



Chatham Chatter



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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.

My first comment today is to thank Lt Col Judith for leading us in worship last Sunday - thoughtful and challenging in the times that we are in. Also, it was Remembrance Sunday and under the Covid restrictions was very different. I want to thank Charlie and Nigel for representing us at Victoria Gardens and the Band being part of the virtual music beforehand. Also, I led the service at Rochester for the Mayor and I am grateful to Chris who accompanied me and played the Last Post and Reveille. On Saturday I led a service with the Mayor at the French War Memorial at St George's Centre. Thank you to one and all.

This week I am focusing my thoughts around Ephesians 3:14-21, 'I kneel before the Father'. That phrase has some significance that I will be sharing. What is our relationship like with our heavenly Father, especially in these days of isolation, lockdown and challenge as we believe, 'Nothing can separate us'?

As we come to a special time of the year which, again, for us will be like no other we have experienced, let us look at new ways to engage and give the message when it is not necessarily how we have always done it. It is a time to stop, think, look, kneel and ask. For indeed, God's love and presence for each and every one of us is beyond our wildest imaginings.

PRAYER REQUESTS



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.

We pray that during this time of lockdown we may feel God's presence and allow Him to guide us each day, remembering His promise to be with us and that we are all special to Him.

Pray for those who will find the next three weeks to be difficult to cope with, for whatever reason, but pray that these actions will be effective in bringing down the numbers of people affected by Covid19.

Ask God to bring to mind any of our friends who need encouragement and prayers just now. Please, in your prayers, think of those who are struggling with health problems who have been mentioned individually in previous notices.

We need to pray for our world and especially the leaders of our country and the USA in these troubling times.

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 or text on 07787718273.



God bless you as you seek Him and His direction with all your hearts

Ian F Payne Major

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Zoom Sunday this morning – please ask Tracy for details to join in.

THANK-YOU



Chris Boughton writes:

'I would be grateful if you could put a quick 'thank you' in this week's Chatham Chatter to thank Corps

folk/friends that supported me in my recent running challenge. I completed just over 139k in the month of October as part of the Breast Cancer Now 100k challenge for Breast Cancer month. I managed to raise £750 (at present) for the Charity Breast Cancer Now. A big Thank You to everyone who has supported and encouraged me along the way. Chris'

CHRISTMAS BAGS OF HOPE

Again, this year we are asking you to bring hope to many people this Christmas – collect the items on the list, put them in a Bag for Life and bring them to the Hall on the times shown. If you are unable to shop (each bag costs £25), why not make a donation on our Just Giving page with the reference 'Hope' and someone will go and buy the bag on your behalf – or you can send a cheque to the hall. Last year we gave out over 130 bags – there are many in our community struggling due to Covid19. Help us make Christmas a little easier for them.

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

if you require any further details please contact Sam.

Splinter9@blueyonder.co.uk

CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

We will be having a Christmas Toy Appeal this year. Between now and the date on the poster why not buy a gift for a child, between 1 to 18 and bring it to the hall on one of the dates mentioned, unwrapped. Again, this year we can make a big difference to many children's lives on Christmas Day. If you would sooner give a donation, again, please make this on the Justgiving page or send to the Hall and a toy will be bought to give. If you require any further information please contact Wendy. 07368 629792 or

paulscoulding@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS DAY AT CHATHAM SA

Christmas Day at Chatham SA will be very different this year. At present, we will be unable to have guests in the hall for lunch which has been run by the Medway Sunlight Rotary Club, so this year we will be providing a full Christmas Day Lunch in a Hamper plus a tea and surprise for each person. All the recipient will have to do is heat the food in an oven or microwave. They will be delivered by volunteers. Can I ask you to consider the following;

Could you be a volunteer to deliver a couple of hampers on Christmas Day (between 9am & 2pm)?

Do you have the name of a person who would welcome a hamper? Please let me have their details.

