

100<sup>th</sup>  
Addition



# Chatham Chatter



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This is the 100<sup>th</sup> Edition of Chatham Chatter started in this format 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020!

What a great weekend celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. 70 years of loyal service to the Country and the Commonwealth. I am sure you all celebrated in many ways, so much to choose from - something for everyone.

Chatham Salvation Army were part of the Chatham Maritime Celebrations entering a team into the Medway Sunlight Rotary Club Dragon Boat Challenge, 'Sally Army Sinkers', and coming 5<sup>th</sup> out of 22 teams entered (see results below)



(not in the picture Paul Woodhouse and Sam Boughton who were also in the team). Well done to them all for their determination, energy and stamina - **amazing**. Many of the Corps and friends went to the Docks to support (very loudly) and they moved from 9<sup>th</sup> in 2019 to a very respectable 5<sup>th</sup>, with seconds between them and the winners.

Grateful to Lt Col Judith for leading worship last Sunday.

I was captured with this image, HM the queen



chatting with her great grandson who was asking a question about the red arrows.

With all the noise, cheering, the planes, HM still heard the small

voice of her great grandson, Louis and responded. I thought about what we have been pondering over the past weeks, listening to, and hearing the voice of God. Well, I continue that thought this Sunday with 'God's voice amid the noise' using the great story of Elijah as an example to us all.

As we come together and worship, whether in the Hall or on the screen, may all the distractions around us not stop us hearing the voice of God. Sometimes it means just tuning your hearing a little different to hear the voice.

Next Sunday, Captain Jonathan Wiley (Military Chaplain to Brompton Barracks) will be leading worship as Judith and I will be at the christening of our godson's children in Oxfordshire.

Also, please pray for the leaders from different aspects of the Corps who will be meeting next Saturday at Maidstone for a day retreat for the way ahead and looking at next year's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



God Bless You

*Ian F Payne Major*

TEAM NAME	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	FASTEST	POSITION
MEDWAY ROWERS	01:10.02	01:08.05	01:11.04	01:08.05	1
ENTER THE SNOGARD	01:09.05	01:12.08	01:11.06	01:09.05	2
GEKU ROBOT TEAM	01:13.08	01:10.03	01:10.00	01:10.00	3
THE CARPENTERS	01:14.08	01:13.02	01:10.05	01:10.05	4
SALLY ARMY SINKERS	01:15.04	01:14.09	01:13.03	01:13.03	5
RULE BRITANNIA	01:26.03	01:14.01	01:13.00	01:13.00	6
SNOW WHITE & 19 DWARFS	01:20.09	01:14.01	01:14.00	01:14.00	7
NEW KIDS ON THE DOCK	01:24.07	01:20.77	01:14.03	01:14.03	8
GRAIN 4 GOOD GLIDERS	01:14.07	01:18.03	01:15.09	01:14.07	9
DIRTY OARS	01:16.06	01:17.04	01:15.06	01:15.06	10
BASIC BOAT	01:19.02	01:16.00	01:17.07	01:16.00	11
META THAN THE REST	01:24.07	01:22.09	01:18.01	01:18.01	12
INFINITE	01:25.10	01:18.02	01:27.00	01:18.02	13
DONT ROCK THE BOAT	01:21.10	01:18.08	01:19.10	01:18.08	14
ELECTRIC SPARKS	01:19.09	01:24.02	01:25.08	01:19.09	15
MEDWAY CHINESE METHODIST	01:27.05	01:20.00	01:21.08	01:20.00	16
UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH	01:26.09	01:20.04	01:22.06	01:20.04	17
TEAM MHS	01:28.03	01:23.03	01:23.01	01:23.01	18
PEMBROKE DRAGONS	01:32.01	01:24.07	01:23.09	01:23.09	19
NORSE PEOPLE	01:25.08	01:25.09	01:26.08	01:25.08	20
LETS BURLESQUE	01:31.06	01:30.00	01:27.06	01:27.06	21
LUKES LOVE BOAT	01:34.01	01:33.09	01:29.03	01:29.03	22

