



## A Thought for February



Books on leadership often appear on best-seller lists. Most of them try to explain how you can become more effective and gain recognition from others.

The book written by Henri Nouwen *In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership* is written from a radically different spiritual perspective. It informs us of the role love has to play in our lives.

Nouwen, who after nearly two decades of teaching at universities went on to work with mentally and physically handicapped people says this:

“The question is not - How many people take you seriously? How much are you going to accomplish? Can you show some results? He says - Are you in love with Jesus? . . . In our world of loneliness and despair, there is an enormous need for men and women who know the heart of God, a heart that forgives, cares, reaches out and wants to heal.”

In the Bible, the Apostle John explains: “This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” (1 John 4:9-10)

Join me in a prayer:

*“Father, through us please show the wonder of Your great love. Let each of our hearts experience and display Your care, showing how Your love in our own hearts gives us a heart for others.” AMEN*

Tim Stone

## Something Special is Happening

The corps is excited, there are new people sharing in Sunday worship.

Some have brought family and friends who are totally new to The Salvation Army and who want to contribute as best they can. Younger and older newcomers are keen to learn how to play a brass instrument, or rekindle the playing they learned at school.

We were encouraged to hear our Beginners’ Band play at our Christmas Café Church and now, just a few weeks on, we have increased number of learners to seventeen by encouraging those interested to come and learn.

This has brought a few opportunities and challenges.

It is great that those attending can learn in a Christian environment but the challenge has been to provide enough instruments for all who want to learn, and to find enough adults able to teach.

We have asked other corps in the area if they have spare instruments we could use and a few have been gathered this

way. However, we were still short and decided after prayerful and careful consideration this was a ministry we must invest in. Six new instruments were purchased and dedicated in a recent Sunday morning meeting. The instruments were presented to the young people by some of the bandsmen who have enjoyed music making for many years.

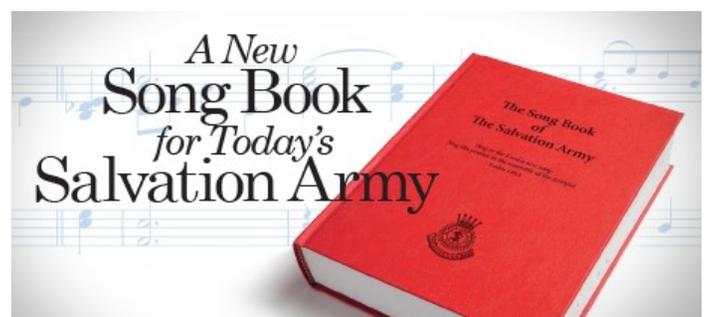


We are blessed with the corps making music each week, blessed because we have people to teach, and blessed because there are people who want to learn. We are blessed too that through various donations and sources we have been able to purchase these lovely instruments.

We pray especially that our young learners will enjoy the experience and want to be further involved. Please pray for their leaders and those who influence them. Our prayer is that our corps will be blessed as we continue making a joyful noise unto the Lord for many years to come.

Cheryl Stone

## New Large Print Song Books



The Corps has purchased 10 Large Print New Song Books which are located beside the Corps Bibles in main foyer of worship hall. Please make use of these or - help others to use if you think they are having difficulty viewing song book words on screen.

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## Ladies Fellowship.

The ladies fellowship meets on a Wednesday night at 7.30pm.

Some of the activities are:

Crafts - at the moment we are quilting and making wall hangings. We have made crafts for our very successful Coffee and Craft mornings.

We have had demonstrations of floral arrangements, bath-bombs and crocheting.

There have been guest speakers from DHQ, and from our own Corps - Bobby, Cheryl and Lesley.

From our fundraising efforts we were able to contribute towards Amsterdam Staff Songsters expenses.

We have raised money annually towards a local charity. This year it was CLIC Sargent. Sometimes we have tea or coffee and time to chat. Prayer requests are considered and suggestions for future meetings are discussed.

We have two outings - one in the summer and at Christmas time we usually dine at a local restaurant before having a break until the New Year.

We would welcome all ladies of the congregation to join us and enjoy this fun and friendly fellowship.

*Iris Tomlison*

## Prayer Meeting

Each Sunday morning at 10.15



At His birth, during His early life, while He walked and taught us about love, at the Last Supper as He gave thanks, while on trial and at His death - Jesus was prayed for.

On the cross He prayed for all mankind and at His resurrection He was prayed for. From that day to this people have found the need to pray to Him.

There was a time at the front during the wars when people could do nothing else but pray.

We are no different and as Christian people we need to pray. During quiet times when praying we can draw near to Jesus and He can become closer to us.

It is not always easy but in our busy lives it is good for us to take a few minutes and be at peace. Before the commencement of our meeting at 10.45 there is a meeting for a quiet time of prayer. This is held in the conference room at 10.15 and is open for all to attend.

Should you have cares and concerns they will already be known to God. On the table opposite café entrance there is a prayer box and prayer request forms which you may use without the addition of your name if that is what you would prefer. Your requests for prayer will be brought before God by those who regularly meet on a Sunday morning.

**'The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much' - James 5 v 16**

*Iris Tomlison*

Any prayer requests or visits required please contact Lt. Cheryl Stone  
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07888 732071

or

Prayer request forms are also located in the side entrance foyer.

Please place completed forms  
in prayer box.

Hub Café  
Open 10am – 3pm  
Monday to Friday



## Weekly Activities

### Monday

9.30am Rainbow Tots  
Baby & Toddler Group  
2pm Home League (ladies meeting)  
7pm Songster Practice  
8pm Band Practice

### Wednesday

2pm first Wednesday of each month  
55+ Club £2 includes afternoon tea  
7.30pm Ladies' Fellowship

### Thursday

6.30pm Brass Learners  
7.30pm Gospel Choir

### Sunday

10.15am Prayer Meeting  
10.45am Family Service  
6pm Bible Study with Howel Jones

## Sunday Announcements

Please give any announcements  
to  
Corps Sergeant Major-Robin Black

By

Thursday.

[CSM@ayrcommunitychurch.com](mailto:CSM@ayrcommunitychurch.com)

Text 07887 542074

## NEW YEAR MEETING

The New Year meeting which had to be cancelled due to inclement weather has been re-scheduled.

**The date of meeting**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February.**

Kilmarnock Singing Company  
West Scotland Youth Chorus  
Ayr Band

Have been invited to participate.

The time of meeting has to be confirmed  
as has the speaker.

These details will be announced shortly.