

## Focus on Programme

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>12:00</b> Luncheon Club <b>14:00</b> Silver Service (Over 55's) Club. Entertainment: London North East Fellowship Band
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10.00</b> Parent & Toddler Group <b>20:00</b> Camera Club; with guest, Mark Pardoe – London Underground Stations – 1 <sup>st</sup> 120 years.
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May</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 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>17:30</b> Little Voices <b>18:00</b> Singing Company rehearsal <b>19:00</b> Young People's band rehearsal <b>19:00</b> Bible Study <b>20:15</b> Senior Band rehearsal
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10:00</b> Parent & Toddler Group
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>10:00</b> Divisional Kids Party Day For children aged 7 to 11 (concludes 4pm)
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>09:20</b> Prayer meeting led by Major Margaret Stewart. <b>10:00</b> Morning Worship led by Lieutenant Katrina Thurlow <b>18:00</b> Evening Worship led by Lieutenant Katrina Thurlow
<b>Candidates Sunday</b>	

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## Hadleigh Temple Corps

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our weekly newsletter.

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### 10am & 6pm

## Our Worship Meetings led by Major Geoff Ashdown

**“Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave”**

(Matthew 20:v26)

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## Focus on People

**Thank you for the flowers:** The flowers today have been given by Louise Cowie. Thank you Louise for your kind gift of flowers. Our flowers next week will be given by Majors Betty & Alan Bennett.

**Anyone for coffee?** Coffee and tea following this morning's meeting will be provided by Kath Jacob and Jenny Levey and this evening by Mavis Bays and Derek Daines. Next Sunday morning our coffee and tea will be provided Jean Smith and Maureen Maley and in the evening by Zena & Claes Osterberg.

**Hadleigh Temple Counselling Service:** Joanne Poole (MBACP Registered) can provide a listening ear at Hadleigh Temple on Mondays; this service is for our congregation only. To make an appointment please phone Joanne on 0787-7717982

**Divisional Kids Party Day:** Next Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, from 10am to 4pm there will be a party day for all children aged 7 to 11 held here at Hadleigh. The cost is £3 per child and will include refreshments and a tuck shop. Please bring a packed lunch.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Candidates Sunday:** Next Sunday we are recognising Candidates Sunday. Candidates Sunday is when we are asked to consider the subject of spiritual leadership in The Salvation Army. Our leader for the day is Lieutenant Katrina Thurlow. We pray that as Katrina leads our meetings that there will be those within our fellowship who will listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and respond positively to the calling to full time service in The Salvation Army. If you are coming to the Sunday evening meeting, we'll be listening and sharing together. If you could come having thought about and be willing to share something of who or what inspires you and why, it doesn't necessarily have to be religious, it will make for an encouraging and uplifting evening. As we listen we might feel inspired to sing a song, say a prayer or share some scripture and there will be space to respond as we feel led. Let us meet together with open hearts responsive to Gods spirit!

**Concert with the Daisy Bowlers:** On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May we have special concert here at the Temple to raise funds for the Fisherman's Chapel in Leigh on Sea. The concert will feature our own Junior Band and Singing Company and special guests will be the Daisy Bowlers. The Daisy Bowlers are a musical trio with a professional background and have a varied genre from country to jazz. Donation Ticket prices are: £9.00. With Concessions: £7.00. Children under 14 years £5.00.

**Camera Club Outing:** Our Camera Club is visiting Greenwich for the day on Saturday 3rd June. There are several places still available on the coach at a cost of £12 each. Please contact Pam Dalton, Malcolm Wilson or John Houlding for further details and to reserve your seat(s). There is plenty to keep you occupied at Greenwich with the Cutty Sark, Greenwich Observatory, and Naval Museum etc.

**It is not about Religion, it is about a relationship with God!**

## Focus on Prayer

**Our Corps Prayer Subject for this week:** The 7<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May is Prayer for Schools Fortnight when churches and others involved in education are asked to pray strategically for schools in their area. We are asked to pray for pupils, staff and the many issues faced today in education. Please focus on this subject in your prayers.

**Those linked to our fellowship who especially need our personal intercessory prayers this week:**

Marjorie Kimberley	John Skeet	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	Sheila Edwards	Trevor Thorn
Mildred Watson	Connie Felstead	Hilda Monk
Desiree King	Sue Loftus	Conner Purchase
Doreen Cox	Betty Stripp	Audrey Harrison
Colin Nightingale		

### So let us learn how to serve.

Those who attended the Fellowship Meeting last Friday would have heard me refer to local officership/lay leadership in The Salvation Army being nothing more than an opportunity to serve. I want to just develop this statement by explaining why I feel lay leadership is one of the Army's most defining characteristics. I believe that leaders in The Salvation Army should be determined to be servant-leaders, seeking the good of the kingdom rather than their own power and status. Strong leaders should also be able to make decisions based on the good of the greater Church rather than their own preferences. In thousands of local congregations around the world, members of our Army voluntarily participate in their "calling" or provide meaningful opportunities to serve one another. It is common for Local Officer (lay leader) members to spend many hours a week serving without questioning the time and effort they are putting into the role, and without any financial recompense. So why do they do this? I can only speak from my own perspective, it's an opportunity grow in my own discipleship. It's also a way to commit to discovering, developing and practicing my own spiritual gifts, and to encourage others to do the same. So if you feel that you have the skills and ability to serve in whatever capacity, be it large or small and not necessarily as a leader, then please consider this over the coming days and weeks when our fellowship will be considering what we each have to offer as servants of God. In doing so, we will do well to remember these words of Jesus: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:26–28). (WJ)