Contact Grace using the details above or let Major Ian know.

IF YOU WANT POSTERS/INVITATIONS ETC FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PLEASE CONTACT MAJOR IAN.

SOUTH EAST DIVISIONAL ADVENT PRAISE

Sunday 29th November 10am

To be streamed Live from ChathamSA YouTube

CHATHAM CORPS VIRTUAL CHOIR

The Songsters are putting together a virtual choir video of the song "Under His Wings" and would like to extend the opportunity to anyone from the corps who would like to join in. You will receive the music/words, and a conducting video to sing along to, and can then record yourself singing your part on a phone/tablet. We will then be putting all the video recordings together to create a virtual choir! A great way to enjoy music and bring us together during this second lockdown. If you'd like to take part please contact David Lockwood

on dave4724@btinternet.com.

SONGSTERS DESERT ISLAND DISCS

If you go to www.chathamsa.org.uk and click on the Chatham Chatter button, then 'Other news' you will find the 'Songsters Desert Island Discs' which is a weekly choice of music by individual members of the Songster Brigade - get clicking.

CHATHAMSA CLOTHING BANK

We now have a ChathamSA 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. You can let people know that this service is available 24/7. People should be discouraged from leaving additional bags on the ground by the bank.



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 17th December to 20th December 2020.

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 from all other payments at the Corps. If you wish to know how much you owe please contact Trevor Grant.

CORPS FUNDRAISING DONATIONS

Don't forget the Just-Giving page is available to enable members of the public to give 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.



NHS COVID QR CODE

ANYONE COMING INTO THE HALL MUST USE THE QR CODE (EXAMPLE ON LEFT) AS A PART OF THE NHS APP TRACK AND TRACE - THESE WILL BE LOCATED BY ALL DOORWAYS INTO THE BUILDING. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE APP ON A PHONE YOU MUST CONTACT MAJOR IAN TO MAKE AN ARRANGEMENT TO COME TO THE HALL.

WATCHOUT FOR THE

**Virtual Christmas Connect Carol Service
SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER
Chatham Band making an appearance**



FURTHER DETAILS GO TO:

<https://christmasconnect.org.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Christmas-Connect-104428934346190/?ti=as>

YOUTH ALPHA

Mike Dare the Church Army Youth Worker for Chatham – part of the Churches Together in Chatham is offering a Youth Alpha Course for those who wish to be involved, started on Sunday 8th November 5pm – 6pm - the link is https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/EWD_C2Rj9uE653xHn5K1W?domain=eventbrite.co.uk or for further details please contact mike on mike.dare@churcharmy.org. It's not too late to join in.

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>



TERRITORIAL LEADER VIDEO MESSAGE

“Whatever our circumstances, we’re invited to do what we can to help each other through these challenging times.” Commissioner Gill Cotterill reminds us that the call to love each other is one of the most important things we can do. Watch here on YouTube <https://youtu.be/LCrbe9DaF-8>

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

INTERVIEW WITH THE GENERAL

International leader General Brian Peddle kicks off Season Two of the All Terrain podcast, the monthly interview series created by The Salvation Army Youth & Children's Ministries Unit. Listen on [Apple podcasts](#), [Spotify](#) and [Podbean](#) or see more details on [Salvation Army website](#).

MODERN SLAVERY AND COVID

Lockdown measures mean that once again fewer people are out and about and able to assist with spotting signs of slavery and reporting suspicions to the authorities or helping The Salvation Army get support to victims of this awful crime. The Home Office has asked us to share a flyer the about what to look for and who to contact. (See end of the chatter)

We particularly urge those of you in frontline roles, such as working in local foodbanks, to take note of tell-tale signs that someone could be a victim of modern slavery and be alert. During the last lockdown people were rescued and brought to safety through the vigilance and sensitive actions of individuals in local Salvation Army centres.

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.



