

## Focus on Programme

<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>12:00</b> Luncheon Club <b>14:00</b> Silver Service (Over 55's) Club. Entertainment; Ian Gallaguer <b>20:00</b> Corps Business Board Meeting
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>10:00</b> Parent & Toddler Group
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>11:00</b> Prayer meeting led by Major David Woodman <b>14:00</b> Home League <b>20:15</b> Songster rehearsal
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>17:30</b> Little Voices <b>18:00</b> Singing Company rehearsal <b>19:00</b> Bible Study <b>19:05</b> Young People's Band rehearsal <b>20:15</b> Senior Band rehearsal
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>10:00</b> Parent & Toddler Group <b>19:30</b> Alpha Course

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>09:20</b> Prayer meeting led by Major Pam Saunders <b>10:00</b> Morning Worship led by Major David Woodman <b>18:00</b> Evening Worship led by Major David Woodman
<b>Launch of 2017 Self-Denial Appeal</b>	

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**Hadleigh Temple Corps**

# FOCUS

our weekly newsletter.

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### 10am & 6pm

## Homeless Sunday

**Our Morning Worship led by  
Philip Hendy**

**Our Evening Worship**

**Praise Night- with guests: Sam Wright Duo (Vocal)  
and Chris Carter (Euphonium)**

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## Focus on People

### Thank you for the flowers:

The flowers today have been given by Maureen Maley and Sylvia Smith. Thank you both for your kind gift of flowers. Our flowers next week will be given by Zena & Claes Osterberg.

### Anyone for coffee?:

Coffee and tea following this morning's meeting will be provided by Kath Jacob and Jenny Levey and this evening by Elaine Johnson and Louise Cowie. Next Sunday morning our coffee and tea will be provided by Lyn & David Groves and in the evening by Avril Bird and Norma Paul.

### Alpha Course

We are excited that our church here at Hadleigh Temple is hosting an Alpha Course. Don't worry if you have missed the previous two sessions, you will be welcome to join us this coming Friday for the next session. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith, comprising of eleven sessions. Each session includes food, a short talk and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts. At any point, if you think Alpha isn't for you that's no problem. There is no pressure and no follow up. There is no charge for Alpha, although we would appreciate a donation to cover the cost of the meal. If you have any questions relating to Alpha, please speak to Major David Woodman or CSM Wayne Johnson.

### Visit of The International Staff Songsters of The Salvation Army

On the **11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> February** we have the visit of The International Staff Songsters (ISS). The ISS are The Salvation Army's premier choir in the United Kingdom and we are in for a good time over the weekend. Tickets are available for the Saturday evening concert (7pm) priced at £10, or £9 for concessions. These are available from Peter Edwards or from our reception area during the week. Please note that worship meetings on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February will be at 10.00am and 4.00pm

### Commissioner Ingeborg Hughes

We have been saddened during this past week to hear of the Promotion to Glory of Commission Ingeborg Hughes, the wife of the former Territorial Commander Commissioner Alex Hughes. We remember with joy the occasion that the Commissioners visited us to open our new suite of buildings in 2003. Our thoughts and prayers remain with Commissioner Alex at this difficult time.

### Becoming an Adherent Member of The Salvation Army

Have you ever thought about becoming an Adherent Member of The Salvation Army? If you worship here at Hadleigh Temple and want to commit to The Salvation Army as your church and explore your faith and how you best express it, why not think about becoming an Adherent. For more information please speak to Majors David Woodman, Geoff Ashdown or Julia Winbolt, our Corps Adherents Secretary.

## Focus on Prayer

**Our Corps Prayer Subject for this week:** For all women and men, boys and girls who find themselves homeless. Help us to be empowered through word and deed, to bring justice and peace to those who are homeless.

### **Those linked to our fellowship who especially need our personal**

#### **Intercessory prayers this week:**

Marjorie Kimberley	John Skeet	Adam Whitehead
Doris Wyatt	Ted Cockerton	Major Joan Stubbington
Rae Chapman	Betty & Arthur Oliver	Yvonne Thorn
Ruby Edwards	Marjory Hickman	Major Alice Graham
Jecelda Allen	Jane Sanders	Major Audrey Whitehead
Don Watson	Betty Cannon	Major Brian Stubbington
Lily & Bill Webb	Greet Gadsden	Kath Hart
Major Berta Draper	Becky Hicks	Gareth Whitehead
Trevor Thorn	Mildred Watson	Connie Felstead
Major Marion Wright	Charles Whyman	Desiree King
Karen Brodrick following the loss of her father		Commissioner Alex Hughes

## Homeless!

Today is Homeless Sunday. Each year churches and Christian agencies unite together to mark this day. It is a fact that there are more than a quarter of a million homeless people in England alone (source; Shelter figures December 2016). I had the privilege last Sunday to visit the Basildon Corps for the Herts & Essex Division Life Matters gathering. It was a great event, but for me it was also a raw experience of what homelessness is about. Part of the meeting involved holding conversations with people around a table about what life means to them and how is their life being used through their faith and mission. I was allocated as a leader on one of the tables and sitting next to me was a man smart in appearance, very polite and just an ordinary nice guy. What I discovered a short while after he had left my table was that this man was homeless, and had that morning woken up in a tent in a wooded area of Basildon with his trousers frozen to his legs due to the extreme cold weather conditions. This was a shock! For there was I (who has everything one could wish for in life) discussing life and the importance of faith and mission with someone who has very little. I have experienced a range of emotions since last Sunday, ranging from embarrassment to a feeling of humbleness. The overriding outcome for me from this encounter is I know how blessed that both this person, who has found himself in circumstances which I could not even imagine, and I were sharing equally our individual experiences of the impact of God on our day to day lives. Jesus once said these words; "Blessed are you who are poor spirit, for yours is the kingdom of God.". What He is saying here is that, no matter your status in life, you recognize your own spiritual poverty when you come before God. May God help us all, whatever our circumstances, to always have this attitude. (WJ)