MINOR FINAL	TIME	PLACE
GRAIN 4 GOOD GLIDERS	01.14.37	1 <sup>st</sup>
BASIC BOAT	01.14.74	2 <sup>nd</sup>
NEW KIDS ON THE DOCK	01.15.22	3 <sup>rd</sup>
SNOW WHITE & 19 DWARFS	01.15.71	4 <sup>th</sup>
DIRTY OARS	01.17.02	5 <sup>th</sup>
META THAN THE REST	01.19.80	6 <sup>th</sup>
MAJOR FINAL		
GEKU ROBOT TEAM	01 07 91	1 <sup>st</sup>
MEWAY ROWERS	01 08 32	2 <sup>nd</sup>
SNOGAURD	01 08 64	3 <sup>rd</sup>
RULE BRITANNIA	01 12 13	4 <sup>th</sup>
SALLY ARMY SINKERS	01 12 80	5 <sup>th</sup>
CARPENTERS	01 13 22	6 <sup>th</sup>

## BOOK THESE DATES



**SATURDAY AND  
SUNDAY  
11th & 12th MARCH  
2023  
THE VISIT OF GEN-  
ERAL BRIAN AND**

### **COMMISSIONER ROSALIE PEDDLE.**

To commence our 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations, we will be in Rochester Cathedral on the 11<sup>th</sup> for a Service of Celebration at 5:30pm.

**SATURDAY &  
SUNDAY  
18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
NOVEMBER 2023  
THE VISIT OF OUR  
TERRITORIAL  
LEADERS, COMMISSIONERS ANTHONY & GILLIAN  
COTTERILL**



### SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

On Sunday Major Ian will be preaching in Rochester Cathedral at 3.15, at Evensong Dedication Service for the Mayor and Councillors of Medway.

Also on Sunday at Chatham Evangelical Church, 6:30pm Andrew Barbour will be baptised and Major Ian will be participating in this ceremony.

### SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Morning Worship will be led by Captain Jonathan Wiley (Military Chaplain).

### SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Morning Worship will be led by Major Alec Still (Former CO) on the occasion of the dedication of Isla Johnson.

### SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY

NO MEETING at the hall due to 'TOGETHER 2020' in Birmingham - Details of how you can join in via the internet are to follow.

## 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 that as we worship in fellowship we will be guided and inspired by your love. By the power of your Holy Spirit, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

- Prayer of thankfulness for Audrey and David Holder who celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 8 June.
- Pray for peace in Ukraine and other war-torn countries. Pray for the Salvation Army in Ukraine that their members will be kept safe as they provide help to those who need it.
- Pray for those who are struggling with financial problems in these times of increased costs of food and fuel.
- Pray for those who have been bereaved and who, at times of celebration, may feel lonely.
- Pray for all those who are unwell, some with chronic long term health problems, some who will be undergoing hospital treatment and others suffering from Covid-type symptoms which are very debilitating.
- Pray for all those who need our prayers in a special way: the lonely, the bereft, the anxious, the lost.
- Pray for the SA Cadets who are preparing for their commissioning in July.
- Pray for those in positions of authority: in the Corps, in local government, in business, in national government.

*Please let Jean know of any urgent prayer requests for the supportive prayers of the Prayer Chain. Email her on [jeanm1938@gmail.com](mailto:jeanm1938@gmail.com) or text on 07787718273. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, please let Jean know.*

## CONGRATULATIONS

To David and Audrey Holder celebrating their Sapphire Wedding Anniversary 65<sup>th</sup>; God Bless them both and may they feel the love and prayers from the Corps Family. Well done to you both.

## BAGS OF HOPE

**\*\*\*\*UPDATED\*\*\*\*URGENT\*\*\***

We are requesting donations of  
**Packets of Cereals ,Jam  
Nappies (Not newborn)  
Packet Soups, Sugar , Crisps**  
Please drop them in the basket in the foyer. THANK YOU or let Trevor know.

