



PROVOST'S VISIT

It was lovely to welcome Councillor Helen Moonie, The Provost of South Ayrshire to our meeting on Sunday 28 February 2016.



The councillor is extremely supportive of the work of The Salvation Army. She has a keen interest in social issues such as foodbanks, homelessness, alcohol and drugs and has regular meetings with Lt. Tim Stone to talk things through. The aim is to reach a shared understanding and approach to the wide range of issues being addressed.

The Provost had never been to a Salvation Army meeting before and particularly enjoyed contributions from the songsters and the band during the service. She also commented on how lovely it was to see so many young people enjoying themselves at church.

Elected to her demanding and apolitical role in 2012, as the First Citizen of South Ayrshire, the Provost carries out many and varied duties within the community and elsewhere.

The Provost:

- Chairs meetings of the Council and ensures the proper conduct of business in terms of the Council's Standing Orders.
- Acts as Civic Head hosting Council events and attending other events as civic representative of the Council and South Ayrshire.

- Promotes the Council's profile and the wider community through public appearances at social, community, cultural and business events and through the media.
- Fosters networks with other organisations in the business and public sectors and with voluntary organisations, to support and enhance the development of South Ayrshire.

We wish her every blessing as she continues to serve South Ayrshire.

Tim Stone

55+ CLUB

The club had its regular meeting on Wednesday 2nd March when we held an Easter bonnet parade and competition. Our cafe manager Michelle Brown was the adjudicator and with four delicious chocolate Easter eggs as prizes, competition was fierce.



Michelle awarded the eggs to Mel Dunnachie, Jan Dahlstrom, Billy Smith and Janice Findaly.

The second half saw the gentlemen retire to room 1 to view a video on Russian steam railways. The ladies played games and in particular indoor putting, the putting equipment having recently been presented by John Smith, for which we are very grateful. As is our custom we finished with afternoon tea.

Next meeting is Wednesday 6th April at 2.00 pm.

Carol Lambie

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MY JESUS IS THE SAME YESTERDAY TODAY AND FOREVER.

When asked to contribute to the newsletter I agreed but found it a challenge to write something interesting. As Paul said 'I can do all things through him who gives me strength'. So here goes:-

I am what you would call a 4th Generation Salvationist, my great Grandma, my Grandparents and my parents have all been Salvationists.

I originate from the Corps/Church at Saltcoats where my Dad was Songster Leader, Bandmaster & Corps Sergeant Major. Both brothers had been Songster leader and my mum Singing Company Leader.

So it is probably no surprise, that I in turn held the positions of Singing Company Leader, Deputy Bandmaster and Songster Leader.

I believe I was married far too young, while at Saltcoats. For various reasons, this marriage failed and I entered a period where Army life, it's rules and practices were not for me, although I still thought of myself as a Salvationist.

Fortunately my parents always endeavoured to ensure I realised there was a higher level to attain, and with their encouragement, I completed my degree studying on a part time basis. As a result of my newly earned degree, I secured a job in Birmingham, where life was good and Sunday car boot sales were the norm. However when Alison became 3 years old I felt it was important she received a solid moral foundation, so I went with her to the Sunday School at Birmingham Citadel. This meant I had to attend the morning meetings and by the time Nicola was old enough to be in Sunday school I too went to the meeting regularly, casually and still 'enjoying' what the world offered.

As time passed and both girls became junior soldiers, I began to feel the urge to return, it was the Lord who led me back, allowed me to virtually instantly give up my so called 'worldly pleasures' and return to His fold. At the same time, the officer at Birmingham reinstated my soldier ship and I wore uniform again. I joined the Songsters, and became Assistant Songster Sergeant. For some time my son Robin also was a soldier at Birmingham Citadel.

The Lord prepared the way for the family to return to Scotland and we moved to live in Prestwick. I transferred to Ayr Corps where I became part of the leadership team and Corps Sergeant Major.

That should be the end of the story where God's faithfulness had triumphed and life was great. However family life was to be turned upside down, and once again I found myself single. I have children who love and support me and with the knowledge that the Lord loves me and has sustained me during these difficult times - my journey continues, I have no idea what my future holds, but I do know that MY JESUS IS THE SAME YESTERDAY TODAY AND FOREVER.

Robin Black



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

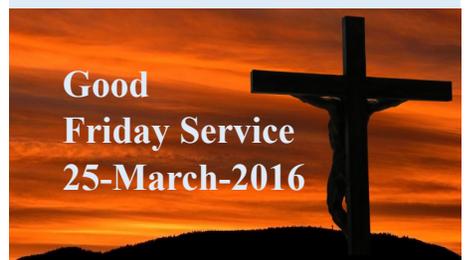
Thursday

6.30pm Brass Learners
7.30pm Gospel Choir

Sunday

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

Coming Events



Good
Friday Service
25-March-2016

7.30pm
Joint Churches Service.
Ayr Free Church,
John Street, Ayr, KA8 0BS

Ladies Fellowship

Wednesday 6th April

7.30pm

Open Meeting

Speaker: Major Gillian Burns
(All Ladies Welcome)

10.45 Sunday 17th April

Visit of The Salvation Army's
Scotland Secretary
Lt-Col Jonathan Roberts



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

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Prayer request forms are also located in the side entrance foyer.
Please place completed forms
in prayer box.