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LAST MONTH'S
FIGURES

Captain's Column

Dear Friends,

It is with much sadness I write my last newsletter to you. I have had 8 wonderful years here as your minister in Saffron Walden and would say a very big thank you for accepting me as part of this wonderful fellowship and it has been a real privilege to be your minister and work in the community.

Saffron Walden is a great town in a beautiful part of the country and memories of this place will be with me for always. God has certainly blessed us in so many ways over these years and I know and trust he will continue to bless Saffron Walden Corps and the fellowship you have with one another. If someone had told me when I first came here that we would have a Charity shop and a Community band by the time I left I would never have believed it!! Two things that I would never have chosen to start but God had other ideas and has certainly proved faithful in these.

I'm leaving with sadness. But I don't despair because there is hope, because I know that I'm leaving you all in good hands, God's hands! I'm so glad that I can entrust this church with God and His Word. The same God who has been with us these past eight years will continue to be with this church. The same Word which has been spoken in this church for the past eight years will continue to be proclaimed from this church and God will continue to use it to build you up. God's people will continue to grow because the work is God's alone and is accomplished by His Spirit alone.

Hebrews 13:8 *Jesus Christ is the same, Yesterday, today and forever.*
I would thank each and every one of you for being part of my journey in this place and for journeying with me. I have learnt much from you and will take that with me and Saffron Walden will always have a special place in my heart.

My prayer is that you would continue to seek God's presence daily and know him better and share his love with your family and friends and strangers so that his kingdom continues to grow here. I pray that His love will shine out to this community.

God Bless you,

Carol



SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Week 1
Week 2
Week 3
Week 4

AVERAGE

Offerings	
Envelope giving	£
Collection	£
Total	£

We enjoyed a great time together with our community band & Chelmsford band in Jubilee Gardens Yesterday. Thanks to all who supported and thanks to Saffron Walden Lionesses for helping do the refreshments.



SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

July

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

August

- 5th Sally, Helen, Sheila S, Jean
12th Kathryn, Helen, Rowan
19th Barbara K, Adrian, Peter
26th Sheila D, Maureen, Melanie,
Sheila Anderson.

If you would like to help with this please see Steph Thank you to the teams who volunteer to do this each week.



Prayers

1. We would bring before God in prayer all those who are unwell and need God's healing hand upon their life. We think of Janet, Lily, and Karen & Adrian and those not named in our fellowship who need our prayers.
2. 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 Kathryn 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.
3. 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 as they change school years or leave for new challenges.
4. We would pray for VBS and all those who will go along. We pray that God would speak to hearts and lives and decisions would be made to follow him. We pray for all those who will volunteer in whatever way. We pray God's blessing and strength upon them. Thank You Lord for this ministry and continue to bless it. 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 R A Butler 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 1st July 4pm

Our theme this month is 'Wise & Foolish Builders'



Come and have some fun!

After this one we take a break for the summer and return on Sunday 7th October

Dates for your diary!

Sunday 8th July
Tony & Julia Attwood
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



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

July

- 1st Farewell Sunday to Captain Carol
3rd Well Café
4th Toddler song 10am-11.15
5th Well café
6th Community Band Practice 6.30pm
8th Worship service 10am led by Tony & Julia Attwood
10th Well Café
CAMEO - I love to go wandering - In Britain's national parks
11th Toddler song 10am-11.15
12th Well café
13th Community Band Practice 6.30pm
15th Worship Service led by Steph Hall 10am
17th Well Café
18th Toddler song 10am-11.15
19th Well café
20th July - Wed 5th September our weekly programme takes a break for the summer. The Well café starts again on Thursday 6th September

- 22nd Welcome Sunday to Captain Katrina Thurlow 10am installation led by Major Margaret Ord
24th CAMEO - Virtual seaside day - Sea Creatures
29th Worship Service led by Captain Katrina Thurlow 10am

August

- 7th Cameo - Here's one I made earlier
8th Stanley Wilson Service 3pm
21st Cameo—Tea and cake on the lawn
29th Toddler song/Messy Church Picnic 12noon

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 a 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.