## A NEW TERRITORIAL WEBSITE:

### SALVATIONIST.ORG.UK

THQ have launched a new website [salvationist.org.uk](http://salvationist.org.uk) for members and anyone who wants to explore faith and belonging in The Salvation Army. You'll find news, stories, devotional materials, resources, events, learning opportunities and much more. Everyone is welcome: Tell us what you think of the new website by emailing [salvationist@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:salvationist@salvationarmy.org.uk)

## THE SUMMER SCHOOL 2022 APPLICATION

<https://forms.gle/87hjPrm3RL3CCzy67>

Summer School 22 is at Kingswood in Ashford, Kent. All those aged between 12-21 can apply. There will also be a Young Leaders' stream for those aged 18+. Grants are available. For more details contact Anita 07341864278

## TOGETHER 2022 SEE POSTER AT THE HALL

15-17 July 2022 - 'Together 2022' in Birmingham at the ICC. This is an opportunity to gather for worship, teaching and celebration encompassing the **Commissioning of the Messengers of Reconciliation** session, Territorial Congress, Sports Mission and Symphony Sounds. **Details & Ticket info are on the poster at the Hall.**

## 30 TALLEST BUILDINGS CHALLENGE:

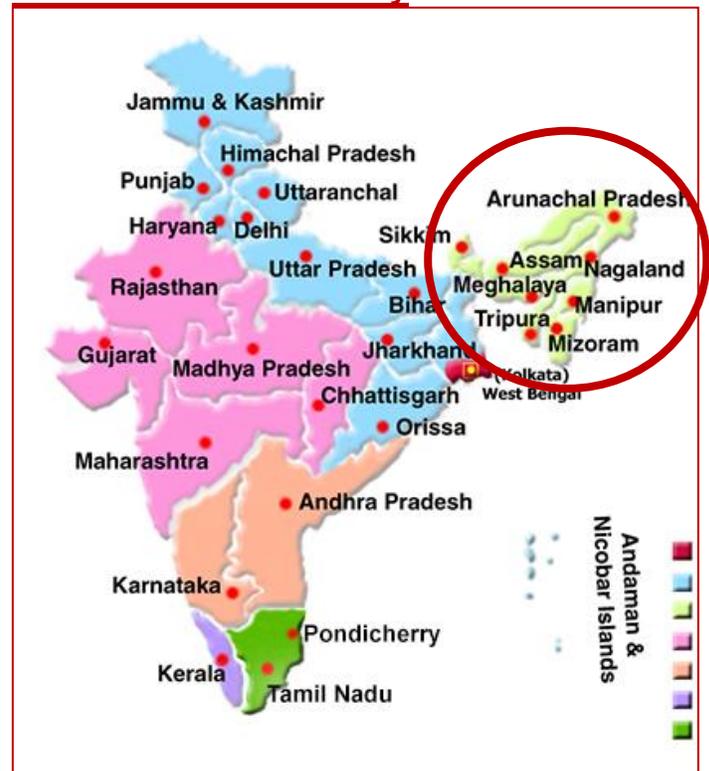
Support this new challenge to climb the equivalent number of stairs of the tallest building in 30 countries throughout the 30 days of June. This has begun and hundreds of steps have been climbed by the members of our Corps and families. Donate on our 30 Tallest Buildings JustGiving page. Donations are needed! **OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GETTING INVOLVED IN THIS CHALLENGE - Look out for a report coming soon.**

## GDPR FORM

Can I ask those of the Corps who have not yet handed in their GDPR forms to Gill in the Office, to give this your attention. We need to be compliant to the law enabling us to contact you or not, as the case may be. You can send them via email if you wish, or if you have misplaced the form one can be emailed to you on request;  
[gill.hopkins@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:gill.hopkins@salvationarmy.org.uk)

