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How prayer shaped the early Salvation Army.

SCOTT SIMPSON | MANAGING EDITOR

THE NAMES OF THE GREAT PIONEERS OF those glorious early days of The Salvation Army are very familiar to most Salvationists. William and Catherine Booth, George Scott Railton, Elijah Cadman, Samuel Logan Brengle, Bramwell Booth, Evangeline Booth – the influence of each of these individuals on the early development of The Salvation Army was immense.

One equally influential yet less prominent early Salvationist was Commissioner John Lawley. In 1877, aged 17, Lawley became a Christian as a result of meetings led by William Booth. He rose through the ranks of The Salvation Army and eventually became Booth's aide-de-camp. Lawley travelled with the Army's founder, sang, led the prayer meetings, gave altar calls and interceded for Booth when he preached.

And that is where his influence on the rapid rise of the early Salvation Army was perhaps greatest. Commissioner Lawley was an intercessory prayer warrior. He was known to literally crawl under the stage while Booth preached, praying fervently for the lost. And as all Salvationists know, the effect of Booth's preaching was dramatic.

History records that as Booth spoke, people would cling to the pews under the conviction of their sin. He would then call for Lawley. "Where is Commissioner Lawley? Bring him out!" he would bark. Lawley, covered in dust and sweat, would crawl out from under the stage and, standing, proclaim the hope of salvation in Christ. The historical records go on to say that the convicted would "seize hold of Christ like drowning men and women!"

To put it simply, Lawley, and Booth, recognised the phenomenal power of prayer.

Salvationists in Australia have recently been called to 100 Days of Prayer and Devotion. Starting on 24 September, the initiative continues through to 1 December 2019, the historic official start of the new Australia Territory. So, is the 100 Days of Prayer and Devotion something you are taking seriously? Is the biblical discipline of prayer something that you are actively pursuing in your life?

I was recently talking to an older Salvationist who for many years has organised the Sunday morning prayer meeting at his corps. He lamented that while more than 150 people regularly attend the worship service, just half a dozen make the effort to be at the prayer meeting. And, sadly, that is likely to be the experience of too many corps across Australia. It makes me wonder what the likes of Lawley and Booth would make of this casual attitude to prayer?

The National Vision Statement of The Salvation Army states that, "Wherever there is hardship or injustice, Salvos will live, love and fight, alongside others, to change Australia one life at a time with the love of Jesus". In our own strength, fulfilling that vision is impossible. But what if you got down on your knees and implored God for the power of the Holy Spirit to fall upon the mission of The Salvation Army, just as Commissioner John Lawley did all those years ago? All of a sudden, this bold vision surely looks achievable.

Commissioner John Lawley may not be well known today, but his story has inspired me. My hope is that it will inspire you too. ●

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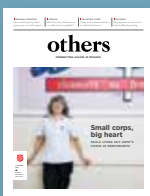




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Focusing on the ‘build’, not the ‘battle’.

Remembering Nehemiah as transition nears completion

WORDS | COMMISSIONER FLOYD TIDD

IT IS NOW LESS THAN 100 DAYS UNTIL THE SALVATION Army in Australia will officially be one national territory. Since the announcement of the journey to one national territory so much has happened. As I look ahead there is so much yet to be – as The Salvation Army repositions itself for effective mission in 21st-century Australia.

We have embarked on this journey to strengthen our ability to serve the mission of God, with an aligned vision, united voice, better stewardship, stronger partnerships, increased innovation and greater impact. We keep before us these reasons for undertaking this significant work together. All of the discussions, decisions, planning and processing that have been a part of the transitioning are helpful and necessary to realise the outcome anticipated. The sacrificial efforts of so many are an investment offered in faith, believing that God is doing a “new thing” in and through The Salvation Army.

The foundation to all that has taken place was the engagement of hundreds of people from across Australia in an inaugural 100 Days of Prayer. Our founder William Booth is quoted as having said: “Work as if everything depended upon work and pray as if everything depended upon prayer.” What we have achieved in the journey to one national territory is the result of people who have embraced that thought.

