



BOUNDLESS
the whole world redeeming

It started over 150 years ago

(Continued from August Issue)

Over the following days boundless proved to be what it said which was boundless we watched and enjoyed several sessions all of which were given a theme. One was building bridges and we shared in the experience of others who had seen first-hand how the practical side of caring worked. We listened as we were told how the army had been involved in providing clean water and how they were involved with helping children to be educated. With that education came knowledge and that gave them the opportunity to find a better way to live. Other sessions were about the founder and what William Booth had in mind for the direction the army. How through his life he was led and inspired to allow God's army to develop into a mighty force for good. Youth was the theme of other sessions and we all know that without youth the army could slip quietly into history. We watched the young people act out dramas one told the story of Moses and this was followed by another sketch that told the story of the match factory. Throughout the whole of all the sessions music and song was provided by bands, songsters and musicians from around the world. we all listened and when invited we joined in. There is such power in being a lone voice if you can sing that was something I was not blessed with but, when you are one voice amongst thousands then you can sing your heart out. Some stood on the stage and sung on their own and there were times when their singing would bring people to tears. Occasionally some of the playing may not have been perfect but there was a magic in it, it was that magic that made it memorable. The talks the messages the songs the atmosphere in all sessions gave something to everyone, but it went further than that. Each evening you could listen to a band, or singing from different groups, there was rock music there if that was your thing and not forgetting the timbrels. Yes there was something for everyone.

But the main thing about Congress 2015 was the way it touched so many, the way it attracted so much attention and the way it aroused such curiosity. Sitting one afternoon having a coffee we got into conversation with two builders who had popped in for a drink after work. "What is this all about?" Over an hour later and after much conversation we parted, I don't know what our conversation had meant to them but I'm sure it was carried on when they were on their own. Many times the same question could be heard and was asked by many people the seeds were scattered and we will leave it to God as to how those seeds get on. The closing session was left with the words "Go do it" go do what? I guess there could have been fifteen thousand different answers to that one statement but for me it said "Go do what God tells you to do". That was how the Salvation Army started not talking about things but doing things, see a need and try by God's grace to help. Over the years we have become good at helping are we as good when it comes to listening to God's voice when he says "Go do it". I will leave you to ponder that one for yourself. Of course it didn't end at the O2 we had the march the massed timbrels including our own Lesley were to follow the bands

and play their timbrels while upward of three thousand marched with them.



The mall was taken over by Salvationist who stood side by side with thousands of others as we watched and listened, waved and cheered as the march went down the Mall before stopping near Buckingham Palace. It was fitting that the end of Congress was on the

streets of London where over a hundred and fifty years before the Salvation Army had been born and was being nursed to lead where others were scared to go. The message of the day from William and Catherine Booth was "To go and save souls". To go and do it, the army may have changed a lot over the intervening years but let us never forget what God inspired our founders with, a challenge and a calling and a message armed with the holy spirit. We will see the army continue to grow the seeds planted over the Congress. God is true and they will grow and in time bring forth fruit. God Bless us all and God continue to bless The Salvation Army.

John Beales

55 + Club

The 55 + Club recommences on the 7th October from 2pm. till 4pm. On this particular occasion we are having The Music Makers. We had this group before and thoroughly enjoyed their music. If you are 55 plus and free we meet on the first Wednesday of the month. Join us for games, crafts, videos, music, talks and a well-earned Afternoon Tea, cost is £2. We look forward to meeting you on the 7th October.

Home League Celebrate

Members of the Home League gave a surprise afternoon birthday tea



in honour of Anne Whyte. To be honest nobody was more surprised and overwhelmed than Anne. In addition to the usual spread of cakes and scones, Michelle from our Hub Café made a tasty chocolate cake, discretion was maintained as to

what birthday was being celebrated: there was only one candle!

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The Big Collection

Give hope today

We have the opportunity and permission to stand in the High Street and collect for the wider work of the Salvation Army. This will be from Friday 18th September to Saturday 26th September. The sign up sheet will be in the Recreation Hall. Any time you can stand and collect will be much appreciated.



Harvest Celebration - 26th & 27th September

Saturday September 26th

Harvest Messy Church
10 am to 12 midday.

Especially suited for toddlers up to P4 but all children with a parent or guardian would be welcome. A creative way to learn a bible story and more about God.

Sunday 27th September 10:45am

All age meeting led by Lieutenant Lisa Cunningham,
A Crèche room is available for children accompanied by their parent or guardian.
During this meeting you are invited to bring your harvest gifts. These will be used for our food bank.

Faith Lunch

After the morning service we are holding a Faith Lunch. For this lunch you can if you wish, bring food we can share together, for example sandwiches, cakes, crisps etc. Tea coffee will be provided, all are welcome. For further information please speak to Iris Thomlinson.



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

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

Hub Café
Open 10am – 2pm
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 1st Wednesday of each month
55+ Club £2 includes afternoon tea
Recommences 7th October
7.30pm Ladies Fellowship

Thursday

7.30pm Gospel Choir
Winter session starts 17th September

Sunday

10.15am Prayer Meeting Room 1
10.45am Family Service
6pm Bible Study with Howell Jones
Room 1

Coming Events

Sunday 20th September

Gospel Choir Concert
St. Ninians Church Troon 7pm.

Thursday 8th October

Gospel Choir Concert
Scripture Union
Salvation Army Community Church
59 John St.

Saturday 17th October

International Staff Songsters at
Govan, please see poster.

Friday/Saturday/Sunday

23-25th October

Young Peoples Go Mad Weekend for
ages 10-14 years. A divisional event
please see Lt Cheryl for forms .

Saturday 24th October

Coffee Morning
Organised by Ladies Fellowship.

Friday & Saturday 30/31st October

Women of the word at Garfield House
Hotel Steps. An event for Ladies to
meet and learn from the Bible, this
will be led by the Divisional Team.
There is also the opportunity to go just
for the day cost £10. Please see Lt
Cheryl for details.

Sunday 6th December 6pm.

Gospel Choir Christmas Concert
Castlehill Church, Old Hillfoot Road,
Ayr KA73LW