it does not seem we are 'getting back to normal' anytime soon. Instead of government guidance being relaxed, many parts of the territory are under stricter rules to try and slow down the spread of the virus. It's immensely frustrating but this is our reality.

Communication is very important. We need to listen and appreciate the new challenges we are having to confront. It is easy to get the 'wrong end of the stick' so we need to spend time double checking we have understood each other. Over the past eight months, the senior territorial leaders with specialist advisers have met regularly to pray and seek God's wisdom to navigate these challenging times. This group is known as Gold. At the beginning of the pandemic it was every day, seven days a week. In recent months, Gold has been twice or more a week. We have been supported by an operational team (Silver) comprising THQ, DHQ and some corps leaders who have met with similar regularity to develop policy and consider operational challenges. There have also been regular video conferences between territorial and divisional leaders.

Out of these discussions have emerged a set of principles that have guided our decision making. We have needed these principles to ensure the territory has coherent and consistent approach. We are sharing them with you in the hope that they will explain how the Army is moving forward in these challenging times.

The first principle is prayer. Every Gold meeting starts at noon with a time of intercession for the pandemic ravaged world and seeking divine guidance. The Salvation

Army is first and foremost God's idea and we can have great confidence in the future if we rely on God's grace and strength in these trying days.

The second principle is to ensure The Salvation Army is playing its part in fighting the virus, saving lives and caring for people hit hardest by the pandemic. This is not a time for the Army to retreat but neither is it a time to be reckless. People who would have never expected to need help from The Salvation Army are contacting corps and centres up and down the territory. It seems likely that the demands upon us will increase in coming months. We must be agile, creative and serve those who need us but without causing the virus to spread and the problems to escalate. 'Do no harm' has been the priority for medical doctors down the ages and we need to accept such wisdom in this pandemic.

There is a third principle. We have, at least, seven jurisdictions providing guidance across our territory – the Channel Islands, England, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales. In recent weeks, there are additional local lockdown regulations. Trying to set one policy at THQ is impossible. Therefore, the third principle we have adopted is 'follow the government guidance'. This principle is not always easy to follow when political leaders disagree with each other and sometimes the advice from health experts is confusing. However, whenever leadership have considered diverging from government guidance it has led to greater confusion and uncertainty. So, if you are ever in doubt, follow your government's guidance. It is tempting to try and find ways around the rules, but this is self-defeating. When we ignore the law, we are putting our health – and the lives of other people – at serious risk.

The fourth principle is to encourage local decision making. The UKI is a large territory with more than 600 corps plus all the residential centres and many other social services. Decisions need to be taken as close to the local situation as possible. Leadership understands that making complex decisions is not easy. Therefore, THQ has produced several 'Risk Assessment' documents to help local leaders consider the key issues and government guidance. Every Risk Assessment must be approved by DHQ before any activity at a corps recommences. THQ is neither encouraging nor discouraging activities. If government guidance is being followed, local leaders are best placed to make these decisions in consultation with their respective line managers.

There is a particularly controversial part of government guidance that is causing lots of discussion and concern. Should people over 70 be discouraged from coming to the Army? Many corps have people in this age group and our loyal saints are particularly unhappy to be told to stay home and avoid social contact. Be assured, your frustration is heard and felt at THQ. However, the sad truth is that COVID-19 discriminates! The older you are, the greater your risk.

We know many older Salvationists are desperate to get corps open again. Territorial leaders are so grateful for your passion and commitment but are also concerned for your well-being. Please do not feel it is your duty to put yourself in harms' way. Government guidance warns of increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19, for people over 70, and people with an underlying medical condition. Individuals who fall within these group are advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if they do go out, to take particular care to minimise contact with people outside of their household. Territorial leaders have decided not to 'ban' any specific group of people from an Army activity. Corps leaders, in consultation with DHQ, will have to decide if a specific activity is too risky. This will depend on government guidance applicable at that time, the specific situation including the people involved in the activity.

Finally, another tough question: Are governments penalising people of faith while pubs, restaurants, shops and businesses are being encouraged to open? Such reasonable concerns have been raised with UK Government officials in meetings I've attended recently. I don't believe we are being ignored. Many countries are facing difficult competing choices. How do we slow down the virus and save lives but not cause greater harm to society, the economy and people's wellbeing?

God bless the politicians who must make these very complicated judgments. As Christians we are part of society. We should not expect special treatment. In fact, as Paul wrote in Philippians 2: 3-5 'Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus' (NIV).

Friends, let's follow these principles in the coming months – keep praying; care for those who need it most; follow your government's guidance; support local

leaders who have to make difficult decisions; protect the vulnerable and together we will move forward from this pandemic a stronger, more Christ-like, Salvation Army.