Nehemiah, leading God’s people to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, knew the challenge before them when they had half-completed the job. There was the challenge of opposition – some of it from external enemies, some opposition from within the team (see Nehemiah 4 and 5). They had achieved what they had to that point, “for the people worked with all their heart” (4:6b). But trouble lay ahead. Changing the status quo isn’t necessarily welcomed by all, as they discovered. There were battles brewing that would need to be dealt with.

Nehemiah called the people to remember their “why?”. He reminded them they were about the “build” and not the “battle”. There would be battles to be fought, things to be managed, but ultimately their purpose was the “build”. Nehemiah reminded them to redirect their focus to God, away from the rubble around them. The rubble can seem overwhelming when we shift our focus from God.

In the days yet before The Salvation Army in Australia we must remain focused upon our God, who leads us into the “new thing” he has chosen to do. The “rubble” becomes raw material for the “build” when we are focused upon God, rather than burdensome or stumbling blocks.

Nehemiah also called the people to stay connected as they continued their task of rebuilding the wall. Although assigned separate tasks in various locations, they were in it together.

During these last days of the journey to one national territory, we will join together again in 100 Days of Prayer and Devotion. These 100 days will celebrate the work accomplished to date as so many have worked with “all their heart”. It will also provide a reminder of our “why?”. We are about the build of a stronger and more effective Salvation Army, ready and available to God for the new thing he is doing in this nation.

Joining together across Australia, 100 Days of Prayer and Devotion will ensure our focus remains upon God, with an opportunity to be there for one another through prayer. ●

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Hong Kong Macau Command - Impacting local communities.

How well do you know The Salvation Army world? In this regular feature, we give an overview of the Hong Kong Macau Command

The Hong Kong Macau Command covers Hong Kong and Macau (Special Administrative Regions of the People's Republic of China) and mainland China. The command, part of The Salvation Army's South Pacific and East Asia Zone, has been under the leadership of Lieutenant-Colonels Ian and Wendy Swan since 2013.

HISTORY

The Salvation Army's first service in China was to provide humanitarian assistance to refugees in Peking (now Beijing) in 1916, after an unstable political environment had forced millions of people to move to that city for food and shelter. The Army rapidly expanded across mainland China over the following decades, establishing hospitals

and orphanages in places like Beijing, Shijiazhuang and Tianjin.

The Army reached Hong Kong in 1930 where the government asked it to undertake women's work in the crown colony, a work pioneered by Majors Dorothy Brazier and Doris Lemon. This was directed from North China Territory (Peking) until 1935, when the South China Command was established in Canton to promote wide evangelistic and welfare operations.

In 1939, Hong Kong became the Army's administrative centre and then moved to Kowloon City where the first corps was established in 1937. During the Sino-Japanese war in the early 1940s, The Salvation Army set up food kitchens to

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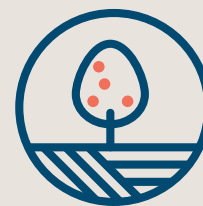
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feed thousands of hungry refugees daily. When World War Two ended in 1945, schools and orphanages were opened to meet the needs of children.

Political unrest in China resulted in the Army's services being suspended in 1951. However, the social environment in Hong Kong throughout the 1950s became stable and The Salvation Army established schools and provided social services to cope with the increasing welfare demands of the community. As services expanded to include emergency relief, recycling and family stores, corps were also opened in different districts.

The Salvation Army recommenced its presence in China in 1988, when a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the Gengma County of Yunnan. Emergency relief and rehabilitation work was carried out in Qiao'ai village. In 1999, a pioneer officer was appointed to the Special Administrative Region of Macau and Salvation Army work officially began there on 25 March 2000 with the establishment of the Iao Hon Corps and Community Service Centre.

In 2001, a Salvation Army officer was appointed to the North/North Eastern Project Office, Beijing, and by 2007 the Army had established a permanent base in the north district. In 2011, The Salvation Army received provisional registration as a foreign Non-Government Organisation to serve the needy in mainland China. In recent years, two important Salvation Army centres have been established – the Joy Family Integrated Service Centre (in 2014) and the Macau Learning Centre (in 2017).

