



Chatham Chatter



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MARK 5:27-28

THIS WOMAN HAD HEARD ABOUT JESUS AND CAME UP BEHIND HIM UNDER COVER OF THE CROWD, AND TOUCHED HIS CLOAK, "FOR IF I CAN ONLY TOUCH HIS CLOTHES," SHE SAID, "I SHALL BE HEALED."

Hello and welcome to this week's Chatham Chatter. Great to see many of new faces last Sunday, slowly people are venturing out and coming to various events at the Hall. Again I emphasise that you come when you are ready and feel comfortable also if you choose to wear a mask or not - I am not setting down rules, but asking all to respect each other and be kind to each other. Its part of being a fellowship and caring for each other. Also I am looking at new ways that Pastoral Care can be arranged and how it can best serve our family community and wider community in general. I am aware that there are many needs out there and I am attempting to look at ways, on Wednesday to address some of those needs, and also pastoral care needs, how can we address this, meeting the Spiritual and physical needs of us all, it is a work in progress and details will come out as we progress in this area. I am also in conversation with the council about the environment around the Hall, requesting that certain things to be done to help the environment and also what part we can play in co-joined thinking and action with the council, what this space.

With that in mind I would like to pull team together who have a keen sense of gardening and looking at what can be done

around the hall and at the front (opposite) the front doors - At present I do not feel it is an inviting environment to come to - but with planning, thought and a bit of labour, this part of the town could be a great gateway in. So let me know if you are interested in getting involved.

Sunday I am continuing the serious of 'Encounters with Jesus' and looing at the woman with the Issue of Blood, such a well know story and yet because of the subject not preached that often, well this week we are looking at 'what issues' bar us from that crucial encounter with Jesus, what barriers are in the way?, what are our fears? What are our issues? An opportunity to reflect and build ourselves up in Christ, understanding the barriers in our life and how Jesus cab help us and those around us. You may feel like the person in the crowd, unnoticed, unloved and finding life challenging - well reach out and just touch the hem of his garment, in a spiritual sense and you will understand faith in action.

So, see you 10 am on Sunday, in the hall or on a screen.



God bless Chatham Corps.
God bless you all.

Ian F Payne - Major

'One Stop Hub' One2One Wednesday Project VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

One Stop Hub has started on Wednesdays and will include; advice, clothing exchange, Job Centre support, CAB surgery, Adult Education Classes, lunch, cooking on a budget, learning how to budget on a low income, Kent fire safety at home, Kent police community engagement, drug and alcohol support, shower facilities, refreshments and just a listening ear, for people to meet and not feel excluded. Could you offer some time to support this one-stop hub we are creating? If you have an idea or need details, please contact Marilyn Watson;
marilynucywatson@gmail.com

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, wherever we are, our fellowship and mission will overflow with hope. By the power of your Holy Spirit, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

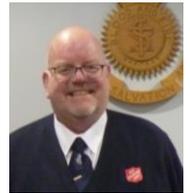
- Pray for students commencing their studies at universities and for those returning to continue their studies.
- Pray for all those working in education that they will strive to enable children to thrive and achieve all they are capable of. Pray for children everywhere.
- Pray for those who are unwell and need hospital treatment, that God will sustain them with His healing power.
- Pray for comfort and strength for those who have been bereaved
- Pray for the health care staff, doctors, nurses, therapists and others who treat people who are in pain with physical and mental health problems that God will guide them as they serve others.

- Pray for our Corps that God will enable our mission to be accomplished by people inspired through God's love.
- Pray that we may be guided in our day to day lives to live as God would have us live and follow His example.

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.



Territorial Envoy
Tony McClure



I am of the generation where after a question was asked the final word was 'please.'

It could be quite irritating at times; you would ask your question...especially if you wanted something and the grown up would say "And?". 'Please' was easily forgotten.

