



Chatham Chatter



Chatham Citadel Corps

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Hello Friends and Welcome

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Well, where did that week go? And now we come to an exciting time in the life of Chatham Citadel as on Sunday we enrol Mike Gibbs as a soldier of our Corps. Mike, with Sheena, are people of great faith and prayer. They have both been involved in chaplaincy in so many ways, supporting and sharing prayer and faith with countless numbers of people. I am delighted that Mike, who came to the Corps over 30 years ago from the Methodist Church after marrying Sheena, now takes this further step in his faith journey.

He will make his

declaration, his promise, to be a true soldier of Jesus Christ, serving in the Salvation Army. His promises are to the Soldier's Covenant and doctrines of the Salvation Army (I have produced these at the end of the Chatham Chatter). When was the last time you read your Soldier's Covenant (Articles of War) or the doctrines, to renew in yourself the promises you made when you became a soldier? Maybe you have never made the promises as you are not a member. Why not consider this as you read them - pray them - apply them to your life.

The world is made up of promises and many are not kept or adhered to - but these promises we make to God and stand us out in our communities, our workplaces, our families, or at least they should do. It is no easy task for young people today when having to make choices, the world throws so much at them, as to what is right, good, wholesome, fun, enjoyable, but many are empty falsehoods. We have an answer that can meet all those attributes - it is found in Christ.

Pray for Mike this week, but pray for yourself as you look at the promises you make and pray for a person you know, that you want to encourage into faith, send a note, have a conversation, work on those God prompts in your life - it can make a difference to you and the person you encourage.

I look forward to sharing with you on Sunday in worship, challenge and rededication.

God bless you all as we worship together this Sunday - We serve a mighty God - Amen



Ian F Payne Major

PRAYER REMINDERS



Please pray this prayer:

Father God, I pray that today you will inspire us and 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.

- Pray for the family of Mike Cordner who was Promoted to Glory last week, that God will comfort them as they come through this difficult time.

- Pray for those who are suffering with health-related problems, especially Don and Trish as they deal with harsh medical treatments for Don and significant side effects. Pray that these will be successful.

There are probably others who we can't name but who need our prayers.

- Pray for the services which are provided to the community from our Hall on Mondays and Fridays with Bags of Hope and on Tuesday evenings - a meal for the needy.

- Pray for our Corps that we will encourage each other in our faith and wellbeing as we yearn to meet together again in worship.

- Pray for Major Ian that he will constantly know God's guidance as he leads our Corps and carries out his pastoral duties and that he will find daily renewal of his spirit in service.

- Pray for our new soldier, Mike, and ask God to guide more people to want to follow Jesus and serve God in the Salvation Army.

Please let Jean know of any urgent prayer requests for the supportive prayers of the Prayer Chain. Email her on jeanm1938@gmail.com or text on 07787718273.

If you would like to be included in the Prayer Chain for the purpose of praying for others who need urgent prayer, please email Jean on jeanm1938@gmail.com. God is answering our prayers.



Territorial Envoy Tony McClure

Certain aspects of the Christian life are easier to stick to than others. Some of us find some rules easier to obey than others. If we were to do a tick list of "Sins that I find it easy to avoid", I would say the ones at the top of the list would probably be the same with most of us. Looking at the Ten Commandments, most of the 'big' sins we find easy to avoid. It is the less blatant things which are often more challenging. I find it quite easy not to steal or commit adultery but I do find the whole thing of forgiveness challenging. I confess that at times I find forgiving a real challenge. Getting my own back, making sure I repay an eye for an eye etc. much easier than 'forgiving those who trespass against me'. It is easy to make sure that your actions seem to show forgiveness, but what about your thoughts?

Now, don't misunderstand me, I am not telling you that I am filled with vengeful thoughts and continually working out plans on how to get my own back on people who, to use an Old Testament phrase, 'despitefully use me.'

I believe being able to forgive is a gift given us by God. A sign of the Holy Spirit working in our lives. A friend shared with me an incident that had severe ramifications in her life. Family breakdown had happened, lies had been spoken and the situation seemed unresolvable. Bitterness was lurking around the edges of my friend's mind and heart. After some discussion we came to the conclusion that my friend had to forgive...regardless of what the other person did. My friend did this and even put her 'forgiveness' in writing. She has testified since to the peace she has experienced as a result of forgiving. In the Lord's Prayer Jesus tells those people listening to Him that they can only experience forgiveness from God when they have forgiven those whom they need to forgive.