The Salvation Army celebrated 85 years of service in Hong Kong in 2015. Over this time, The Salvation Army Hong Kong and Macau Command has grown from a small group ministering to outcast women and girls, to a multi-dimensional service organisation giving hope and support to all those in need.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

The Salvation Army in Australia does not have any projects in the Hong Kong Macau Command. However, several international Salvation Army projects are active and making an impact in local communities and beyond. These include:

Rural "Left Behind" education project

This project aims to promote mental health for rural children in China who are "left behind" when their parents leave home to work in other locations. The project provides a free counselling-based art and drawing book for children that contains art exercises, emotional education and story-telling. This content attracts and invites children to express their distress and the hardships they face, through art, and with a trusted adult. This project has brought benefits to almost 3500 children and 91 teachers.

Assistance to people with disabilities

On 12 May 2008, an earthquake measuring 8 on the Richter Scale struck Sichuan Province, causing huge damage to Mianzhu City and leaving more than 1800 people with permanent disabilities. In order to help these people to continue living a productive life, and improve their quality of life, The Salvation Army partnered with the Mianzhu Federation

for the Disabled to provide suitable auxiliary facilities for the 180 disabled families in Mianzhu City, helping them to overcome their difficulties and start a new life.

This project provided training in relevant skills and knowledge, psychological counselling with faith-based facilitation, and caring for volunteers. This enabled those living with disabilities to care for themselves more effectively and participate more confidently in daily life and community activities. They were encouraged to express and release their emotions such as sadness, sorrow and anxiety brought about by the earthquake. The project also resulted in a greater awareness of those with disabilities, and concern for them.

Agricultural training and microcredit groups

These projects aim to help the poor fruit growers through professional training programs to improve their skills and reap a greater harvest. Two project villages had a 100 per cent attendance rate. Through the training, these participants improved their skills and showed more enthusiasm in learning technical skills.

The Salvation Army has also launched poverty alleviation projects in many places of Luoyang City, and fruit farmers are one of the beneficiaries. These are often focused on women, who are left behind when their husbands leave the farms to find work in the cities. The Salvation Army hopes to extend the project further, lifting more farmers out of poverty and improving their lives. ●

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WORDS

DOUG DAVIS

Chosen to be a soldier.

Fulfilling our covenant leads to effective mission

*Chosen to be a soldier,
Chosen by God;
Chosen to be a soldier,
Washed in his blood;
Chosen to be a soldier,
Lost ones to save,
Chosen to be a soldier
In the Army brave.*

– Edward H Joy
SASB 1020

STIRRED BY THE SINGING OF THIS CHORUS, and challenged by Paul's charge to Timothy to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ, I stood beneath the corps flag and lifted my right hand to promise "God helping me, I will". Thus was I enrolled as a soldier of The Salvation Army – a teenager brought to Christ by the witness and influence of Salvationist neighbours.

Edward Joy's poetry clearly defines God's sovereignty in providing my salvation through Christ and my duty and privilege to share the good news of Jesus with others by service to God through the Army. My parents were not professing Christians and did not attend church except on special occasions at the corps. Both knew they were welcome and valued. Late in life my father became an adherent. Dad was a self-employed tradesman and occasionally met the corps flag sergeant, who was a glazier, as they worked at houses in the neighborhood. A friendship was formed and eventually Dad took his seat beside Bram during Sunday meetings.

The Salvation Army is officially described as "a fellowship of people who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord and whose common aim is to induce others to subject themselves to the lordship of Christ". (*Chosen to be a Soldier – Orders and Regulations for Soldiers of The Salvation Army*).

Being saved and getting others saved cannot be sidestepped on the pathway to soldiership. The doors to our halls and our hearts must always be open to allcomers, saint and sinner alike. So Captain Peter Hobbs, in his article "The Soldiership Dilemma" (July issue of *Others*), is right in being a champion for everyone who wants to mingle with Salvationists. He is intentionally provocative in characterising Jesus as being qualified only for adherency but not soldiership and, in so doing, has challenged us to rediscover the passion for souls that gave birth to our movement.

Believing usually starts with belonging. Informal contact with a corps often leads people to want to belong. People need to receive not only a friendly welcome when they enter our halls, they also need to find friends. Growing corps intentionally encourages friendships to develop.

