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LAST MONTH'S
FIGURES

MAJOR'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

Have you noticed the three new signs now in place pointing to the URC and The Salvation Army? They are situated in the High Street (on the left coming down the hill), at the end of Abby Lane and in Park Lane as you walk from Swan Meadow Car park. The Council have put these in place, but we owe our thanks to Frank for negotiating with them and for his tenacity in pushing the plans through.

Surely you couldn't have missed the new outdoor notice board! It stands alongside one of the same design for the URC giving testimony to the unity that we enjoy as well as providing us with space to advertise who we are and what we have on offer. Our thanks go to Tony, Peter and John who are working together to produce a new poster for each week giving details of current activities. There is now plenty of space to advertise special events as well as the opportunity to offer a spiritual message.

It's obvious that good signage is important. If we want people to find our building they need to be shown the way. If we want them to join in with our activities, they need to know what is on offer and to be encouraged through our posters to see that we have something that will be of interest to them. And if we want to lead people to the Lord, by far the best means of pointing the way is enabling people to not just read about the message of the Gospel, but to see the truth of it in action in our own living.

Such pointers will be:

The signpost of Unity that we share as a family in our corps, with our friends in Abbey Lane and with other members of the Church in the Town; Jesus' prayer for us is recorded in John 17 v23 saying *"May they be brought to complete unity that men*



will see that you sent me and have loved them."

The signpost of good works.

In Mathew 5v16 Jesus told the disciples *"Let your light shine before men that they*

may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

The signpost of love, emulating the love that God has for us as we live as brothers and sisters. Jesus said in John 13 v35 *"Men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."*

The signpost of hope—for in 1 Peter 3:15 we are told to *"be prepared to give an answer when asked to give a reason for the hope you have."*

It is the mission that Jesus gave to us as He ascended to Heaven and the purpose for which He sent His Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. *"You will receive Power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you"* He said, *"And you will be my witnesses"* Acts 1:8

As we celebrate the gift of Pentecost this weekend let us thank God for His blessings and let us realise afresh the power available as we accept the privilege of pointing the way to Jesus.

God bless & love

Carol

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Week 1	42
Week 2	35
Week 3	55
Week 4	35

AVERAGE 42

OFFERINGS

Envelope giving	£1841.76
Collections	£ 148.10
TOTAL	£1989.86

INCOME & OUTGOING

Income	£ 3452.87
Expenditure	£ 3008.70
Surplus	£ 444.17



Our sincere thanks goes to Sara and John for their hard work in organising our part this year in the Christian Aid collection. Thanks too for all who so willingly became members of their team. We praise God for the record amount collected of over **£ 600**



THE ALPHA COURSE

We are going to begin an Alpha study course on Wednesday mornings, starting on Wednesday 10th June.

Alpha is for :

An anyone interested in finding out more about the Christian faith and people of all ages; **L**earning and laughter. It is possible to learn about the Christian faith and have fun at the same time! **P**eople meeting together. An opportunity to make new friends. **H**elping one another. The discussion time gives a chance to talk over issues raised during the talks. **A**sking questions— where no question is regarded as too simple or too hostile.

Leaflets are available at the hall or on the website giving details of the course and on how to enrol. Please enrol yourself if you would find this helpful—& please take leaflets to encourage friends and other people to come along.

If you are free and willing to come as part of the team, to aid discussion and worship; or to help with catering (elevenses), please speak to Carol.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

JUNE

7 Karen, Adrian, Peter
 14 Christina, Gael, Jackie
 21 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H
 28 Miriam, Shirley

JULY

5 Karen, Adrian, Peter
 12 Christina, Gael, Jackie
 19 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H
 26 Miriam, Shirley



JUNE

1st—7th Carol on furlough
Tues 2—NO J.S Class
Sunday 7 Steph leading meeting.
 (Includes prayer for VBS)
Tuesday 9 Cameo: “God’s way in
 song” Leader: Carol
6pm—Junior Soldiers Class
Wednesday 10 10am—Alpha 1
Friday 12 3pm Farmadine service
 8pm Singing Group



A programme of vocal music by

THE DEDICATED DIVAS

Saturday 13th June, 2009
The Salvation Army Hall;
Abbey Lane, S Walden
6.30pm

Donation tickets £3.50 adult / 50p child

JULY

Wednesday 1—Alpha 4
Sunday 5—Junior Soldiers leading
 meeting
Tuesday 7 Cameo
Wednesday 8 Alpha 5
Friday 10 3pm Farmadine
 8pm—Singing Group
Sunday 12 Last jam Club this term
 2pm Hospital service
Tuesday 14 Last JS class this term
Wednesday 15 Alpha 6
Tuesday 21 Cameo:
Friday 24 Singing Group
Sunday 26 Tony leading meeting
 (Carol away for weekend)

PRAYERS for Saffron Walden

1. For Kelvin whose Father has passed away; For Christina too and the whole family;
2. For Sue (Cameo member) whose husband Bob has passed away
3. For Eve & for Joan (Cameo members) who are far from well;
4. For the visit of the “Dedicated Divas” - that the weekend will be used to encourage us, and to enable us to invite friends along
5. Fun Day on Saturday 20th: that all the planning will go well; that all will be kept safe; that it will be successful as a day of fun, as a fundraiser and in reaching out to people for the Lord;
6. For the Alpha course commencing this month, for those who will take part that this will be a helpful experience in drawing closer to God.

PRAYERS for others

1. For Rose’s son David who remains in hospital to recover from the removal of brain tumours;
2. For Major Alison Burns who is needing to have yet more surgery, followed by Chemotherapy
3. For David (Carol’s Uncle) who is also recovering from major surgery;
4. For other members of our families, and people for whom we care who need our prayers in any special way.

UNITED CHURCH PRAYERS



For the month of **JUNE**
 We are invited to pray for
Castle Street Methodist Church
 We pray for Rev Trevor Sands and wife Judith as they prepare for a new appointment in July and for the members of the church in these days of change.

- Sunday 14** “Dedicated Divas” leading our morning meeting.
- Wednesday 17**—Alpha 2
- Saturday 20** FUN DAY. 1-5pm
- Tuesday 23** Cameo “Stars and Stripes: Leader: Gaynor
- Wednesday 24**—Alpha 3
- Thursday 25** Churches Together
- Friday 26** Singing Group. 8pm
- Sunday 28** Visit of Captains Richard & Sandra Welch (DHQ)

Sunday 13 September CORPS ANNIVERSARY

Visit of
**General John Larsson and
 Commissioner Freda Larsson**
10am morning meeting
12pm Buffet lunch for the corps
 family
3pm Afternoon meeting

*Please book this date in your
diaries now!*

FAMILY FUN DAY - SATURDAY 20TH JUNE BROADACRES, SEVEN DEVILS LANE, 1-5pm

Offers of help would be appreciated with any of the following:

- * Cakes for refreshments tent (See Joan Reed)
- * Items for the “Home Produce” stall: i.e. pickles, preserves, baking, plants, home-grown veg/ fruit etc... (See Carol)
- * Items to be used for prizes or gift stall (See Carol)
- * Unwanted plates, cups, etc for crockery smash (Adrian)
- * Cash donations to help with costs of prizes, BBQ, lifeguard, adverts etc... (Carol)
- * Manning a stall or competition on the day (Carol)
- * Setting up on Friday evening and Saturday morning (Paul)

This year the information tent is going to have more of an evangelical focus as we offer information about what our two churches offer in Abbey Lane and more importantly about the God that we serve. There will be opportunities for people to have conversations and to request prayer. Tony and Julia will be looking after this for us along with others from the URC.

Please be praying for every aspect of this event.