'Thank you' was even easier to forget. You would ask for something, generally get what you wanted...and waltz off into the sunset. A friend reminds me that 'please' and 'thank you' are signs of good manners.

I am a 'please' and 'thank you' sort of person. Not always, but I hope generally.

In this evening's Bible Fellowship we looked at Psalm 107. A psalm that speaks of God's goodness and mercy. A repeated verse in the psalm says:

'Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and wonderful deeds for mankind.'

For some reason this verse, repeated four times in the Psalm stirred my heart and soul.

I can, at times, be quite ungrateful for all of the good things God has done for me yet I think of one of my favourite songs 'God's love to me is wonderful'...It is wonderful and I am very grateful for it.

At times during lockdown a spirit of gloom and despondency seemed to fill people's thoughts and lives...yet the faithfulness of God's

constant love and mercy remained the same as it always had been.

I am aware that people's lives are filled with difficulties...just as they were when Psalm 107 was written. But the same is true today and we should

'...give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love' and His 'wonderful deeds for mankind.'

May you be blessed this week in the marvellous love God has for you.
Tony

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Bible Fellowship this Wednesday at 8pm, on Zoom. Led by TE Tony.

Meeting Zoom ID: 597 290 9541.

Looking at Matthew 6:1-18

'Pleasing God'

Come and enjoy, fun, fellowship and learning.

*******URGENT APPEAL*******

As you all know, before Covid lockdowns hit we were involved with New Road School by leading an after-school club. The School is now asking if we can return. We require a minimum of five people in attendance for it to continue. Tracy requires three people to help her on Mondays from 3.30 (club starts 4pm) Finish at 5pm sharp. It is a great ministry that has seen young people come to Sunday school and BP Sections - so if you can give time to this important outreach please can you contact Tracy.

For those who work, how about asking your Company if they could gift two hours through their 'Corporate and Social Responsibility' to The Salvation Army in engaging with young children!

This ministry is extremely important. Please give it some consideration and contact Tracy.

HARVEST 2021

Sunday 3rd October will be Harvest Praise at 10am. You will be receiving your gift envelope and letter in the next week. We are asking for tins for our Bags of Hope.

ROSEMARY & MARATHON

Rosemary (SA) is running the virtual London marathon on October 3rd. She is looking for sponsors. She says *'Doesn't matter how little; a lot of little is better than no big' I'm running in aid of Parkinsons UK and Open doors (persecuted church organisation) Thanks'*

You can sponsor Rosemary by using this fundraising link;

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RS-A>

HEADS UP ABOUT COMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

Again this year we will be giving out toys to families in Medway. Our Toy Service will be on Sunday 5th December 10am. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy - any further information required, please speak to Wendy.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Chatham SA in partnership with Medway Sunlight Rotary Club will be providing support to individuals and families on Christmas Day. If you would like to volunteer for any of the programme we are looking for: Volunteers for the Prep day on Thursday 23rd, drivers to deliver Christmas Day, (small number) to help Christmas day; serve lunch, buddy people, sandwich and food preparation, wrapping presents etc: More details will be following. Can you please let Gill know in the Office if you are wanting to volunteer. Also, can you let her know if there is anyone who needs an invitation for Christmas Day and or a dinner delivering; delivery only for those completely housebound.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MEDWAY

SAINTS ALIVE

Sunday 31st October - Saints Alive; 7.30-9.00 at the Kings Church, New Road Avenue, Chatham.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Sunday 12th December 2021 from 6.00-8.30pm. Joint Christmas Carol outreach event @ KICC Buckmore Park, Maidstone Road, Blue Bell Hill, Chatham. ME5 9QG. Chatham Band will be participating.

News from here and there!

LIVESTREAM CADETS WELCOME

Saturday 25 September at 6pm watch the livestream of the Territorial Welcome of Cadets, the Reflectors of Holiness, at William Booth College. Watch on www.youtube.com/salvationarmyvideo

kitchener.faithfm.org

September 19th

Jubilee Brass (Seniors Band) Ontario.