STAY ALERT TO ONLINE SCAMS

As the popularity of online shopping has increased, so have the risks and frequency of people trying to scam you out of your money or steal your card details. Ahead of Black Friday (27 November) and Cyber Monday (30 November), Information Security Officer Kuheli Roy-Sakar explains what you can do to be alert and protect yourself. Read the Article at the end of the Chatham Chatter.

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/>

BBC RADIO FEATURES STORY OF NEW RELEASE OF 'IN DARKEST ENGLAND: 130 YEARS ON'

Lt-Col Dean Pallant spoke with 14 different BBC Local Radio stations on Sunday about The Salvation Army's new book 'In Darkest England: 130 Years On' The book is a revisit of William Booth's original 'In Darkest England and the Way Out' and looks at ways Booth's principals on social action are still relevant in today's society. Talking on BBC Radio Essex, Lt-Col Pallant said: "The new book looks internationally, because 150 years on now, The Salvation Army works in 130 different countries. But what I think Booth would be amazed at, is that his principals are still relevant around the world, as well as in the UK.

"We currently look at a pretty dark England, and we're worried about the future, but what Booth would be saying to us is remember to love God and love your neighbour. Those were his two keys messages.

"The book looks at lots of different examples in the UK and around the world of how those principals are still being used today."

Booth's book sold over 10,000 copies on its first day after release. In it, he proposed ideas around hostels for the homeless, skills workshops, job centres for the unemployed, and more.

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 Psalms 95:1-2

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Joy knows no better explanation than laughter and song. We sing to the Lord because we are joyful! Our music is not inhibited or held back, but exuberant and as full of sound as it is of heart. Thanksgiving brings us into the Father's presence and it is our joy at being saved that leads us to sing.

O - MY PRAYER...

O most wonderful and glorious God, thank you so much for saving me from sin, death, law, and futility. Thank you for saving me and giving me the assurance, through your **Holy Spirit**, that I can come before you with exuberant and overflowing joy. Your love and grace have not only given me hope but have made me your child. Hear my heart and be blessed by my songs of praise. Through Jesus I pray and because of Jesus I will shout your praise forever and ever. Amen.

Tuesday 1 Corinthians 1:4-5

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way - in all your speaking and in all your knowledge.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

The apostle Paul was amazing. He is writing one of the most problematic churches and yet finds reasons to give thanks for them. First, he is thankful for them because Jesus died for them. When God extends his grace to others, how can we not do the same? Second, he recognizes the areas of their abuse are also a reason to give thanks - they may have distorted it, but when reined in to honour God, these gifts could bless their church. Even though he has tough words to follow, Paul's example reminds us that a child of God is something to be cherished, even if they have problems.

P - MY PRAYER

Gracious Father, give me the heart to see reasons to be thankful for all of your children. I confess that it is often so easy for me to view others based on how they view! me, share my theological opinions, or how much trouble they cause me. Forgive me, for I know if you had done the same with me, I would have never been one of

your children. Please help me rejoice in your children. Through Jesus I pray. Amen.

Wednesday Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Peace - that illusive state of grace that incorporates all of life's well-being. Because of Jesus, we have true shalom -wellness in body, soul, and spirit. His relationships with others, his victory over sin, death and the grave insures that we can have peace, too! So as we receive the Spirit of Christ into our hearts, we can live with our brothers and sisters, no matter how flawed, in a state of peace. Besides, as Paul changes metaphors on us, we are the Body of Christ and of course a body does not want to be at war with itself. So live in peace with others, and do so with thanksgiving.

Q R - MY PRAYER...

Blessed Father of all believers, please give me a heart to love your people. I know as the character of Jesus permeates my life, I will appreciate the preciousness of each of your children more and will come to see those difficult family members as the grit out of which you will fashion my pearl. I pray you give me grace till my heart matches my commitment to love all of your children. Through Jesus I pray. Amen.