May we live lives that reflect that forgiving heart and spirit. It isn't easy, but it is the right thing to do.

Tony

SALVATION ARMY PAPERS FOR CHATHAM

Those members of the Corps that have weekly SA papers, you have had them delivered to your homes personally for the past 14 months, the first 5 months by Major Ian and from August by Nigel and Margaret, Bev and Marjory. Thanks to them for taking on this commitment. With the lifting of restrictions, they will stop delivering them, the last week being the 27th/28th May. From 1st June the papers will be at the Hall, on Monday and Friday mornings (9:30-12:30) for you to pick up. If you wish to change/cancel your order, please do let Major Ian know. Thank you

CHAT WITH THE MAJOR IAN

On Mondays, between 2pm - 3pm, I will have my Zoom account open for any-one to come in and have a conversation, ask for prayer, share some news or tell me what's going on in your life. The link to my zoom is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5972909541>
Meeting ID: 597 290 9541

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Bible Fellowship on Wednesday under the leadership of TE Tony McClure. Sharing the book of Haggai - 'Motivating God's People' Come and join us on Zoom. We start at 8pm for one hour. The Zoom details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5972909541?pwd=MzFlWUpEUDd0K0ErQ0ZSTWMOZ0J3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 597 290 9541

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SPORTS MISSION TRAINING

Register now and spread the word about <https://form-eu.123formbuilder.com/42507/form> a training day run by Scripture Union and Salvation Army Sports Mission. More details coming soon for this event 15 May 2021, 10am-4pm.

CORPS FUNDRAISING DONATIONS

Donations can be made to the Corps at our Just-Giving page.

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

Donations can also be sent to the Hall for the attention of the CO.

Can we remind members that you can pay your cartridges and collections by **STANDING ORDER**. Please ask CT Andy Smith for details.

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://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNv40sGF8Ah4)

<https://youtu.be/Nv40sGF8Ah4>

TERRITORAL COMMANDER VIDEO MESSAGE



Commissioner Anthony Cotterill calls us to be ready to show our love for God and each other, saying: 'There are matters which need us

individually and corporately to take our stand. Watch on

<https://youtu.be/H5LZOaMbu4k>

NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY PRAYER BREAKFAST 2021

Save the date - Friday 25 June - for a free online prayer breakfast with parliamentarians to pray for renewed hope across our country. Sign-up details coming soon from

www.christiansinparliament.org.uk

DANCE FIT AND FELLOWSHIP

Coming soon: a new online resource for small groups that incorporates dance, fitness and gentle exercise. A PDF guide and video to help get groups started will be available from Music and Creative Arts and DHQs. For details

Email stephanie.lamplough@salvationarmy.org.uk

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Here is this week's article explaining and giving information on the subject.

SYRIA, No 12 in the WORLD WATCH LIST.



No 12: SYRIA

Syria has about 677,000 Christians, about 3.6 per cent of a population of almost 19 million. The number of Christians in the country has decreased in the past decade, as many have fled conflict and persecution.

Persecution remains extreme in public and private life for Christians in Syria. Christians from a Muslim background are vulnerable to pressure from their family and communities who perceive conversion from Islam as bringing dishonour. Sometimes these families even request that local officials covertly monitor Christian converts.

In areas controlled by Islamic extremist groups, public expressions of Christianity are banned and most churches have been seized or destroyed. In government-controlled areas, this threat is less - but there are still numerous abductions of church leaders, and Islamic dissidents are still active. Violent attacks continue, while Covid-19 has exacerbated many existing vulnerabilities in the past year.

Syria's continuing civil war has made the country a breeding ground for Christian persecution. The unrest, which was beginning to lessen, has been exacerbated by the economic crisis caused by Covid-19.

"Covid-19 has had a big impact on Qamishli [in northern Syria]; normal life is almost non-existent," Pastor George, a local church leader, explains. "The number of poor people has increased. Especially those people who are daily labourers who, if they don't have work today, receive no wages." Many Christians are still internally displaced or are refugees in other countries because of over a decade of war and rising Islamic extremism. In northern Syria, invasion by Turkish forces in late 2019 caused greater instability and seems to have been used by some Islamic extremists as a cover for opportunities to target Christians.

