

Focus on Programme

Monday 3rd April	12:00 Luncheon Club 14:00 Silver Service (Over 55's) Club. Entertainment: Bella Voce (Vocal Trio) 20:00 Joint meeting of Corps Council, Pastoral Care Council & NCD Health team
Tuesday 4th April	20:00 Camera Club – presentation by Mike Fuller “Monochrome Photography”
Wednesday 5th April	11:00 Prayer meeting led by Major Eileen Cook 14:00 Home League 20:15 Songster rehearsal
Thursday 6th April	14:00 Ladies Fellowship: Another holiday with John Spain 19:00 Bible Study 20:15 Senior Band rehearsal
Friday 7th April	19:30 Timbreltastic at the Hub cafe
Saturday 8th April	10:00 Coffee Morning

Sunday 9th April	09:20 Prayer meeting led by Major Betty Bennett 10:00 Morning Worship led by Major David Woodman 18:00 Evening Worship led by Major David Woodman
<u>PALM SUNDAY</u>	

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Hadleigh Temple Corps

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our weekly newsletter.

Sunday 2nd April 2017

10am & 6pm

Worship Meetings led by Major Geoff Ashdown

“According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead”

(1 Peter 1: v3)

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Focus on People

Thank you for the flowers

The flowers today have been given by Vera Oakes. Thank you Vera for your kind gift of flowers. Our flowers next week will be given by Sue Humphries.

Anyone for coffee?

Coffee and tea following both morning and evening meeting will be provided by Julia & Maurice Winbolt. Next Sunday morning our coffee and tea will be provided by Vera Oakes and Betty Sadler and in the evening by Elaine Johnson and Louise Cowie.

Easter Celebrations

Leaflets are available publicising our Easter programme here at the Temple. These can also be made available for public distribution. If you wish to distribute the leaflets in your street or local community then please speak to CSM Wayne Johnson who will be pleased to provide you with a supply.

Maundy Thursday Outreach

Zena Osterberg has come up with a great new mission opportunity to remind people about the good news message of Easter. On the morning of Maundy Thursday members of our fellowship will be giving out hot cross buns and chocolate cream eggs to commuters on their way to work from Benfleet station. Each wrapped bun and cream egg will have a sticker on it with a simple Easter message, The Salvation Army Red Shield logo and details of the corps website. Zena has sufficient help at the station on the Thursday morning, but is seeking help wrapping the buns on Wednesday evening after our Holy week service. You can also help by providing a financial donation to help in purchasing as many buns and eggs as possible. Please also make this great venture a matter for prayer over the coming days.

New Cartridge Envelopes

You are reminded that the new Cartridge Envelopes for the 2017/18 financial year should be used from today (Sunday, 2nd April). If you have not already received your new envelopes then they are available from the foyer of the hall.

Fellowship Meeting – Friday 28th April

The Hadleigh Temple leadership team is committed to ensuring that our Corps continues to flourish during the period when we will be without Officer Leadership. We pray that our whole fellowship will work together for the good of God's kingdom here in Hadleigh. It is important to keep everyone linked to our fellowship informed as we transition towards July 2017. On Friday 28th April at 7pm there will be opportunity for everyone to meet so that information can be shared of the plans for our Corps over the next year and any questions or concerns arising can be addressed. Please make a note of this important meeting in your diaries.

Focus on Prayer

Our Corps Prayer Subject for this week: Today is The Salvation Army's International Day of Prayer for Children. For our fellowship here in Hadleigh, we pray that our young people will be right at the heart of our corps family, the community, and God's kingdom.

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
Hilda Monk	Desiree King	Sue Loftus
Conner Purchase	Doreen Cox	

Wouldn't it be nice.....

....if everyone agreed with you, because you're correct, and they are all wrong? Wouldn't it be nice if everyone was a "yes" person and all conflicts would be resolved automatically in any situation? Wouldn't it be nice if everyone read your mind, and there would be no arguments ever? Unfortunately, in such a diverse world, we all hold different perspectives and often don't agree with one another. It is proven that diverse thinking can be healthy and can help foster creativity and innovative ideas. However, it is wishful thinking to admit that we all agree with each other all of the time. The fact is that even Christians often have a hard time getting along with each other. This has been true from the earliest days of the church. Paul, who planted the church in Corinth, wrote to believers there principally because of internal conflict in the church. In times of conflict our natural human emotions often try to dictate our behaviour. Sometimes we feel anger and want to lash out. We feel fear and want to defend or attack. We feel wronged and want to get revenge. Yet if we allow our emotions to guide our behaviour, inevitably we'll simply make matters worse. There will be times that we maybe find ourselves wanting to get even with people who have wronged us. By holding on to God and His Word we will manage to avoid behaviours that are sinful and self-defeating. Jesus had said to his disciples: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). There are times when followers of Jesus do love each other in an exemplary way, but, far too often, such love is marred by conflict, tension, and meanness. Far too often, we have not dealt with these problems in a loving way. My hope is that when we experience any kind of conflict, we will be prepared to deal with it in a way that honours God and strengthens our Christian community. (WJ)