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LAST MONTH'S
ACHIEVEMENTS

MAJOR'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

You will have noticed in the list of diary dates that the days of Friday 11th—to Monday 14th of this month have been set aside as a long weekend of prayer. In amidst all the busyness and activity of Corps life we are going to use these days to be still and to simply “be” with God.

To help us in this our hall will be set out as a prayer room. Around the room there will be different ‘prayer stations’ - each having a particular focus, offering written prayers and at times giving suggestions of something to do as an aid to prayer. For example: the notice board will be made available for us to add our own written prayers; there will be an opportunity to light a candle for ourselves or for others; at some point around the room there will be water to drink to symbolise the refreshment that Jesus offers us; there will be a craft table for any who wish to make a picture prayer. For those who would rather just sit and be still there will be an area of comfortable seating with a selection of prayer and poem books. There is no one right or wrong way to pray and this time and space will hopefully offer something for everyone.

The hall will be open for this purpose from 8am through to 10pm on each of the four days. The only ‘organised’ sessions will be our usual worship time on Sunday morning (10am-11am) to which everyone is welcome, and our Jam Club time (11.45am-12.45pm) which we would like to limit to Jam Club families.

At any other time during those 4 days all are invited to call in and enjoy the space for as short or long a time as you wish. You may like to come along for just 10 minutes or else you could spend a whole day making your way around the stations and enjoying a kind of ‘retreat’ day with your Lord. Feel free to bring food with you and help yourself to hot and cold drinks from the servery.

It would be helpful to have at least one person ‘on duty’ throughout the time. I will be around for much of it, but would appreciate some additional help. Duties will involve keeping an eye on the hall if no-one else is there; quietly welcoming people as they come in; keeping the displays tidy; ensuring that flasks are refilled so that people can help themselves to drinks; either praying with people if they request it or arranging for them to return at a time when someone is able to help. If you are able to take a turn at this please speak with me to arrange a time.

Invitations have gone to all the churches in the town, leaflets will be left out at *The Well* & a letter will appear in the Walden Local this week to ensure that people know that this time and space for quiet prayer is open to all.

It will be is an opportunity to pray for ourselves and for others, for our corps and the wider church in Saffron Walden, for the needs of our community and for the world.



We can fully expect that God will shower us with blessings during these days. Through prayer we can seek God’s help, but first and foremost we seek God Himself. The promise in James 4 verse 8 says

**“Draw near to God
and He will draw near to you.”**

May we each know the truth of this promise as we make the most of these precious days.

God bless you,
With love

Carol



SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Week 1	61
Week 2	35
Week 3	45
Week 4	35
Week 5	42

AVERAGE 44

TOTAL OFFERINGS

Envelope giving	£ 1255.00
Collections	£ 221.22
TOTAL	£ 1476.22

INCOME & OUTGOING

Income	£ 3547.12
Expenditure	£ 2852.65
SURPLUS	£ 694.47

SELF DENIAL

MISSIONARY APPEAL

Thank you to Tony for leading us through the profiles of our partner countries.

We are pleased to report that from our Altar Service this year we will be sending in £740.76 from the senior corps & £47.00 from Jam Club

A total of £787.76
(This is an increase of £88.74 from last year)

Thank you and God bless you for your generous giving.

Many Happy returns
and congratulations to

MARY HUDSON

Who celebrates her
90th birthday on
Wednesday 16th April.

**GOD BLESS YOU
MARY**

**AND LOVE FROM
ALL YOU FRIENDS AT
THE ARMY**

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS**April**

- 6 Christina, Jackie, Gael.
 13 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H.
 20 Miriam, Shirley.
 27 Karen, Adrian, Peter.

**May**

- 4 Christina, Jackie, Gael.
 11 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H.
 28 Miriam, Shirley.
 25 Karen, Adrian, Peter.

