



Saffron Walden Corps
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Thought. The first few weeks of my appointment here as Associate Officer have been the most challenging and the most exciting of my working life so far! Responding to God's call to step into this has meant making big adjustments in my thinking and my priorities. Central to the Corps Values is Relationship, so I'm looking forward to visiting everybody so we can get to know each other better, and learn how I can support you in your journey with Jesus. **Stepping out:** In Matthew 14 we read about Jesus calling Peter to come to him walking on the water. I'm sure we can all identify with Peter's fear when he realised what he was actually doing. Stepping out is scary, but just as Peter cried out for help to Jesus, we can trust him to help us to do what he calls us to. Is there something Jesus might be calling you to step into? As we start a new year with new outreach opportunities, let's not let fear stop us from obeying God's calling and reaching out for his hand. He only wants the best for us (Romans 8:28) and we will never walk alone (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Going Deeper: Knowing the love of Jesus

General Brian Peddle is calling The Salvation Army to prayer. One of our key values is 'Prayer' and so we are pleased that Tony Attwood has agreed to become the **Corps Prayer Co-ordinator**. This role involves encouraging and supporting us all in our individual and corporate prayer, promoting prayer through various initiatives, and helping us to focus our prayer on Spirit led mission-based activity. Please pray for and support Tony as he takes up this responsibility.

We thank God for answered prayer: several people have attended the **Bereavement Café & Community Hub** and have begun to form meaningful relationships around a shared experience.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Phil 4:6

Building Relationships: Growing the love of Jesus

This month we join with these members of our congregation in celebrating their birthdays, asking for God's blessing on their special day.

Steph: 5 February **Rowan:** 10 February **Connie:** 25 February

We rejoice that Jock and Sheila's son and his wife were finally able to visit them from Australia, and pray that they will have a very special time together after so long apart. Connie will be going on her second Transformers weekend from 4-6 February, please pray that these young people will connect with God, not only during the weekends, but in their daily lives.

Please continue to pray for comfort and peace for Kathrynne and family in these days following Marion's funeral. We thank God that Ray is now home after a spell in hospital. Please continue to keep him and the family in your prayers, asking God to give them peace and strength as Ray adjusts to being back at home. We pray that Ray will be kept safe from infection and for encouragement for Sheila.

Community Engagement: Showing the love of Jesus

Taketime: we thank God that the Taketime in-person group has started. Interest has also been expressed in the Taketime online group. We pray people will have meaningful encounters with Jesus. We will be running a Taketime Lent course on Thursday evenings from 3 March to 7 April at 7.30 pm in the Hall. Please pray for this venture, that will attract people from our wider community. **Drop In:** In March we are aiming to start a Drop-In as part of our Community Engagement. We plan to run this on Wednesdays for people who need a quiet space, someone to talk to and/or receive prayer. Please pray for this new venture, that those who need to be coming along will do so and will feel welcome. **Hope into Action:** 3 properties are being viewed this week, please pray that the right house will be found.

Diary

February

10th Living Hope 7.30 pm
Taketime Meditation
7.30 pm
17th Bereavement Café &
Community Hub 10-3 pm
Corps Prayer Gathering
7.30 pm
23rd Living Word 7.30 pm
24th Leadership Team
Meeting 7.30 pm

March

3rd Taketime Lent Course
7.30 pm
9th Living Hope 7.30 pm
10th Taketime Lent Course
7.30 pm
17th Bereavement Café &
Community Hub 10-3 pm
Taketime Lent Course
7.30 pm
24th Taketime Lent Course
7.30pm

Annual leave

31 Jan - 9 Feb Katrina on leave
14 Feb - 20 Feb Julia on leave
28 Feb-13 Mar Katrina on leave

22-24 March Katrina and Julia at
Divisional Retreat