Pastor George is an Open Doors partner who, like many such partners, has stood with his church through years of conflict, persecution and difficulty. Now he is making sure that his church can be a light in the darkness: "Our church saw that now was a time to stand by the people, support them and show Jesus' love in difficult times." Please keep praying for your brothers and sisters in Syria. Your gifts and prayers make an enormous difference to those following Jesus no matter the cost.

PLEASE PRAY

Lord God, thank You that You have stood with the church in Syria throughout all the difficulties of the past decade. We pray that You will continue to show Your love to those who have suffered so much. Bring unity and joy to Christians who have had to leave their homes, and solace to those who mourn. May Syria become a country where praise for You resounds loudly. Amen.

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 - PROVERBS 31:30

Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

So many things we honour and exalt in our culture are shallow and temporary. The one thing that lasts in a beautiful woman is not her charm or her beauty, but her godliness. Let's make sure in our church families and our physical families that true and lasting beauty is clearly valued and amply praised!

H - MY PRAYER...

Holy God, please give us better eyes and more faithful hearts that we may value in all people qualities that reflect your character. Bless us as we raise our children that we may instill in them a sense of proper values as they choose their life

partner. And dear God, please help us in our churches to value and praise women for their holy character. In Jesus name. Amen.

TUESDAY - PSALMS 139:13-14

You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am [fearfully and wonderfully made](#); your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

I am made by God! You are made by God. Just as surely as ANYone has been made by God, we have been made by God. He knew us before anyone knew we were there. He had plans for us before anyone planned our arrival. And he made us well! How do we know? Look at all God has made.

I - MY PRAYER...

God Almighty, my Saviour and Redeemer, thank you for knowing me before I was able to know. Thank you for choosing my life and giving it to me. Thank you for giving me the gifts, abilities and talents that you have given me. Now help me live as if I was made special by you, because I am! Through Jesus I pray. Amen.

WEDNESDAY - ECCLESIASTES 11:5

As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

I don't know. I don't know! That has to be one of the hardest phrases for us to use. But when thinking about God and his ways, that's really all we can say. We know about God only what he in his grace has chosen to reveal to us. He is the Mystery of mysteries. He is the supreme knowable Unknown. Yet what we do know of him, what

he has revealed to us in Jesus, is not only mighty and awesome, but loving and merciful.

J - MY PRAYER...

To you, O Lord God, I can only offer my wonder and awe. When I consider the universe in which our tiny blue planet spins its existence, I am humbled at your vastness. But at the same time, I treasure your nearness. You are a God far above all I know, but a God who is also near. Thank you for being accessible but not penetrable. Through Jesus I pray. Amen.

THURSDAY - ZEPHANIAH 3:17

The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

So, God likes to sing too! He even likes to share his lullabies with those he loves. Not only is God Abba Father, he is also like a mother. He gently rocks and quiets his children with his affectionate care.

K - MY PRAYER...

O God, I pray that when the storms of life rage against me, I will remember these words and find refuge, comfort and peace in your sheltering care. Make me aware, O God, of your singing in my life as you make your salvation more clear to me each day. Through my Saviour Jesus I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY - ROMANS 11:33

Oh, the depth and riches of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

God's plan to save us is incredible. His blueprints for the creation of our universe are beyond our imagining. He is so rich in wisdom and knowledge. What else can we do but go to him and ask him to open our minds to his work and his will in our lives.

L - MY PRAYER...

Precious and Almighty Father, thank you for reawakening me each spring to the power of your sustaining presence in the world, but even more in my life. Bless me today as I seek to put you first in all I do. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY - JAMES 3:17-18

The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Now I know why righteousness is so hard to find: there aren't many sowers! Heavenly wisdom is full of sacrificial earthly action. That's a powerful reminder to me that wisdom is not what you know but what you sow!

M - MY PRAYER...

Holy and Wise Father, thank you for demonstrating purity, peace-making, consideration, submissiveness, mercy, good fruit, impartiality, and sincerity in Jesus. I ask for the power and the courage to demonstrate those qualities this week as I seek to live more like him. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Sunday - Hebrews 6:10

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

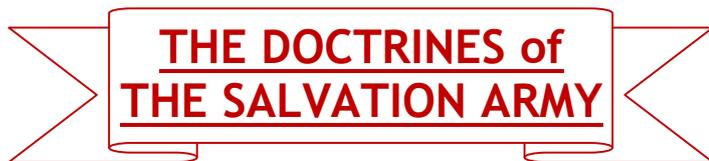
THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

So much assurance in such a short verse! God is not unjust -- boy is that an understatement. If he produced the atoning sacrifice for our sins, what will he deny us if we seek after him? He will not forget our work and love -- an eternal record of the good we have done! When we help our brothers and sisters in Christ, we bless

him! We are HIS people!! That's real motivation to keep on maturing in Christ.