September 26th

All broadcasts are live (link above) from 7-9.00 pm on Sunday evenings Ontario time (-5 hours UK time)

and on Fortress radio (UK)

Sundays at 3.00 pm

and Thursdays at 8.00 pm UK time Previous broadcasts are available on

www.salvoaudio.com,

www.citadelpromotions.com and

www.tomquick.org

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Here is this week's article explaining and giving information on the subject. **TURKMENISTAN number 23 in the WORLD WATCH LIST**



23. Turkmenistan

There are only around 68,000 Christians in Turkmenistan. The total population is just over 6 million,

Persecution against Christians in this repressive Islamic state comes largely from the government and from society. The government imposes many restrictions on church life. Unless their churches are registered, Christians are highly susceptible to police raids, threats, arrests and fines. Even Russian Orthodox and Armenian Apostolic churches may have their Sunday services monitored. The printing or importing of Christian materials is also restricted.

Believers who come from Muslim backgrounds experience intense pressure from families, friends and villagers to deny their faith, especially in rural areas.

In deciding to become a Christian, women from Muslim backgrounds go against societal expectations, where they are totally subordinate to their parents, and if married, their husband. They open themselves to beatings, house arrest, verbal abuse,

threats, forced marriage, disinheritance and rejection. They may also face abduction, rape and sexual harassment.

Leadership roles in Turkmenistan tend to go to men, making them a target for persecution. They can be fined for things such as holding illegal gatherings or even downloading Christian songs. They also come under suspicion from Muslims who consider them to be at the forefront of converting others to Christianity. They attack those most actively involved in evangelism. Christian men from Muslim backgrounds can face harassment and intimidation from families and communities, which can lead to home detention, disinheritance, shaming and beatings.

PLEASE PRAY

Father God, thank You for the way in which You are working in and through the church in Turkmenistan. Continue this work and fill Your people with renewed joy at knowing and sharing in the sufferings of Christ. Protect Your people, help them stand strong, and grant them wisdom and discernment to navigate restrictions and surveillance. Build Your church in Turkmenistan. Amen.

Please continue to pray for the situation in Afghanistan. For those who are trapped against their will. For Christians who are being persecuted in so many ways, some even being killed. Many families have been living in a different way over the past 20 years and now things are changing daily and many of their livelihoods, jobs and security are in jeopardy. For those Christians in the country who are caring under all these circumstances, to bring hope, love and peace, please pray for them earnestly.

We serve a mighty God, who hears the simplest of cries Let us all be faithful in prayer

ON YOUR DAILY JOURNEY

As part of your daily devotions let's pray the **A to Z prayer**. Each day you will have a letter from the alphabet. Use this letter to pray for members of the Corps with this initial, friends, family, neighbours, a Salvation Army Corps and a Country of the World.

Let's make a difference by praying for each other and wider. Can you imagine the difference that will make?

MONDAY MATTHEW 5:11-12

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

For most who can read this Internet message, the sentiments of this verse seem foreign. But among those who closely study persecution, believers in Christ are enduring perhaps the greatest amount of persecution in the history of Christianity. For those of us who live in cosy places where belief is tolerated and Christians are just considered "unhip" or a bit out of touch, we need to be thankful that our lives make enough of a distinction from our culture to be noticed, even if it's a bit unfavourably. But at the same time, we need to pray for other believers throughout the world who are undergoing the wrath of hell for the faith.

O -MY PRAYER... and pray for Afghanistan.

Great Deliverer, we have many who call on your name with faith in Jesus who face persecution and hardship every day. I pray that they will not lose heart and give up their confidence. I pray that you will bring deliverance from this time of persecution. I pray that their sufferings will be the source of powerful witness so others will come to see the great value of Jesus and our allegiance to him. This I pray in his precious and holy name. Amen.