## PRAYING FOR OUR ARMY WORLD

### India Eastern Territory



**Territorial leaders:  
Colonels Lahlmingliana and Colonel  
Lahlimpuii**

**Prayer requests:**

1. General's Visit, 2023: To be able to organize General's visit programme in the year 2023
  2. Self-Denial Appeal: For the well flowing and increasing more and more the collection amount of S.D Appeal
  3. Men's Fellowship Congress: Men's Fellowship member can increase and building up of the members in spiritual life and ministries
  4. Territorial Council: The biggest council in the India Eastern Territory is making Territorial action and programme planning be flourishing and to maintain good co-operation in doing ministries
  5. Outreach Ministries: Pray for the workers and sponsors as well as winning more saving souls.
  6. Spiritual Revival: For spiritual revival and humanitarian services in the Territory
  7. Thanksgiving for God's guidance and achievements in ministries.
- We hope that the prayer support from Salvationists around the globe will be effectively working in the success for India Eastern Territory ministries, programmes, and activities.

**THE PERSECUTED CHURCH**

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

**Maldives**

**World Watch ranking: 16**



**Leader**

President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

**Main threats**

- Islamic oppression

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**How many Christians are there in the Maldives?**

There are estimated to be a very small number of Christians - numbering a few hundred - in the Maldives. The vast majority of people living there are Muslim.

**How are Christians persecuted?**

Government officials in the Maldives proudly emphasise that the country is 100% Muslim. Conversion to another religion will be reported to Muslim leaders or the authorities; non-Muslims can also lose their citizenship. Being known as a Christian is so dangerous that there is no ability to meet as a fellowship community - whole families may be Christian without ever knowing the rest of their family shares their faith. This lack of Christian support stifles believers' spiritual growth.

Believers in the Maldives who are migrant workers are also watched by authorities, making it difficult for even foreign Christian workers to meet together. And even more Muslim extremist groups have returned to the country, placing Christian converts at further risk.

## What's life like for Christians in the Maldives?

The level of pressure on Christians remained very high. Converts have no space at all to live out their Christian faith. The new government, which took over in mid-November 2018, has made no tangible improvements as regards freedom of religion and is more focused on internal political struggles.

Women have no choice but to conform and wear Islamic clothing. If they don't, they will be confronted and harassed. Methods used to bring a female convert back to Islam include forced marriage, threats, verbal abuse and other violence. Exacerbated by Covid-19 lockdowns, domestic violence toward women and children continues to escalate.

If a man is found to be a secret believer, he is likely to be threatened, assaulted physically and may be imprisoned. If he's imprisoned, his entire family will suffer from lack of financial and emotional support. Children of Christian parents are likely to face bullying at school. For many Christians, the only option is to leave the country.

### PLEASE PRAY

Father God, enlighten and encourage secret believers in the Maldives as they reach out to You in faith. Embolden expatriate Christians working there to reveal Your heart toward everyone they encounter. Move the hearts of government officials, allowing Christians to worship openly and minister throughout the country. In Jesus' name, amen.

### 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 ROMANS 12:3

*By the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.*

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

Pride does go before a fall! It is not easy to balance the two truths: "I must not be prideful, but I must understand just how much God values me." Satan can use our self-denigration, the worthless worm syndrome, to discourage us and keep us from using our gifts for Kingdom work. On the other hand, pride takes God out of the picture and attributes our contribution to God's Kingdom to us and not to God.

### O - MY PRAYER ...

Holy Father, as your child, redeemed at the cost of Jesus' life, I know I am loved and valuable to you. I know you have given me abilities and gifts to use for your glory and to bless your church. But Father, I do not want to ever think that my abilities are somehow mine alone. I know you have given me the gifts, abilities, and experiences that have shaped me, so please empower me to your glory. But Father, I never want the glory that is achieved from your gifts to puff me up or turn from me the realization that I am what I am, I have what I have, and I do what I do, because of your grace and your generous gifts. May I ever be your humble but valuable child at work in your Kingdom. Through Jesus I pray. Amen.