Social, sporting and cultural groups are also keen to recruit newcomers to membership. Sooner or later new arrivals will be invited to join up. At that point they discover that the organisation has membership conditions. So it is with our Army. Does the newcomer profess faith in Jesus? Then let's offer soldiership! If their lifestyle choices limit formal membership to that of adherency then encourage them in that direction. Or they may choose to simply attend and join in those corps activities appropriate to their needs and interests. Let's ensure we provide suitable points of entry.

It is vitally important that people are accepted unconditionally without any

hint of class distinction. The spiritual and temporal wellbeing of those God entrusts to the Army must be our constant aim and endeavour.

Soldiership has its foundation in the Soldier's Covenant, which describes a Salvationist's faith and lifestyle. The terms of the covenant are radically counter-cultural. The promises made give no encouragement to being mere pew-sitters or nominal corps section members. Nor are we permitted to see ourselves as belonging to a supposed elite entitled to admiration by imagined lesser souls.

Having signed up to soldiership our total reliance will be upon the Holy Spirit who equips and strengthens us to fulfil our commitment to God through the Army. This is not something for the faint-hearted or indifferent. We are to witness by our behaviour, character and spoken word to the presence of the Lord Jesus in our life. We will be conscientious stewards of all God's good gifts dedicating our resources of body, mind and spirit to his service. Our lifestyle choices and pursuits will be attuned to the disciplines of our walk with the Lord. Our devotional habits will constantly form and inform our values and character. We will welcome whole-hearted fellowship with all those who are Jesus' people whether or not they are soldiers or adherents.

The Army will be a more effective mission when its soldiers fulfil their covenant. To elevate the status of soldiership is not to inflate the ego or sense of superiority of Salvationists but to mobilise the Army to more effectively live, love and fight to change Australia one life at a time with the love of Jesus. ●

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WORTH
QUOTING.

“The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else.” – **Oswald Chambers**

WORDS
MIKE FROST

Making room for the foreigner.

Hospitality and generosity is God's mandate

RECENTLY, IN THE AUSTRALIAN Parliament, a newly minted senator called on the Government to stop accepting any immigrants who do not reflect “the historic European Christian composition of Australian society and embrace our language, culture and values as a people”. In particular, he wanted to ban all Muslims from entering the country, a return to what was termed the “White Australia Policy”, a discriminatory immigration policy dismantled way back in the 1960s.

Of course, this doesn't sound too different to the stated desires of Mr Trump regarding United States immigration policy, albeit a less sophisticated version. Britain has its own versions in Nigel Farage and Boris Johnson.

What might surprise some is that Fraser Anning, the Australian senator in question, and the US President, both claim to be committed conservative Christians. Indeed, in the case of the senator from Down Under, he wants a discriminatory immigration policy precisely because he is a Christian. Farage, who has confessed to only praying “sometimes”, nonetheless wants the United Kingdom to stand up for Judeo-Christian culture and values.

So, is it appropriate for Christians in Western countries to call for the banning of Muslim immigration to their shores?

These attitudes are usually characterised as xenophobia, a term that comes from the Ancient Greek words *xenos*, meaning “strange”, “foreigner”, and *phobos*, which means “fear”. Fearing strangers, especially those of a different religious belief, is becoming more and more in vogue these days. So it begs the question, how xenophobic are Christians allowed to be?

Well, not at all! Both the Old and New Testaments insist on the love of the stranger.

Exodus 22:21 says, “Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner, for you were foreigners in Egypt”. And two verses later, God says ominously, “If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry” (v23). And Jesus' teaching, “Love your neighbour as yourself”, (Matt 22:39) seems clear enough. Indeed, Jesus says you can summarise Old Testament teaching this way: “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets” (Matt 7:12).

So if the Bible is pretty clear on this point, why are some Christians xenophobic, and proudly so?