Thursday Psalms 100:4-5

Enter [the Lord's] gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Worship is always about entering - entering into grace, entering with thanksgiving, entering to share with others, but most of all entering into the Lord's presence in a special way. But our entering is not the basis of worship. Instead, worship is about the Lord's faithfulness, goodness, and enduring grace. We come to God like so many before us, who are waiting with God for us. We come to praise him for all he has been, all he is, and all he will be. We come to enter and worship.

S T - MY PRAYER...

Faithful God, the Almighty Rock of Israel, the God on whom the generations trusted, you alone, LORD, are God. I praise you for your enduring grace and mercy. I praise you because I want my heart tuned to your will. I praise you, because I want to prepare for my longest lifetime, the one in your presence. I praise you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Friday Colossians 2:6-7

Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Some things you don't change, swap, or update. In an age when computer processors make major leaps every few months and software companies release new upgrades every year, we get programmed into looking for the new and improved version of everything. The simple but profound truth is that Jesus is Lord. No update needed. No rival worthy. No change necessary. In fact, if we stray from this as the basis of our life, we put all we hold dear at risk. But if we continue, if we grow, if we root ourselves in this truth and make it the undergirding reality of our lives, then our future is secure and our victory assured!

U -V - MY PRAYER...

Holy God, I thank you for the simple, challenging and enduring truth of Jesus' Lordship. Through your Spirit, I pray that you will conform my life to more closely reflect his lordship in my work, my family, and daily influence. Through the Lord Jesus I pray. Amen.

Saturday Philippians 3:17

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. New International Version

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Everything! All! No matter what we say, no matter what we do, it is to be offered as a gift of thanks to God with Jesus' name, power, and honour attached! This makes all of life our worship and thanksgiving to God. There's no such thing as going to worship; if we live, if we talk, if we act it's worship. So how has your worship been lately?

W - X - MY PRAYER...

Almighty and Most Holy God, I want all of my life to be lived out to your glory, a living testament of thanks to you for the grace you have given me in Jesus. While I

do not always do this as well as I would like, I lovingly offer you my words, my actions, my heart and my mind to bring you glory by doing your will. Please, use your Spirit to remove the areas of self-deception from my life so that weakness and hypocrisy will not rob my discipleship of its intended worship of your majesty. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Sunday Hebrews 12:28

Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

We are receiving the triumphant and glorious victory of God in his Kingdom. We will join with the angels and the saints of old and live with the Father forever in victorious and never-ending joy. But this Kingdom doesn't begin just when Jesus returns. This Kingdom has started now in his Church, his people, those in whom God's will is cherished and obeyed. So our worship should be filled with awe that the holy God of Israel is also the lowly God in Jesus who has redeemed us and made us to be a holy people unto himself. What else can we do but worship with heartfelt thanksgiving and wonder-struck awe?

Y - Z - MY PRAYER...

Holy and Righteous Father, all things are yours. Thank you for sharing your blessings, your promises, your hope, and your victory with us in Jesus. Please help me to live a more thankful, victorious life before my unbelieving friends and as an example to my children so they may come to share your glorious Kingdom and ultimate victory. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

ARTICLE

STAY ALERT TO ONLINE SCAMS

As the popularity of online shopping has increased, so have the risks and frequency of people trying to scam you out of your money or steal your card details.

The season of shopping for gifts and presents is upon us. With the lockdown most of us have every reason to turn to the internet for all our purchases. The bargains are there. The selection is mind-boggling. The shopping is secure. Shipping is fast. Even returns are easy, with the right e-tailers. Shopping has never been easier or more convenient for consumers. And in the

age of Covid it's safer than going out even if you're fully masked and gloved.

But as the popularity of online shopping has increased, so have the risks, with more and more people trying to scam you out of your money or steal your card details. Thankfully, if you follow a few simple rules you can have a safe and secure online shopping experience.