## **TUESDAY JEREMIAH 16:9-10**

*The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve."*

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

Jesus told us that what is in our heart ultimately works its way out into our activities. The great wise man told us to guard our heart because it is the spring well of our life. Jeremiah wants us to know that God knows our heart. We want to stress the importance of what goes into our hearts because it really makes a difference in what goes on inside our heart. Invite the Lord in to what you do, think, read, watch, and hear and ask him to remove those things that are not worthy of your time and interest.

### **P, Q - MY PRAYER ...**

Righteous Father, please help me guard my heart and be wise enough not to place things into it that would rob it of its devotion to you. I want to be pure through and through. Please search me and help me remove everything that would steal my devotion from you and ruin my influence with others. Through Jesus I pray. Amen.

## **WEDNESDAY PROVERBS 14:34**

*Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.*

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

Wow, what an indictment. When we vote according to our pocketbook more than character and when we excuse the indiscretions, infidelities, and illegalities in the leaders of both political parties, we have reached a very sad state indeed! But before we rant and rave about the sad state of morality in our public officials, let's make sure we're honest in our own daily lives, that we don't say cruel

things about others, that we remain faithful to our marriage and our purity vows to God, and let's make sure that we expect of ourselves higher standards than we do of others.

### **R - MY PRAYER ...**

God, you are not only the Almighty, you are holy! Holy, Holy, Holy are you, the LORD God Almighty. May the whole earth be filled with your glory and may that glory be shown in what I do and say. Forgive me for my own sin and hypocrisy. Bless me with purity and holiness as I pledge my life to your glory. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

## **THURSDAY PSALMS 33:12**

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.*

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

What is god of our culture and our nation? Certainly our God is the LORD, Yahweh, King of Israel and Redeemer of the lost. But we can pray for revival to sweep our land and we can repent for not placing him first in our own lives. He has promised to respond if we will humble ourselves and seek him. Let's do that beginning today!

### **S - MY PRAYER ...**

LORD, God of the heavens and Father of all nations, I humble myself before you today, acknowledging my own sin and the sin of my people. I pray that you will revive us by the power of your word and the sanctifying power of your Spirit. Bring renewal to our land. In the name of Jesus and by the power of the Spirit I ask this. Amen.

## **FRIDAY ISAIAH 12:4**

*Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done and proclaim that his name is exalted.*

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

It is wrong to think God's love for the nations began only with Jesus and the Great Commission. Remember Jonah's preaching to save Israel's great enemy, Nineveh? Remember the precious story of Ruth? God loves all people and wants them to come to share in his grace. As Christians, we are his salt and light, here to touch all the people of the world and beckon them to come back to the Father who loves them.

#### **T, U - MY PRAYER ...**

Holy God, stir in my heart a greater passion to share your love with the world. May my life, my money, and my concerns be used to do more of your work throughout the world. Please bless the efforts of all those who share the Gospel of Jesus in a culture other than their own. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

#### **SATURDAY MATTHEW 24:35**

*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.* (Spoken by Jesus.)

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

What do you have that will last? Not much - the love you have for God and his children, the praise you offer him, and the Word he has spoken to use through his Spirit, the prophets, and his Son, Jesus. Invest in these things and you will never be without lasting profit!

#### **V, W - MY PRAYER ...**

Eternal God and loving Father, give me wisdom to discern what is truly lasting and invest my life in those things that will never suffer decay. Thank you for sending Jesus to teach me truth that will last. I want to be obedient to his words and his life. Bless me in ways that help me live a life that is true. Through Jesus, my eternal Saviour I pray. Amen.

#### **SUNDAY PSALMS 18:30**

*As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him.*

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

A shield whose word can be trusted. But we must take refuge in him if his flawless word for us is to be a blessing and his presence a shield.

#### **X, Y, Z - MY PRAYER ...**

God of the Fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I trust my soul and future to you. You are my strength and shield and I pray that your name will be exalted in my life. Please protect and guard me and my family and my church from the Evil One and keep us physically safe and whole as we serve you this summer. In Jesus name. Amen.