TUESDAY PROVERBS 29:25

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Fear is such a paralyzing emotion. It robs us vitality, decision-making ability, and strength. Courage helps us step out of fear's paralysis and turn its nervous edge into power. But this kind of courage comes to us fully only when we know that all that Satan and his allies can really have of us is our bodies. He cannot take our mind, our attitude, our faith, and most of all, he cannot take our relationship with God, given to us through Jesus.

P - MY PRAYER... and pray for Afghanistan.

O Saviour, my Great Redeemer, thank you for triumphing over all that I fear through Jesus. You have not only given me a hero I trust, but a hope by which I can live victoriously. Through my Conquering King I thank you. Amen.

WEDNESDAY 1 PETER 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

The great truth about Jesus' empty tomb is not that he is risen, but that he is living! His victory over death wasn't short-lived, it was ultimate. He now lives to make intercession for us until he can return and bring us to his home. Our life is hidden with him so that no one and nothing can take it from us. When he appears, we will get to share in his never-ending glory. How can we not praise God for such grace?

Q,R -MY PRAYER..& pray for Afghanistan.

Almighty God, I praise you from the bottom of my heart for your incredible and glorious grace that has brought eternal victory out of mortal anguish. Thank you for paying the price to make it so. You are marvellous beyond my words and worthy of more praise than all your children's voices together can tell. My Hope will live forever because he is risen and reigning as Lord. To you be all honour, glory, and majesty forever, and ever, Amen!

THURSDAY PROVERBS 27:1

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

Don't you have your hands full with today? Don't you find yourself distracted from the urgent and important things of today by worrying about the problems of tomorrow and fantasizing about all the possibilities down the road? Isn't it a waste of time to be anxious about those things you have no influence over? So why...?

S - MY PRAYER...and pray for Afghanistan.

God, give me the strength to seize the moment and live the life today that will please you and bless others. Help my heart feel the urgency of today and act with boldness, kindness, and salvation instead of worrying so much about what may happen. Give me the immediacy of the moment I see in your Son's ministry. Through whom I pray. Amen.

FRIDAY ISAIAH 55:6

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

In truth, God is always close to those who genuinely seek after him. The real problem is that we drift away from him, lose interest, and leave his presence. So, let's seek him and receive his grace and his help while we recognize that he alone is the one who truly saves.

T - MY PRAYER... and pray for Afghanistan.

Father, I seek you with all my heart. While I seek to know about you through your Word, I long to know you and be known by you as a tender father knows his child and as a child feels complete trust toward his tender father. Be not only my God, but be real to me in ways that transcend explanation. Help me sense your nearness and to know your presence. Through Jesus I pray. Amen.

SATURDAY ISAIAH 26:4

Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord is the Rock Eternal.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

When we see mountains, we feel small, knowing not only how much larger they are than we are, but also how much longer they have been here than we have been. But the Lord existed long before any mountain and will exist long after it has melted into nothing. The only rock of security, and all the forever's we have, are found in him.

U, V, W - MY PRAYER.

& pray for Afghanistan.

Eternal I Am, who is and was and will be forever, I trust that you are and will always be my God, my Redeemer, my Saviour, my Shepherd, and my Father. I commit all my tomorrows to you. Through Jesus my Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY PSALMS 63:1

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

THOUGHTS ABOUT TODAY'S VERSE...

