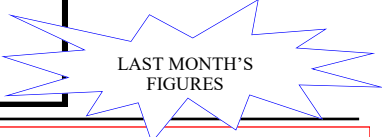




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Captain's Column

Dear Friends, We have been blessed by some glorious sunshine in recent days as I write it is approaching 30 degrees Celsius! My mind goes to the visit of the Chelmsford Band this month and I pray the weather will be as kind to us on that Saturday and not too hot!. I am reminded of a verse from the Psalms of David who was himself a great lover of music and played the harp.

Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. (Psalm 33:2)

I read this article the other day— *‘My five and six year old boys are constantly on the go. From the moment they wake up to when their heads hit the pillow at night, they are loud, active, boisterous boys. That’s why I was so amazed at what happened at Bunnings before Christmas. Bunnings is a large handyman store that, when viewed through the eyes of a young boy, has large aisles to run down and shelves filled with things to touch. I had to go there with the boys to buy my husband a present and I prepared myself for the worst. I’d spoken to the boys about proper store behaviour before going in and I had 10 different bribery options at hand! But I never anticipated what we would find inside the store. I tried to be as quick as I could and went straight to the area I needed, but on the way my boys just stopped and stood still. The Salvation Army was setting up a band to play Christmas songs and my boys just stood transfixed.*

I was hesitant to let them stay as I wanted to keep them close by, but they asked to sit and watch, and that they did. Every time I went to check on them they had not moved and they continued to stare at the band before them. I was amazed! These boys were surrounded by hundreds of interesting items to touch, but they sat quietly listening to a brass band play ‘We Three Kings’. Thank God for the Salvation Army and the many bands across the country.’

That just shows the power of music. Some say that music is the universal language. It’s amazing the emotion it can conjure and the impact it can have. Imagine a movie without a sound track or a TV show without a theme song. For me, I love music, particularly when it’s involved with worshipping God. The words of the songs, and particularly the emotion portrayed through the melody, can help me express my feelings towards God.

We are often surrounded by music so much that we forget its impact. But when it comes to glorifying God, I tend to agree with the Psalmist David, when he speaks of using every type of instrument to proclaim God’s glory. When we do, amazing moments can be created. This picture of my grandsons shows an amazing moment of music making and a very noisy one!!! But so enjoyable and in the Salvationist last week there was an article on music making from General John Larsson (retired) that said **‘what we need is music that will speak to every heart.’** How true in this world of turmoil and strife of today. Music can bring such peace as it did to King David and those he played to too! His playing soothed the troubled King Saul and brought him peace.

General Larsson (retired) says in his article - *‘Music is the thing everyone has in common! What do people do when they wake up in the morning? They reach out and switch on music. They listen to music over breakfast. They travel to work with music. Many listen to piped music all day long as they work. Often listening to music on the return home, in the evening when watching tv or listening to recorded music, or when going out with friends. What we need is music that will speak to every heart. Music that will speak to the traditionalist and appeal to the non traditionalist. Music that will inspire the believer and capture the non believer. Music that will appeal to the young and the old. High brow music, popular music, music for voice and brass and keyboard and guitar. No heart must be left out of reach.’*

This is my prayer for us here in Saffron Walden and across this country.

Prayer: Lord God, You are worthy of all our praise. May we use all the gifts and abilities You have given us to praise Your holy name. Thank you for the beautiful gift of music. Amen.

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Week 1	36
Week 2	34
Week 3	37
Week 4 –Next months figures	
AVERAGE	36

You may be aware we have a new accounting system that started on the 1st April. Due to this we are unable to provide any figures as yet but hopefully normal service will be resumed asap!!! This is proving challenging for us and The Salvation Army!



My grandsons - Freddie & Sebastian enjoying music making!!!



SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

July

2nd Kathrynne, Helen, Rowan
 9th Sheila D, Maureen, Melanie,
 Sheila A.
 16th Barbara K, Adrian, Peter
 23rd Sheila & Ray A.
 30th Sally, Helen, Sheila S, Jean

August

6th Kathrynne, Helen, Rowan
 13th Sheila D, Maureen, Melanie,
 Sheila A.
 20th Barbara K, Adrian, Peter
 27th Sheila & Ray A.

Thanks to the teams who volunteer to do this week by week.



Prayers

- We pray for those who are struggling with ill health and we think of Janet & Billy who have been unwell. We would also pray for those who will be undergoing tests/operations this month. We pray for Karen & Sheila S. We ask for God's healing hand to cover them and restore them and bring healing.
- Each month we pray for one of the groups connected with our corps and this month we pray for our Toddler-song group. We thank God for Kathrynne and her helpers who take on this responsibility. We thank God for the growth of this ministry and pray it will continue to grow and be a real outreach to little lives so they may know Jesus better.
- This month sees the Chelmsford band coming to Saffron Walden. We pray for this venture and fine weather. We pray that this would be a real outreach to the local community and music will stir souls to bring them closer to Jesus. We pray for those who will speak to people at this event and that God would lead and guide their conversations according to His will.
- We thank God for our young people and that they have completed another year of school along with exams for some. We thank God for his faithfulness, patience and strength he gives. We pray he would continue to lead and guide and protect these young lives and keep them in his love. Amen



UNITED CHURCH PRAYERS

For the month of July we are invited to pray for the Baptist Church. We pray for leaders and members of this church. We also pray for RA Butler Primary School, the teachers and children.

Saturday 22nd July

**Chelmsford Band
 are coming to do a
 short concert at**

**The Bandstand
 Jubilee Gardens
 Saffron Walden
 11.30am**



Please come along and join us !



Sunday 2nd July 4pm

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!!

This Month's theme is

Jonah & the Big Fish!



Come & share this great story and enjoy some fun crafts and some fun with water!!!

Forward Notice—Save the date!

On September 16/17th we celebrate our Corps anniversary. This year we celebrate our 10th birthday!

And we have -

Major Carol Evans coming for the weekend and she will lead our worship on Sunday morning.

Saturday evening will take the form of a buffet and various acts of entertainment, a time of fun and fellowship together.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 2nd Worship Service led by Capt. Carol 10am
 4pm Messy Church
 3rd Corps Council mtg 7.30pm
 4th 'Well'
 CAMEO - Independence Day & Other films
 Junior Soldiers 6pm
 5th Toddler-song 10am
 6th 'Well'
 9th Worship Service led by Capt. Carol 10am
 11th 'Well'
 Junior Soldiers 6pm
 12th Toddler-song 10am
 9am Assembly Katherine Semar Juniors Capt Carol
 13th 'Well'
 16th Worship Service led by Capt. Carol 10am
 18th 'Well'
 CAMEO - Virtual Seaside Day Junior Soldiers 6pm
 19th Toddler-song 10am
 3pm Stanley Wilson service
 20th Last 'Well' before Summer break return Thurs 7th Sept
 22nd Chelmsford Band 11.30am
 23rd Worship Service led by Steph Hall 10am
 24th-31st Carol on Romanian Mission Aid trip
 30th Worship Service led by Majors Mark & Andrea Sawyer (Divisional Mission Enablers) 10am
- August**
 7th-11th VBS

Messy Church takes a break after this month until October. Our weekly programme also takes a break over the summer with No 'Well' café, No Toddler-song and No Junior Soldiers. We start back from Thurs 7th Sept.