Reflecting on the psychology of xenophobia in her book, *Strangers to Ourselves*, French-Bulgarian philosopher Julia Kristeva writes this: “Strangely, the foreigner lives within us, he is the hidden face of our identity, the space that wrecks our abode, the time in which our understanding and affinity founder. By recognising him within ourselves, we are spared detesting him in himself. The foreigner comes in when the consciousness of my difference arises, and he disappears when we acknowledge ourselves as foreigners, unamenable to bonds and communities.”

Did you get that? We fear foreigners or strangers because they represent

something within ourselves we're too frightened to acknowledge or confront. When we recognise what the stranger represents within ourselves, and come to terms with it, then we can dispense with our fear and loathing.

But there are further dimensions to the Christian view of the stranger. Not only is the stranger within, and not only is the stranger by definition every other human being, but the stranger must also be God himself. British scholar Krish Kandiah picks up on this extraordinary implication in his book, *God is Stranger*. He's not saying we can't know God, but that God is other, a foreigner, unrecognised and often scorned. Practising hospitality to God – making room for him in our lives – can be measured to some meaningful degree by our willingness to make room for the foreigner, the outsider.

Picking up on Jesus' parable about the Good Samaritan, Kandiah draws out three important implications: when it comes to the practice of Christian hospitality there can be no limit to our responsibility, respect, or response. He says the parable teaches there is no limit to our responsibility because our neighbour is each and every stranger, wherever they are from. By making the hero of his story a despised Samaritan, Jesus is suggesting there should be no limit to our respect for others. And furthermore, the costly nature of the Samaritan's generosity to the assaulted Jew implies there should be no limit to our level of response when it comes to hospitality.

So the question isn't so much whether Christianity is xenophobic, but why do churchgoers keep giving in to xenophobic impulses? Why are they so fearful? Why aren't they learning the way of Jesus, the way of hospitality and generosity?

Until churches embrace a form of discipleship that encourages Christians ▶



WORTH
QUOTING.

“Staring us in the face is the desperate plight of the poor. We don’t need statistics to tell us that.” - **Eva Burrows**

to confess the darkness within, and to embrace the love of God and the corresponding love of self, we will keep throwing up Christians like Senator Fraser Anning who fear the stranger and want to close our doors to everyone who is different. ●

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WORDS
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The anti-social network.

Let’s stop comparing ourselves to others online

IT WAS THE END OF MY GRADE 10 YEAR when I first heard the words “World Wide Web”. As my friends and I sat at the back of a school bus, a tech-savvy acquaintance explained that this web would ultimately eliminate the need for encyclopedias, libraries and the Dewey Decimal System. I rolled my eyes.

Fast forward a couple of decades and I face the impossible task of attempting to keep up with all the various social media platforms and “apps” designed to keep my life in order. Facebook, Messenger, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and WhatsApp. Email, iMessage and texting. Then there’s Pinterest, Babbel, games, Amazon, mobile banking, the Bible. And all of this on my phone, a device I carry in my hand 92 per cent of my waking hours. As many can relate, I can be contacted instantly, via numerous platforms and apps, 24 hours a day, seven days a week,

365 days a year. All of it designed to make me feel available, in touch, connected. The trouble is I don’t feel connected. Not really. Mostly I feel insecure, inadequate and insufficient. I end up comparing myself to other people’s newsfeeds or photos, often resulting in a crash diet, \$200 Amazon book order or a total revamp of the kids’ daily chores, because clearly our kids are lazy, entitled brats.

Every once in a while I take a break from social media and, let me tell you, it is glorious. I find after 24 hours “offline” I feel lighter emotionally. I feel more present when I’m home with my husband and the kids. The truth is, I am much happier and I can actually think more clearly and effectively when I’m not hyper-connected to a thousand other friends, or receiving news (or other people’s opinions on the news) as fast as my Twitter feed will update.

This is not an earth-shattering revelation, and I’m certainly under no illusions that my experiences are unique. So why do we do this to ourselves? Why do we continually gravitate to social media threads? Why do we ceaselessly indulge in other people’s lives, neatly compartmentalised in posed, filtered photos, and then beat ourselves up because we believe we don’t measure up? There are enough stats to prove that depression is on the rise, and while there isn’t enough evidence to state with any certainty that social media is to blame, it’s not hard to see why it could be a contributing factor.

