

SAFFRON WALDEN CORPS



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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LAST MONTH'S
FIGURES

Captain's Column

Dear Friends, We are in the second week of Lent, a time where we reflect on our journey of discipleship and try to improve ourselves as we think about Jesus journey to the cross and our redemption. The Journey of Jesus begins with his time of testing in the wilderness – 40 days in the desert tempted by the devil to give up and give in but Jesus remains strong in God as he is strengthened through God's word. For us there are many times of "wilderness" in our lives but in those times I have found ...a sense of God's presence that over-rode all the circumstances, a trust in God's goodness and faithfulness; a deeper love and appreciation for others; and peace, real peace, in the midst of the storm.

Just as Jesus wasn't delivered from that experience, he was lifted above it and carried through it. Isaiah 40:31 outlines the promise of God to those who are walking through trials and wilderness experiences. *"They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength. They shall rise up on wings like Eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint."*

The Bible is filled with the stories of great men and women of faith, and almost all of them had one or more defining wilderness experiences that God used to prepare them for even greater use. My favourite is the story of Joseph. Sold into slavery by his brothers, wrongly accused by the wife of his employer, thrown into jail for something he didn't do, and seemingly forgotten by those he had helped. In all of this, a span of 13 years, the Bible never once records that Joseph complained or railed against the Lord. Read this amazing story yourself – Genesis 37 – 47. Through his years in the wilderness, Joseph learned humility, obedience, patience, and responsibility. In God's perfect timing, he became ruler over all of Egypt delivering the Egyptians and his own family from the famine in the land.

Let us turn our wilderness testing into a God Adventure! – Romans 8:28 *"ALL things work together for good to those who love the Lord, who are called according to His purposes."* Stay close to Him and watch your wilderness become a God-Adventure! You may want to come & join our Lent Course Thursdays in Lent 7.30pm based on the film *Casablanca*. May God bless us each one this Easter season.

Carol



SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Week 1
Week 2
Week 3
Week 4

AVERAGE

Offerings £
Income £

Mothering Sunday Service

10am

March 11th

Led by
Captain Carol Baker

Please come and join us
As we celebrate
God's gift of love



All Welcome

Easter Programme

30th March Good Friday Walk of Witness
10.30am URC/SA car park.
6pm Meditation around the cross
Saturday 31st March 6.30pm Community
Band Celebration
Easter Sunday 10am Celebrate Easter
Worship Service

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

March

- 4th Barbara K, Adrian, Peter
- 11th Sheila & Ray A.
- 18th Sally, Helen, Sheila S, Jean
- 25th Kathyne, Helen, Rowan

April

- 1st Barbara K, Adrian, Peter
- 8th Sheila D, Maureen, Melanie, Sheila Anderson.
- 15th Sheila & Ray A.
- 22nd Sally, Helen, Sheila S, Jean
- 29th Kathyne, Helen, Rowan

If you would like to help with this please see Carol/Steph

Thank you to the teams who volunteer to do this eachweek.



Prayers

1. Let us pray for all those who are struggling with ill health at the moment. In particular Janet, Gerald D, Elena, Karen & Adrian and Shirley. We pray for God's healing hand upon them and for strength for those looking after them.
2. We pray for our church in these days of change. Let us pray that God would bind us together in love and as we place our trust in Him for the future knowing God has good things in store. We pray for the new officer that God would help them to adjust and gain your strength through this change and moving house.
3. We would pray for all our outreach activities this Easter season. Praying that God would bless and stir the hearts of all who hear his message of love.
4. As we pray for one of our groups connected with us here each month. This month we pray for our corps family. God blesses our worship each week and we pray that God would continue to pour His Spirit upon us. We ask that he send us new people and bless our fellowship together. Help us to look out for one another and give help where needed. We would pray for Rowan as she is made a senior soldier this month. We praise and thank you for her and that she has made this commitment to follow you and your leading on her life.



UNITED CHURCH PRAYERS

For the month of March we are invited to pray for the URC incorporating Castle St Methodist Church. We pray for leaders and members of this church. We also pray for Dame Bradbury School, the teachers and children.



Please join us for Messy Church at The Salvation Army For craft, singing, Bible story, food. A time for all the family of fun, food and fellowship. All Welcome and its free!!
Sunday 25th March 4pm

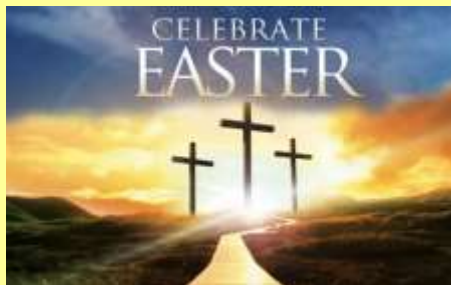


Theme – 'Easter'

Come & have some fun!

Easter Sunday Celebration Service

**10am
Sunday 1st April**



To include the enrolment of Rowan Hall as a senior soldier

Come & Join us!

Easter Saturday

**March 31st
6.30pm**

Come and join us as we celebrate our Community band After just six months of playing together come & see how we are doing!!

Also see The timbrell group & Enjoy refreshments too!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

March

- 1st Lent Course 7.30pm led by Tony Attwood
- 2nd Women's World Day of Prayer URC 11.30am
- 6.30pm Community Band
- 4th Worship Service 10am including Self Denial Altar Service led by Captain Carol
- 6th Well café
CAMEO
- 7th Toddler song 10am
- 8th Well café
Lent Course 7.30pm led by Peter Dexter
- 9th 6.30pm Community Band
- 11th Mothering Sunday Service 10am led by Captain Carol
- 13th Well café
Junior Soldiers 6pm
7pm PCC
- 14th Toddler song 10am
Joint management group meeting 7pm
- 15th Well café
Lent Course 7.30pm led by Paul Marriott
- 16th 6.30pm Community Band
- 18th Worship Service 10am led by Steph Hall
- 20th Well café
CAMEO
- 21st Toddler song 10am
- 22nd Well café
Lent Course 7.30pm led by Frank Jefferson
- 23rd 6.30pm Community Band
- 25th Worship Service 10am led by Captain Carol
4pm Messy Easter Church
- 26th-30th Holy Week No Groups
- 30th Good Friday Walk of Witness 10.30am outside URC/SA
Good Friday Meditation 6pm
- 31st Community Band 6pm
- 1st Easter Sunday Service 10am led by Captain Carol

The Salvation Army Community Band



All Welcome

I can announce that the new Officer coming in July will be Katrina Thurlow