Here are some simple ways to shop safely online you can use every day

Make sure you're buying from a reputable vendor and watch out for fake websites

Start at a trusted site. Search results can be rigged to lead you astray, especially when you drift past the first few pages of links. If you know the site, chances are it's less likely to be a rip-off.

Shop only on secured websites

Never buy anything online using your credit card from a site that doesn't have a locked padlock—at the very least. You'll know if the site is secured because the URL for the site will start with HTTPS—instead of just HTTP.

Credit card is always better than debit

When possible, it's always best to use a credit card when shopping online as it offers additional protection over other forms of payment. If a fraudulent purchase is made on your credit card, there's a good chance your bank will reimburse you straight away.

Double-check your credit card statements to catch fraud as soon as possible

Don't wait for your bill to come at the end of the month. Go online regularly, especially during the holiday season, to view electronic statements for your credit card and debit card.

Avoid public Wi-Fi when shopping

Public Wi-Fi requires no authentication to establish a network connection, allowing fraudsters direct access to any unsecured devices on the same open network. This enables hackers to steal valuable information such as login passwords, credit card info and other personal and financial details.

Avoid deals that are too good to be true

Our final tip for safe online shopping dates back, in its original form, to the late 16th Century... well before online shopping! And it's as true now, as it was then. Don't let excitement turn off your common sense, that's exactly the response the scammers are after! So, if something is telling you it doesn't seem right, steer clear.

Overall, Black Friday and Cyber Monday can be a fun time to get gifts for people you love (and yourself!), and with a little caution, you can keep your spirits high while avoiding falling victim to a cybersecurity attack.

Advent Praise

LET'S CELEBRATE THE COMING OF JESUS TOGETHER

Join us to mark the commencement of the Advent Season
with readings, prayers, drama, song and The Word
led by people from all around the division

Available on 'The Salvation Army South East Division' Facebook Page

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10am



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MODERN SLAVERY AND COVID-19: What to look out for and how to get help

Modern slavery is a harmful and hidden crime and its victims may be especially isolated and hidden from view during the COVID-19 outbreak. However, help and support is available for victims of modern slavery.

SPOT THE SIGNS OF MODERN SLAVERY

It can be challenging to identify a potential victim of modern slavery and potential victims may be reluctant or unable to come forward themselves. **That is why it is important for frontline staff to look out for signs of modern slavery.**

A potential victim of modern slavery may:

- Show signs that their movements are being controlled
- Show fear or anxiety
- Allow others to speak for them when addressed directly
- Look malnourished, unkempt or have untreated injuries
- Not be in possession of their passports or other travel documents, as these documents are being held by someone else
- Not have control of their own money or bank accounts
- Believe they must work against their will
- Be subjected to violence or threats of violence against themselves or against family members and loved ones

HELP AND SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS

- **Adults** can access a range of support across the UK if they give their consent to enter the National Referral Mechanism.
- **Children** receive support through Local Authorities. Any potential child victim must be referred to local children's services urgently, and a referral made to the National Referral Mechanism, once the child is safeguarded.



The Modern Slavery Act 2015 [Statutory Guidance](#) gives full details of the support available and how it can be accessed.

Only First Responders can refer potential victims to support. First Responders Organisations include the police, Local Authorities, UK Visas and Immigration, Border Force, Immigration Enforcement and specified non-governmental organisations (NGOs). **If you are not a First Responder, you can contact a First Responder Organisation, such as the police, or visit the QR code for a full list of organisations.**



Have you encountered someone who may be a potential victim of modern slavery? You don't need to be sure that modern slavery is taking place or fully understand the types and definitions to report your concerns. Call the police on 101 if you suspect modern slavery, or 999 if there is an immediate risk of harm. The Salvation Army's confidential 24/7 referral helpline on 0800 808 3733 will provide advice on getting support to potential victims.



For more information on COVID-19 and modern slavery follow the QR code or visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-victims-of-modern-slavery/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-victims-of-modern-slavery>