We have been created by a communal God to live in community with one another. And yet, increasingly we are becoming solitary beings connected only through technology. Gone are the days when we willingly carved out time to travel and sit on the couch of a trusted friend, hugging mugs of warm coffee. From that space on the couch we could see life in all its

messy splendour, the perfect and imperfect working together. It seems we’ve traded those experiences for the convenience of an online maze of obscurity, accepting that the whole story can be told in 120 characters, or settling for a photo captioned with an upbeat snippet describing the moment: #welookhappy #blessed. We compare and evaluate, and sometimes we have no idea of the damage we are inflicting on ourselves.

It’s not all bad, of course. Social media has the power to unite people across the world in an instant, motivating change and action. Posts on Instagram and Facebook can be uplifting and encouraging. But we need to be cautious. We need to make sure that we are not robbing ourselves of joy and peace by absorbing half-truths and misconceptions. Theodore Roosevelt said: “Comparison is the thief of joy.” We know a picture only captures a moment in time. It isn’t the whole story.

Scripture says, “And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness” (Colossians 2:6-7 *NLT*).

The only real truth is a life built on and rooted in Christ – everything else is meaningless. I find true joy when my life reflects the love and grace of Jesus Christ. When I find myself discouraged or lacking joy and gratefulness, it always helps to take a step back from social media and take inventory of the things that really matter. ●

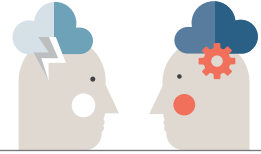
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Mailbox.



FEELING EXCLUDED FROM GOD'S FAMILY

With due respect to comments by Commissioner Brian Morgan (Mailbox, August issue of *Others*), it simply emphasises how out of touch with grassroots a hierarchy can become.

I worship at and support, with time and finances, the local Salvation Army corps. I am not a soldier nor an adherent. I am committed to Jesus Christ. Yet when it comes to information, organisation, or being asked for an opinion, I am excluded. These are all covered by committees, corps council, etc., which are comprised of officers, soldiers or adherents. Am I a member of this church?

I am a member of God's church and his family.

- Jean Avis



RESTORING OUR LANGUAGE FOR THE FIGHT

Recently, when I noticed the inscription "Box Hill Citadel Band" on a music stand it occurred to me that the word "citadel" seems to be used less frequently than in days gone by. Also, "Salvos" often replaces "The

Salvation Army", and many of our publications include "church" as an explanation of corps.

Is this simply an evolution of language, or is the motivation which inspired our founders to fight the principalities and powers of evil diminishing? We are part of the Church, but are we a "Special Service" division creatively partnering with God in new places or ones where others are unwilling or ill-equipped to fight his redemptive mission? As Reggie McNeal says in the foreword to *Partnering with God*, "If The Salvation Army didn't exist, God would have to create it".

Many people are looking to the god of technology to overcome anxieties and depression associated with the intensity of competition necessary to succeed in our individualistic and selfish society. As the fourth industrial revolution (the internet of things) unfolds, there is every possibility that many people will be marginalised and experience needs similar to those that led to formation of The Salvation Army.

Today, many people seek extreme experiences to mask anxiety and depression, others desire a fairer society, and some express anger and frustration through rage and fighting. Could marginalised people be recruited successfully if they knew God needs them as partners to fight the forces destroying our natural and social environments, love one another and live abundantly so that others may live abundantly, love one another and become partners with God in the fight?

- Don Thompson



SEPARATING OURSELVES FROM THE WORLD

Philip Yancey, in his book *Vanishing Grace*, says that culture has taken over the Church, and culture has won. Mal Davies' article ("Mind your language", August issue of *Others*) supports this. We must change back and become again "The Salvation Army".

The word "Salvo" must go, never to be used again, anywhere. I am not a Salvo; I am a Salvationist, a soldier (member) of The Salvation Army.

We must separate ourselves from "the world". The Bible tells us that we must not be part of the world. We must be in the world preaching the gospel and helping others, but different from the world.

John 15:18 says, "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you."

We have become an organisation that wants "the world" to love us. When we leave the world, we will become again the organisation that governments can approach to seek help with the most serious problems the nation faces.

