

# Bromley Temple Corps

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Welcome to worship. Today led by Alison, we continue our look at ordinary biblical characters and their encounter with an extraordinary God.

I'm glad to be able to base our meeting around Esther this week as her story is one of my favourites in the bible. You have to read the whole book of Esther to get the full picture so we'll be dipping into various passages, rather than just one, this morning.

If you love a romance, you'll like this. If you love drama, you'll like this. If you love suspense, you'll like this. If you love a story with a hero in it, you'll like this. This story has it all. And as we explore it together, may we discover the story's timeless advice and relevance for our lives.

As we come towards the end of this mini series on ordinary people used by God in extraordinary ways, hopefully you'll have noticed a theme - all were available and all were obedient (even in difficult circumstances or where the outcome is uncertain).

We too may not know what lies ahead but we have a Heavenly Father who does, and since we love and trust Him that is enough.

We look forward to sharing with you today.

God bless

*Iain and Alison*

"Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need."  
*Hebrews 4:16 (JB Phillips)*

## **This Week**

### **Tues 26 Aug – Fri 29 Aug**

The Light Café is closed this week, reopening on Tuesday 3 September. Our community programme is not operating this week and resumes Monday 2 September. Cleaning will be taking place in the Light Café this week by our volunteers.

### **Sun 1 Sept**

9.55am Meeting led by Major Iain Hudson

### **Audio Visual Support**

**This week** Kirsten Allemand **Next week** Martin O'Leary

### **Refreshments**

**This week** Maureen Gettens **Next Week** Mike Reid

### **Giving Sunday 18.8.19**

Cartridge Giving £636.00 Collections £160.31

### **Flowers**

We thank Majors Iain and Alison Hudson for the flowers today to mark their 28th wedding anniversary on Saturday 24 August.

### **Recycling Disposal** (bins to be emptied by Monday evening please)

**This Week** Katie Miles **Next Week** Helen Elliott

## **Notices**

### **Exploring Faith Classes**

We will be running a 6-week series of classes entitled "Exploring our faith". They provide a space where you can ask questions and discuss our core Christian beliefs. You may be someone who is relatively new to The Salvation Army, not currently a member or perhaps a teenager who has grown up in the Army but wants to learn more for yourself. At the end of the classes we talk about membership options but only if that is right for you. Classes will be after the Sunday Morning meeting at the hall and are 40 mins. For further details contact Mike Traher. [michael.traher@gmail.com](mailto:michael.traher@gmail.com) or phone his mobile.

## **Pilates Class on Wednesday**

You are invited to join the next session of 12 classes costing £72 - each individual session will cost £8 but a discount of £2 per session can be achieved for signing up for all 12 sessions). These commence on Wednesday 11 Sept and run until Wednesday 4 Dec, with a break on Wednesday 23 Oct (half term). If you would like to be part of the next 12 classes, contact Kate Heath.

## **Table Sale (The Light Café) for Big Collection**

Throughout the year table sale proceeds amount to a considerable sum which benefits our corps contribution to the Big Collection (UK wide social services public appeal). In our desire as a corps to leave a smaller footprint in our world through caring for our environment and trying to recycle as much as possible, quite a few corps members have expressed an interest in selling homemade items, e.g. making soap, body lotions, knitting dishcloths (that can be washed and reused). Already we have members who use their talents of painting and growing fruit and vegetables which have been sold on this table. If you would like to offer items for sale, these can be left with the corps officers or Major Sharron Lanceley.

## **Your prayers please**

**Ruth Gbedemah** was promoted to glory from Fallowfield Nursing Home on Monday 19 Aug after many months of ill health. We thank God for Ruth and her Godly influence on her family and friends. She will certainly be missed. This will take place on Friday 13 September at Beckenham Crematorium at 12.30pm led by Commissioner Freda Larsson. Please hold Ruth's family in your prayers at this time.

We ask you to bring before God **Ron (and Rosemary) Lawrence, Mandy Lanceley, JoJo Gillmon** (who has been unwell and undergoing scans at hospital) and **Chrissie Baxter**. May God draw near to them and may they be aware of His presence, His peace and power.