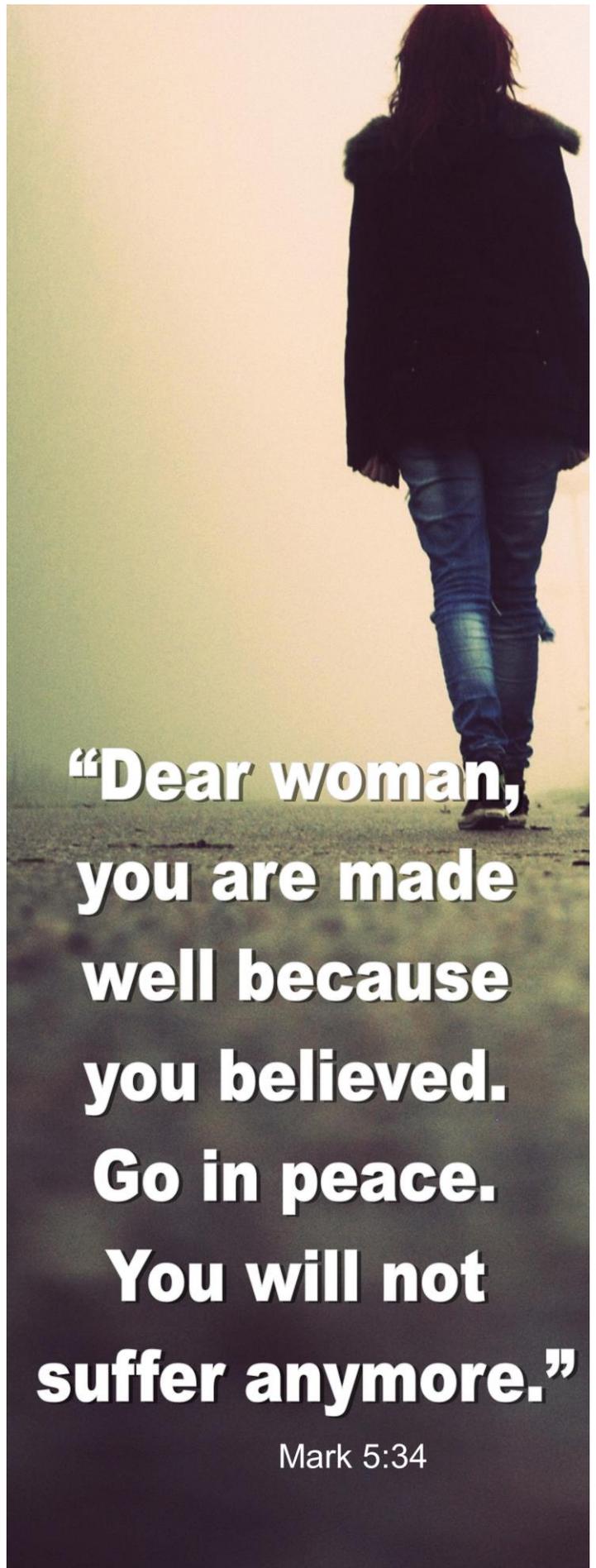
Addiction has been defined as "God-hunger directed to the wrong source of soul satisfaction." Psalm 63 reminds us this is true. Deep in us is a desire to seek after God because he is not far from us and longs to be known by us (see Acts 17). But often when our soul-craving need for God is greatest, he is the last place we turn for satisfaction.

X, Y, Z - MY PRAYER...

and pray for Afghanistan.

Holy Father, fill my heart with longing for you and my head with understanding that it is your presence I crave. I confess that I have often sought relief for my hunger in things that do not satisfy. I pledge today to recognize all other sources of satisfaction to be temporary and false. I promise to pursue you and your will through your word and your Spirit until I rest in your presence and grace. In the power of Jesus my Lord, Amen.

Amen.



**“Dear woman,
you are made
well because
you believed.
Go in peace.
You will not
suffer anymore.”**

Mark 5:34



Chatham Salvation Army

ONE STOP HUB

TODAY

10am – 2pm

Lunch 12:30

Individual appointments & help with;

- Create or enhance your CV
- Jobsearching Support
- To better understand your career options
- Budgeting on a low income
- Business Start-up
- Computer Skills

PLUS

- Cooking on a budget;
- English Lessons
- Reading Tuition
- Clothing Bank
- Shower and toiletries available
- Coffee & Chatter
-and so much more

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SEE ARTICLE FOR DETAILS