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LAST MONTH'S
FIGURES

MAJOR'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

This month we celebrate Valentine's Day. I say 'we' because whether or not we are expecting red roses or a card with a romantic verse—we are loved. YOU are loved!



I started searching for an appropriate poem to share with you and quickly decided that I could find nothing better than these words from God's own word.

From Romans 8:35; 37-39 we read...

“ Can anything separate us from the love Christ has for us? Can troubles or problems or sufferings or hunger or nakedness or danger or death? ... In all these things we are completely victorious through God who showed his love for us. Yes, I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor ruling spirits, nothing now, nothing in the future, no powers, nothing above us, nothing below us, nor anything else in the whole world will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

They have to be some of the most encouraging and reassuring words ever

written. We fail to trust God at times, but He goes on loving. We may disappoint God, but He loves us just the same. Some turn their back on Him and deny his very existence—but God's love pursues us to the very end. How can we fail to be moved to know that God's love for us is so unshakable and certain?

Here's a prayer by Joyce Huggett ...

Father, You love me!

**Not in some aloof, impersonal way,
But with the cherishing love a mother pours on her child; with the adoring love a good father delights to give his first-born; with the disciplining love good parents give their children; with the protecting love shepherds shower on their lambs.**

Your love for me now is gift-love ...

**Faithful, committed,
unchanging, inextinguishable.**

Grant me the grace to experience that love on earth so that on that glorious day when I see you face to face I shall experience it in even richer measure; and be eclipsed by it for all eternity.

Amen

Happy Valentines!
and God bless
With love

Carol

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

Week 1	40
Week 2	37
Week 3	50
Week 4	United service

AVERAGE 46

DECEMBER OFFERINGS

Envelope giving	£ 1184.50
Collections	£ 126.90
TOTAL	£ 1311.40

INCOME & OUTGOING

Income	£ 3292.54
Expenditure	£ 3504.30
DEFICIT	£ 211.76

JANUARY OFFERINGS

Envelope giving	£ 2156.00
Collections	£ 92.65
Tax refunds	£ 4306.89
TOTAL	£ 6555.54

INCOME & OUTGOING

Income	£ 8389.96
Expenditure	£ 3553.02
SURPLUS	£ 4836.94

Money given so far for the Army's relief effort in **HAITI is £1175.89**

We will send this through so that it can be used, but will continue to accept donations. Thank you for your own giving and for all that you are doing to spread the word to others.

SELF DENIAL MISSIONARY APPEAL

In the Salvation Army we have two occasions each year when we are invited to give in a special Altar Service (additional offering) One of these is our *Self Denial Missionary Appeal* which this year falls on Sunday 7 March. Our giving on this occasion is to help the work of the Army in some of the poorer countries in the world, and once again our Territory is partnered with Bangladesh, Mozambique, Pakistan, Zambia and South America East.

The Army has prepared printed material for us to take home giving stories of how our giving from previous years has been used. We also have PowerPoint presentations for the meetings leading up to the Alter Service and Miriam will be taking a few minutes each week to present these to us.

The theme for the appeal this year is "Give it up for good, not forever" and it may be that some will need to choose something to give up for short while in order to fund our giving. We would do well to remember that most of what we can choose to give up will always be beyond the reach of those we will help—and that the impact of our giving will, we pray, be for their long-term good as we enable our Partners in Mission to fulfil their God-given ministry where they are.

We launch the appeal on 14th Feb when we will receive our enveloped and copies of the printed material.



SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

FEBRUARY

7 Colleen, Betty G, Betty H

14 Miriam, Shirley

21 Karen, Adrian, Peter

28 Christina, Gael, Jackie



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PRAYERS for Saffron Walden

1. For Adrian and Karen in their continued concern for sister Vonnie who has again returned to the hospice;

2. For Doris, (Helen's Mum) who has also had a spell in a hospice in recent days; for Helen, Charlie and Hayley too;

3. For Roy as he continues his chemotherapy treatment;

4. For Patrick as he looks for a job; thanking God that he has become part of our family and believing that God will provide;

5. For Barbara who is having surgery on her foot on 23rd of this month

5. For the many people who come into our hall through the Well ministry each week; for wisdom to know the best way to be of help to those with practical needs; for guidance and courage in sharing our faith and pointing the way to Jesus.