## **The Alternative Big Collection**

In this week's newsletter is an invitation to contribute to the Big Collection, should you be unable to collect door to door but are willing to make a financial contribution.

## The Big Collection

This door knock appeal commences on Monday 2 September. Envelopes, to post through doors, together with collectors packs, can be collected from the office either this week or next. If you haven't contributed in this appeal and are fit and able, Majors Iain and Alison would encourage you to offer at least a couple of evenings to this opportunity to engage with the general public. There are a number of teams already working: Beckenham; Bickley; Langley Park; Petts Wood; Pickhurst; Wendover; West Wickham, and there is more district that could be covered if we had willing volunteers. (Last year we raised £5,859)

This door to door appeal will be supplemented with other fund raising activities including: -

- a standing day in the high street on Saturday 21 September (Collectors are needed to stand in the High Street from 10.00-11.30 and from 11.30-1.00 - if you are able to help please could you speak to Jill Richardson);
- proceeds of our table sales in the Light Café (last year raised £1,635);
- open air Sunday collections (last year raised £526);
- railway station collections (last year amounted to £1,006); and
- the alternative big collection - for those unable to collect door to door, there has been the opportunity given to give an amount of money as their contribution (last year we raised £3,235).

Please offer to join a team or collect where you live by contacting Mike Reid, on [michael.reid@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:michael.reid@tiscali.co.uk) (Big Collection Coordinator) or speak with Iain or Alison.

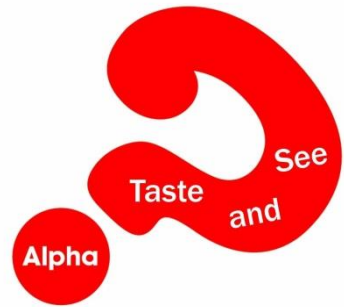
## Right at the heart

Majors Keith and Shona Pike (IHQ Youth and Children Coordinators), are hosting around 100 territorial youth and children specialists from around the Salvation Army world at Sunbury Court from Monday 26 Aug – Sunday 1 September. Please pray for this key event conference. <https://vimeo.com/355110642/aaa7a64a01>

Please email all information for the next newsletter to [k.y.allemand@gmail.com](mailto:k.y.allemand@gmail.com) by 11am on Thursday.

## **Alpha on Sunday nights.**

Following the success of the corps running an Alpha course earlier in the year, it has been decided that we would offer a 5 week Alpha taster/Alpha Lite for corps members to see how Alpha works, with a view that having attended yourself you may then feel more comfortable inviting others to future courses.



Our sessions will run on a Sunday evening at 6pm at the hall on a fortnightly basis and will be as follows: -

**Sunday 8 Sept – Who is Jesus?**

**Sunday 22 Sept – Why did Jesus die?**

**Sunday 6 Oct – How can we have faith?**

**Sunday 20 Oct – Why and how should I pray?**

**Sunday 3 Nov – Why and how should I read the Bible?**

Corps Mission Secretary Andy Yates will be overseeing these evenings and will have a team of people to assist for the discussion time that will follow the teaching. Refreshments will be provided each evening and teaching will be given on the screen.

Please come along and be prepared to be spiritually challenged, inspired and encouraged.



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## **An Alternative Big Collection!**

Dear Friends,

As we approach that time of year when historically Salvationists go knocking on doors to invite the public to support the work of our social services, I would like to take this opportunity to write and invite those of you who are not involved in any other ways, to consider making a personal donation to The Big Collection.

For a number of years now, our corps has given this opportunity for its members that as well as door to door collecting, people might like to think of other ways of raising money for this corps fundraising effort. Last year personal donations raised £3235 – representing over 26% of the final total.

If you would like to make a personal donation this year, please find attached an envelope for your use. Please put your name on the envelope and then enclose your donation and the completed 'Gift Aid' slip if applicable.

Thank you for your time in once again prayerfully considering this suggestion. If you would like to help in this way, please return your envelope direct to Alison or me by Sunday 22 September.

God bless you,

*Iain*

Major Iain Hudson  
Corps Officer,