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Welcome to worship today. This morning Iain will continue the series 'Holy Habits' looking at our discipleship on the subject of prayer.

When you hear 'let us pray', a normal posture might be to bow your head, close your eyes, perhaps even put your hands together. Such actions point to devotion. But there is so much more to prayer – so more many ways to experience and live prayer. The Hebrew name of God Yahweh, not only has no vowels (should be spelt Yhwh) but can be expressed without using the tongue or vocal chords by the sound of our breathing in and out. In the NT one of the Greek words for Spirit is pneuma meaning air or breath. In John's Gospel, the risen Lord breathes on the disciples so that they may receive the Holy Spirit. True prayer is more than something we do occasionally or regularly. It is the spiritual air we breathe. We breathe in blessing, grace, peace, courage, holiness of God and breathe out our adoration, our praise, our thanksgiving, our confession and our intercession.

Tonight, we will continue on the subject of prayer with our Alpha 'lite' Course on the question of Why and how should I pray?

Iain and Alison

Please email all information for the next newsletter to Katherine at k.y.allemand@gmail.com by 11am on Thursday.

This Week's Activities

Monday

8.00pm Missional Journal Group

Tuesday

1.30pm Home League with Major Margaret Meldrum

Wednesday

10.00am No Toddlers (Half Term)

10.00am Bible Study with Major Harold Stone

7.00pm No Pilates (Half Term)

Thursday

10.00am No Toddlers (Half Term)

11.00am Community choir

1.00pm 50+ Fellowship Everybody's Birthday Celebration Lunch

Friday

9.30am Prayer Fellowship

Saturday

10.20-10.50am Community Choir in the Glades

12.00pm Wedding of Lauren Elliott and Karl Westwood

Sunday

9.55am Morning Worship – led by Major Iain Hudson

4.00pm Care Group Leader's Meeting

6.00pm House Groups 'Acts and Church'

The Light Café is open Tues-Fri 10am-2pm – meet / eat / drink / relax

Rotas

Audio Visual

This week: Gemma Traher and Kirsten Allemand

Next week: Katherine Allemand and Martin O'Leary

Refreshments

This week: Lynn Nunn and Jill Richardson

Next week: Louise Finch

Flowers

We thank Sheila and Neville Maguire for the flowers on the Holiness table today.

Giving from Sunday 13/10

Cartridge envelopes: £700.30

Collections: £259.74

Notices

Sunday Evening 10 November

At 6pm as a corps we will be welcoming back the new THQ communications secretary, Lt-Col Dean Pallant to discuss his new book, *To Be Like Jesus! - Christian Ethics for a 21st century Salvation Army*. The evening will be an evening of worship, an interview with time for questions and discussion. The book of 300+ pages will be on sale for £10. *To Be Like Jesus!* tackles topics challenging people around the world – the power of governments and corporations, abortion, racism, singleness, marriage, divorce, same-sex relationships, pornography, social media, refugees, human trafficking and more.

Alpha Lite

Following the success of the corps running an Alpha course earlier in the year, we are offering an Alpha Lite for corps members to see how Alpha works. Hopefully having attended yourself you may feel more comfortable inviting others to our next full course in January. Our 4th and 5th sessions will be as follows: -

Sunday 3rd 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 the discussion time that will follow the teaching. Please come along and be prepared to be spiritually challenged, inspired and encouraged.

Thank you

We want to give our thanks for the collective worship and teaching given by **Commissioners Mark and Sharon Tillsley** in last Sunday's meetings.

Your prayers please

Stella Underwood had a fall and has been in PRUH this week. Lord, draw near to Stella in these days.

Kath Crichton, following a fall in her home she remains in the PRUH as she recovers from a stroke. We pray God's peace and protection over her in these days.

Alice Gibson, has been discharged from the PRUH. Please continue to support her in these days in your prayers.

We continue to pray for **Jenny Sale** whose husband, Tony passed away recently. The funeral will take place at Hither Green Crematorium on Monday, 21st October at 10:45am (led by Major Melvyn Ackroyd).

And our ongoing prayers for **Ron (and Rosemary) Lawrence**.

Cadets Heather and Jon Culshaw

From Friday 15th to Friday 22 Nov, Heather and Jon will be observing and sharing in the corps fellowship as they undertake their corps placement with Bromley. They are 1st year cadets in the Messengers of Grace Session and recently moved to the college from Bourne Corps where Heather was Community Development Manager and Jon was a youth worker. They have two children Ella (aged 11) and Noah (aged 7). May God draw near to our friends as they prepare to join us for their week of observation and participation.

Save the Date - Saturday 23 November

The London Youth Chorus will be presenting a festival in our hall as a fund raiser to our CONNECT Club. This will commence our Adult and Family Ministries weekend with Major Catherine Wyles (Rutherglen Corps Officer) leading our Sunday meetings. Our Community Choir will be participating on Sunday Evening.

AV Desk Rota

More people are needed for the AV desk rota. If you feel able to serve in this area, please see Alex Pringle. Full support and training will be provided.

Thank you

Kath Crichton wishes to thank all who have visited her in hospital and sent cards following her stroke these have been much appreciated.

The Big Collection 2019

A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in The Big Collection in any way this year.

You will be interested to know that the totals raised were as follows:

Door to Door Teams	£4,031.36
The Alternative Big Collection	£3,115.96
Table Top Sales in The Light	£1,583.80
Stations	£1,011.67
Open Air Meeting Donations	£1,270.18
Standing Day	£939.04
Chatham Songsters Festival	£268.59
Freepost	£35.00

Making a grand total of £12,255.60

Well done everyone!!