N - MY PRAYER...

God, you are so gracious. Thank you. Words cannot express my joy at hearing such a simple and profound statement describing your virtues. I am so glad I am your child. Through my brother Jesus I pray. Amen.



THE DOCTRINES of THE SALVATION ARMY

1. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the Divine rule of Christian faith and practice.
2. We believe that there is only one God, who is infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of all things, and who is the only proper object of religious worship.
3. We believe that there are three persons in the Godhead - the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, undivided in essence and co-equal in power and glory.
4. We believe that in the person of Jesus Christ the Divine and human natures are united, so that He is truly and properly God and truly and properly man.
5. We believe that our first parents were created in a state of innocency, but by their disobedience they lost their purity and happiness, and that in consequence of their fall, all men have become sinners, totally depraved, and as such are justly exposed to the wrath of God.
6. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has by His suffering and death made an atonement for the whole world so that whosoever will may be saved.
7. We believe that repentance towards God, faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit, are necessary to salvation.
8. We believe that we are justified by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and that he that believeth hath the witness in himself.
9. We believe that continuance in a state of salvation depends upon continued obedient faith in Christ.
10. We believe that it is the privilege of all believers to be wholly sanctified, and that their whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
11. We believe in the immortality of the soul; in the resurrection of the body; in the general judgment at the end of the world; in the eternal happiness of the righteous; and in the endless punishment of the wicked.

The Salvation Army The Soldier's Covenant

HAVING accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord, and desiring to fulfil my membership of His Church on earth as a soldier of The Salvation Army, I now by God's grace enter into a sacred covenant. I believe and will live by the truths of the word of God expressed in The Salvation Army's eleven articles of faith:

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THEREFORE

- I will be responsive** to the Holy Spirit's work and obedient to His leading in my life, growing in grace through worship, prayer, service and the reading of the Bible.
- I will make the values** of the Kingdom of God and not the values of the world the standard for my life.
- I will uphold Christian integrity** in every area of my life, allowing nothing in thought, word or deed that is unworthy, unclean, untrue, profane, dishonest or immoral.
- I will maintain Christian ideals** in all my relationships with others: my family and neighbours, my colleagues and fellow Salvationists, those to whom and for whom I am responsible, and the wider community.
- I will uphold the sanctity of marriage** and of family life.
- I will be a faithful steward** of my time and gifts, my money and possessions, my body, my mind and my spirit, knowing that I am accountable to God.
- I will abstain from alcoholic drink, tobacco, the non-medical use of addictive drugs, gambling, pornography, the occult, and all else that could enslave the body or spirit.**

Signed
Signature of corps officer
Witness or officiating officer
Corps
Date



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- I will be faithful** to the purposes for which God raised up The Salvation Army, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, endeavouring to win others to Him, and in His name caring for the needy and the disadvantaged.
 - I will be actively involved, as I am able, in the life, work, worship and witness of the corps, giving as large a proportion of my income as possible to support its ministries and the worldwide work of the Army.**
 - I will be true to the principles and practices of The Salvation Army, loyal to its leaders, and I will show the spirit of salvationism whether in times of popularity or persecution.**
- I now call upon all present to witness that I enter into this covenant of my own free will, convinced that the love of Christ, who died and now lives to save me, requires from me this devotion of my life to His service for the salvation of the whole world; and therefore do here declare my full determination, by God's help, to be a true soldier of The Salvation Army.



THE SOLDIER'S COVENANT

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I now call upon all present to witness that I enter into this covenant and sign these articles of war of my own free will, convinced that the love of Christ, who died and now lives to save me, requires from me this devotion of my life to His service for the salvation of the whole world; and therefore do here declare my full determination, by God's help, to be a true soldier of The Salvation Army.