PRAYERS for Saffron Walden

- For the family of Hilda Corketon who passed away last month. Pray especially for her daughter Margaret;
- For all the activities taking place in our hall and for our special time this month set aside for prayer;
- For Lee who is making his way through a preparation course for Junior Soldiership.
- For all of our Junior Soldiers as they re-commence the Award Scheme classes this month;
- For those attending the Alpha course, thanking God for the very special time of learning and of fellowship that has been enjoyed so far;

UNITED CHURCH PRAYER CROSS

For the month of
APRIL



We are invited to pray for
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

We pray for Father John, Sister Brenda, for other leaders and members of the church family; May God bless and use their worship and the service that they offer to this town.

PRAYERS for others

Let us continue to uphold General Shaw Clifton as he awaits an appointment for surgery

APRIL

- Tuesday 1** Cameo. Gaynor "Teapots"
2-4 Carol at Officers retreat
Wednesday 2 NO ALPHA
Saturday 5 Hall open for sandwich lunches and desserts 11am-3pm.
Sunday 6 Carol taking young people to youth Council: Steph leading meeting;
Wednesday 9 Alpha 7
Thursday 10 Fair-trade fashion show in URC Church Hall. 7.30pm. All welcome. See poster on notice board.
Fri 11—Mon 14 Prayer weekend. See front page for details
Tuesday 15 Cameo. Gaynor "Bible Treasures"
Wednesday 14 Alpha 8
Thursday 17 6.15 Almshouses, Kelvin
Saturday 19 Alpha Holy Spirit Day (for those attending the course)
Sunday 20 Visit of Divisional Leaders, Majors Alan & Alison Burns
Monday 21 Carol speaker at Stansted URC Monday Club
Tuesday 22 Junior Soldier classes begin in the evening
Wednesday 23 Alpha 9
Thursday 24 7.30pm Churches Together, Baptist Church.
Saturday 26 Visit of Divisional Youth Chorus for evening programme
Sunday 27 YP Annual: Meeting including Jam Club prize-giving. Julia leading.
Tuesday 29 Cameo: Leader Carol
Wednesday 30 Carol at Dame B School. 7.30pm Alpha 10

SITUATION VACANT**Christian Aid collection organiser for our corps.**

The job involves liaising with Ted Jackson (Churches Together Rep); taking delivery of material; recruiting collectors from the corps to cover our area; counting and banking money & reporting back to Ted.

We are grateful to Steph for taking on this role over the last few years. If you want to know more about the job please speak to her.

MAY

- Thursday 1** KSI School—Carol
Wednesday 7 KSJ school—Carol.
3pm Carol speaking at URC guild.
6.15pm—Hatherley service - Carol
7.30pm—Final Alpha meeting
Saturday 10 'Celidh' - a Joint Social evening of Irish Country dancing and ploughman's supper. Held in the URC Church hall with proceeds to the building fund. Tickets (£5 Adults and £3 children) will be on sale very soon. They will be made available to Corps and Church folk first and then be on sale to other churches and through tourist information.
Sunday 11 2pm Hospital service
6pm United service for Pentecost—Baptist Church.
12th—17th May Christian Aid week (Please see note below)
Tuesday 13 Cameo/over 60 club rally (to be decided)
Thursday 22 Corps Council meeting
Saturday 24 Book Sale in our Hall. Jim Getti is organising sale. As many helpers as possible appreciated for stalls and refreshments. (Proceeds to joint building fund)
Tuesday 27 URCSA management group meeting

FUN DAY**Saturday 21st June**

Lady Morrow is kindly making her garden available to us for this event again this year and arrangements are already well under way.

Please speak to Carol as soon as possible to confirm your availability (or not) and the part that you would like to play.

We are planning on opening just for the afternoon this year (possibly 1pm—4pm) which will enable us to do all of the preparation on the Saturday morning.

New ideas and offers for stalls and competitions would be appreciated.

If anyone is able and willing to work alongside Carol in the planning and organisation of this event, she would be pleased to hear from you!