PRAYERS for others

1. For the people of Haiti— for those who are hurting and those who are helping them. For Major Cedric Hills and others who have gone from our territory and other SA personnel who are ministering to the needs of both body and souls in the name of Jesus Christ.

2. For Barry (Carol's Dad) thanking God for the progress that he is now making following his hip replacement operation.

UNITED CHURCH PRAYERS

For the month of **FEBRUARY** we are invited to pray for

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

We pray God's blessing upon Father John Garret and for the leaders and members of the church.

STUDY GROUPS:

35 of you are taking part in the Study groups on "Looking for the will of God." They are now well underway and all going very well. Sincere thanks to those who are leading and hosting these sessions.

CHURCH LENT GROUPS

The groups will be following the York course entitled ...

"WHEN I SURVEY ... Christ's cross and ours"

Details of venues, times & leaders are now on the notice board. Those who wish to take part please call the appropriate number as soon as possible to get booked into a group.

WHO MOVED THE EGG?

An Easter Extravaganza for all the family that entertains and inspires in equal measure. Journey with us as we travel through from the Last Supper all the way to Ascension—whilst trying to find an answer to that age-old question that still foxes people today—Who did move the egg?

SUNDAY 28th MARCH at 5.00pm SAFFRON WALDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Tickets. Adults £2.00, accompanied children free. Available from Carol or by calling 626271

This is a Churches Together initiative which I encourage you to support. It is a presentation by the Saltmine Theatre company who come highly recommended. It will be a great event to invite friends along to and if you would like help to purchase extra tickets for that purpose, please ask. Let's make the most of these opportunities and let us be faithful in prayer for the success of this event

EASTER WEEKEND

Friday 2nd and Sunday 4th April

For Good Friday and Easter Sunday we are privileged to have the visit of

Lt Colonels David and Myra Lambert –Gorwyn

DATES FOR THE DIARY

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 2 Cameo: "Guess who!"

Wed 3/Thur 4 Study groups (2)

Friday 5 Singing group

Sunday 7 Young People's prize-giving Sunday led by YPSM Julia

Tuesday 9 Custerson Court—Steph

Wed 10/Thur 11 Study groups (3)

Sun 14 Missionary Appeal launch

Sun 14 Evening Divisional

Celebration meeting at Peterborough.

Tuesday 16 Cameo: 'Helping hands'

Wed 17/Thur 18 Study groups (4)

Thursday 18 Carol speaking at Methodist Women's Guild. 3pm

Friday 19 Singing Group

Monday 22 Lent groups commence

Tue 23—Fri 26 Carol away for

Officer's training/retreat.

From Saturday 27th February we will be joined for one week by **CADET CLARE HAYWARD**. She comes to us on placement from the Training College in order to experience something of the life of a Corps Officer.

MARCH

Tuesday 2 Cameo: "Getting to know you" Carol and Cadet Clare leading

Wednesday 3 KSJ School - Carol

Friday 5 Women's World Day of Prayer meeting. URC Church

10.30am

Saturday 6 Divisional Children's day in Cambridge. (8 of our Jam Club members attending)

Sunday 7 Meeting to include Missionary Appeal Altar Service

Wednesday 10 DBI school - Carol

Thursday 11 URCSA Joint management meeting. 7.30pm in our hall.

Friday 12 Service at Farmadine 3pm
7.30pm—Corps Council meeting

15 - 27 Carol on furlough

Tuesday 16 Cameo

19th—21st Divisional Ladies Retreat weekend. (4 of our ladies are booked in so far. Details on notice board if others are interested.)

Sunday 28 "Who moved the Egg" 5pm Baptist Church (See centre)

Tuesday 30 Cameo