NOTES FROM THE LEADERSHIP
TEAM MEETING SUNDAY
11th APRIL 2021
TO FOLLOW

Notes of Leadership Meeting of 11th April '21
Present

Mjr Ian Payne	CO
Andy Smith	CT
Sheena Gibbs	Adh. S
Mike Gibbs	Comm. Services Ldr.
Tracy Wood	YPSM
Nigel Lockwood	BM
Paul Scoulding	CSM
Heather Scott	RS
Adrian Horwood	CMS
Carolynn Woodman	SL
Andrew Pennington	CS

Matters Pertaining to and Actions Arising associated with the Resumption of Normal Working

Matters of Programme

1. **Risk Assessments** – With new and amended activities there would be a requirement to generate new risk assessments. This would also provide an opportunity to refresh those associated with ongoing activities. The adequacy of TSA risk assessments was considered and whilst these mandated templates will form the basis of documentation there are opportunities to enhance these to make them more appropriate on a localised basis to meet activity needs. **CO** to provide draft enhanced templates.

2. **Band Paper** – This was endorsed containing a developing mix of open-air as well as worship and practice activities within the hall. Implementation dates will be subject to compliance with HMG directives on social-distancing. **CO** – will provide strategic guidance to address alignment issues between HMG social-distancing constraints with THQ policy.
3. **Songsters** – Proposals which included an emphasis on growing existing members back together as well as providing opportunities for integration with the corps to attract new members was welcomed. Not envisaged that indoor singing would take place before September. **SL** – to consider invitation for vocal groups to support band in targeted open activities during the summer.
4. **Youth** – It was noted that the paper reflected current HMG social distancing restrictions and would benefit from development to reflect potential May and June “Unlock” easements. **YPSM** – to refer to Youth team.
5. **BP Programme** – It was pleasing to note that the intention was to resume the programme from 19th April with appropriate social distancing in place noting that with other activities resuming outside the SA it was important the corps was offering such opportunities without which there would be loss of membership. The potential to have outdoor activities to the rear of the hall was noted. **CO** – to address availability and associated ongoing parking issues.

6. **Monday One-to-One (Employment Plus)** – Whilst fulfilling a useful role it was recognised that this had the opportunity to be much more than a link into the “benefits system” with the potential to include mental welfare and support. **CO** – will discuss further with Marilyn.
7. **YP Programme** – YPSM had undertaken a wide-ranging review of Sunday School, Kids Club, YP sections etc looking at lessons learnt and consequential opportunities to start, stop, continue, or amend. Lockdown had provided chances to strengthen relationships with parents and this needed to be built upon e.g. by providing meeting opportunities for parents who bring their children to YP activities. Future aspirations include Taster Days, retention of some Zoom activity post lockdown. **YPSM in conjunction with CO** - A one-month ahead build-back programme was now being created which included on 22nd May a camp-fire at Lordswood school. Options to work together further with New Road school were noted which might include a mentoring programme. The need to provide for better YP Corps > Youth integration and the role of Tweenagers would need to be considered. **CMS** – offered for a band party to be available as a resource to the YP corps to attend school visits

Sunday Matters

1. Format of Sunday meetings was considered at high level including alternative use of musical sections. There was a need to identify folk willing

to participate in specific areas as their talents lead as well as consideration being given to contemporary music groups. **CO** – to consider working group within which this might be developed.

2. Extended ministry offered by live-streaming needed to be continued. With a congregation present and folk participating there was a need to consider issues of privacy, etc and whether output should be live or with a lag to enable editing. **CO** – to establish review.

Matters of Pastoral Care

1. Criticality of pastoral care to the corps was reemphasised. The role of sergeants was underlined with a need for a similar approach made available for others not linked in this way. **CO** – to propose a structure/role which would provide a focus for pastoral care to the PCC.
2. To enable PCC members to better fulfill their duty of care **CO** to arrange circulation of Corps Directory to PCC members on a Controlled Document basis.
3. The need to record and act those who aren't seen to attend and re-engage as the corps re-groups was reminded to **All PCC** members.
4. Demonstrating ongoing growth and activity despite lockdown is important to corps morale. **PCC** were invited to attend the recording of Mike Gibbs enrollment.

Next Steps

1. The need for a systematic analysis of strengths the corps exhibited, the opportunities that exist and to identify the enablers was agreed. Questions to be put to PCC members, sectional and programme leaders were suggested as:
 - a. What programmes and approaches work well and how can they be made better?
 - b. How can you improve the effectiveness of the current activities within which you are involved and what help do you need to achieve this potential?

CO – to draft proposals for questionnaire

2. Next meeting – Sunday 16th May. PCC invited to attend morning meeting live-streaming and then meet for business.

CS
28th April '21

