



# SAFFRON WALDEN CORPS



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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## Captain's Column

Dear Friends, As I am busy packing boxes and the sun is shining outside it reminded me of how many in the summer months will take time off for holidays or just relaxing at home and enjoying the sunshine. I read this article this week as I was away and it made me think and laugh!! -

**God Takes The Summer Off** - "We are sorry to inform you that God will not be available during the summer beginning June 1st. He feels He deserves some time off, so He has cancelled His normal duties for the summer. He has agreed to send the sun and rain occasionally when He happens to be in town, but so far as answering prayers for the needs of your family, please don't count on Him. God has let church leaders know that they should not plan any outreach efforts or mission trips during the summer—or at least if they do, they will have to do it without Him because He plans to be gone a lot to see relatives, play games and enjoy the scenery. God has expressed the opinion that we should find someone else to take His place. Then we reminded Him of His promise, "Surely I will be with you always," but He said He didn't realize when He said it that it meant going two or three years without a break. He expressed His sincere regret and hopes that it will not cause anyone any inconvenience. God may be contacted anytime after September 1st at which time He hopes to get back into the normal routine. "Please defer all requests until then," He requested."

I'm so thankful that God doesn't take the summer off, aren't you? We all do need a break and time to rest. Our weekly programme stops over the summer to give our volunteers a well earned rest but it doesn't mean we stop Worshipping God or forget him during these days. As we approach summer, Let's make it our determination to bring ourselves and our family to God's House on a Sunday. He'll be waiting for us to worship Him. Our God is so faithful to us and may we in turn show our faithfulness to him and in times of rest seek his presence also.

Every Blessing,

*Carol*

*Father, thank You for creating a wonderful world for us to enjoy this summer season. Please help me keep You at the centre of all of my activities through offering thanksgiving.  
Amen*



Dear Father,  
How well You know our frail human frame and desperate need for rest. Help us to see those things which are rest-stealers and joy-robbers in our lives, and to seek Your wisdom in how to deal with them. Enable us to find sacred pauses in each day to rest in Your Presence and be at peace. Amen.

### SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Week 1  
Week 2  
Week 3  
Week 4

### AVERAGE

Offerings  
Envelope giving £  
Collection £  
Total £



Saturday 30th June

Concert on the bandstand in Jubilee Gardens

Chelmsford Salvation Army Band  
12.30-1.30pm



Also another chance to hear how our own band are progressing as a warm up for Chelmsford Band! 11.30-12noon.



Bring a picnic & join us as a farewell community event to Captain Carol

All Welcome

## SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

### June

- 3rd Kathryn, Helen, Rowan  
 10th Barbara K, Adrian, Peter  
 17th Sheila D, Maureen, Melanie, Sheila Anderson.  
 24th Sheila & Ray A.  
 1st July Sally, Helen, Sheila S, Jean

### July

- 8th Kathryn, Helen, Rowan  
 15th Barbara K, Adrian, Peter  
 22nd Sheila D, Maureen, Melanie, Sheila Anderson.  
 29th Sheila & Ray A.

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

**Steph** Thank you to the teams who volunteer to do this each week.



### Prayers

- This month we would pray for Helen Irwin after the loss of her mum.
- Also we pray for those who are unwell at the moment and the list continues to grow. Please pray for Marion, Sheila Smith, Karen and Janet to name but a few and we would ask for God's healing hand to be upon each one. To give them strength and patience in these days. May they know a real sense of God's healing presence in their hearts and lives.
- Each month we pray for one of the groups connected with our corps and this month we pray for our Junior Soldiers - Lee, Harry, Shelby, Connie, Ruth. We ask for God's guiding hand on each of them and all our young people. In these days of Sats, and exams and change we would pray for God's peace and courage. God who doesn't change and always loves us the same through all our life changes.
- Please pray for Katrina in these days as she lost her father this week so amongst all of the change she now has this bereavement. May she be surrounded by God's love and peace in these days.
- We would also pray for our fellowship in these days of change. May we simply be bound together by God's love and continue to pray for growth in numbers and spiritually.



### UNITED CHURCH PRAYERS

For the month of June we are invited to pray for the Community Church in castle St. We pray for leaders and members of this church. We also pray for Chrishall primary School, the teachers and children.



Please join us for our next 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 3rd June 4pm**

Our theme this month is

**'Wonderfully made'**

**Come and have some fun!**

### Dates for your diary!

**Farewell Sunday 1st July**  
 Captain Carol Leading meeting 10am

**Sunday 8th July Tony & Julia**  
 leading meeting 10am

**Sunday 15th July Steph Hall** leading meeting 10am

**Sunday 22nd July**  
**Welcome Sunday to**  
**Captain Katrina Thurlow.**

10am  
 Installation by  
 Major Margaret Ord

All Welcome

### Street Pastors

Many of you will know we support the local street pastors initiative which helps people in the town on a Friday evening. Those who may need help to get home after a night out or just someone to talk to. They are in need of more volunteers to help out and walk the town or some to pray each week. If you would like more information please ask Tony Attwood who has the details.

### VBS - 2018 NEEDS YOU!

6th-10th August  
 This year VBS is over subscribed with children and therefore needs lots of volunteers. If you are able to help in a tent or as part of the welcome team please speak to Ash who will give you further information.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### June

- 3rd Worship Service 10am led by Capt. Carol  
 Messy Church 4pm  
 5th Well café  
 6th Toddler song 10am  
 Capt. Carol Leading Womens guild URC  
 7th Well café  
 8th 6.30pm Community Band  
 10th Worship Service led by Capt Carol 10am  
 12th Well Café  
 CAMEO—Members day  
 13th Toddler song 10am  
 14th Well café  
 15th 6.30pm Community Band  
 17th Worship Service led by Capt Carol 10am  
 19th Well Café  
 20th Toddler song 10am  
 21st Well café  
 Mothers Union using Hall 2-5pm  
 22nd 6.30pm Community Band  
 23rd Zeitlyn trust using hall all day  
 24th Worship Service led by Capt Carol 10am  
 26th Well Café  
 CAMEO—Promises, Promises  
 27th Toddler song 10am  
 28th Well café  
 29th 6.30pm Community Band  
 Sat 30th Saffron Walden Salvation Army Community band & Chelmsford band on bandstand 11.30am and bring your picnic over lunch.
- July**  
 1st Farewell Sunday to Captain Carol  
 22nd Welcome Sunday to Captain Katrina Thurlow 10am

### Corps Secretary

Steph Hall has decided the time is right to relinquish her volunteer role as Corps Secretary. After twenty + years she feels that her role as Corps Assistant is her ministry focus and so cannot give the corps secretary role all the time and energy this requires. This has been a difficult decision and we would want to support Steph in this decision. We thank God for her and the valued ministry she has given in the area of finance and admin and so ... This means we have an vacancy for anyone who enjoys finance or administration to take on this role?  
 If you feel this is your gifting and would like to serve God in this way please see Carol/ Steph.

**Breaking News**—The Salvation Army has announced its 21st General from 2nd August General elect Brian Peddle