- David Gilbert

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Susie Wallace and the pet poodle she takes on her rounds as a Salvation Army hotel chaplain in Sydney.
Photo: Claire Hill

Susie's journey symbolises the pillar of transformation.

The Salvation Army in Australia is rolling out a new National Strategy based around four pillars - **we will transform; we will focus; we will pioneer; and we will be accountable.**

In this issue, *Others* looks at the first two pillars

We will transform

SUSIE'S PASSION FOR PEOPLE

When Susie Wallace started drinking alcohol at the age of 18, she felt it gave her the confidence she lacked. She would drink and party with friends on weekends, and it was fun. But when tragedy struck, Susie's relationship with alcohol began to change.

"My gorgeous mum was my world. She was 63, attractive and healthy, and then she had a stroke," says Susie. The stroke was severe and her mother was left paralysed. Susie took six months off work, relocating from Sydney to care for her mother in Galashiels, Scotland, where Susie grew up. "I would sit next to her bed at the hospital all day long and then at night, I'd go home and I would drink."

She started taking anti-depressants. She became addicted to the medication and the alcohol. After returning to Sydney, she continued to drink in the evenings. "I would get up every morning, put on my suit for my corporate job in the city and pretend like everything was okay." This went on for four years.

Susie began to self-harm, on one occasion wounding her hand so badly it took three operations to repair the damage. "I remember one night when I was recovering from one of the surgeries to my hand, I was feeling so low and some words my grandmother had said to me when I was a teenager came into my mind," says Susie. Her grandmother had told her: "Susie, you should get involved in The Salvation Army."

Susie made a phone call. "I didn't even know who I was calling, I just called the first number I could find for the Salvos," she says. The woman on the other end of the phone invited her to a course for people interested in becoming Salvation Army volunteers.

Susie enrolled and completed the course but continued to drink and take the pills, until one week in October 1997 that she will never forget. "I reached a breaking point," she says. "I could see that I was going to end up losing my unit, my job and everything. That's when I stood at the gates of hell and I screamed out to Jesus for help."

Susie, who attended Sunday school as a child, had always believed in Jesus but says he'd never been number one in her life. That was about to change. She quit taking the pills and a few days later had her last drink of alcohol. "The next day I made it to work, but on my way home I collapsed in the middle of the CBD," she says. Susie spent the next three months off work, suffering through extreme withdrawals. "I didn't know what was happening," she says. "I know now that Jesus was with me every single minute."

Susie joined the church family at Bondi Junction Salvos, which later became Streetlevel in Surry Hills. In 2002, she became a Salvation Army soldier.

Today, Susie is employed by The Salvation Army as a full-time hotel chaplain. She admits that her job can be tough, but helping people is her passion.

"I am a firm believer that there is always hope for everybody," she says. "The love of Jesus transformed my life and I am living proof of what he can do. Every life can be transformed."

***We will transform** is the first pillar of our National Strategy because transformation happens through relationships – with Jesus and in the community. It is supported by three strategic imperatives: Deliver holistic mission; Strengthen the Army's voice on national issues; and Make disciples.*

We will focus

100 DAYS PRAYER CAMPAIGN

From 24 September 2018 to 1 January 2019, Salvos around Australia are joining together for 100 Days of Prayer and Devotion. For Colonel Robyn Maxwell, National Ambassador for Prayer and Holiness, it's a critical step in our national transformation journey. "This is more than a campaign, it's a call to prayer," she says. "Prayer underpins our strategy, vision and everything we do."

With all the activity that is planned in the lead-up to the 1 December official commencement of a new Australia Territory, some might think it is an odd time to be running the campaign. Robyn, however, says the timing is perfect.

"Now is the time for us to be on our knees, rededicating ourselves to the Lord, listening for his voice and making him our first priority," she says. "What a powerful way for us to start off our journey as the Australia Territory!"

***We will focus** is the second pillar of our National Strategy. Focusing our efforts equips us to have the greatest mission impact to help us achieve our vision. It's supported by the imperative **Foster Christian spirituality** as reflected through prayer, aligning our lives with scripture and holy living. Further information on the National Strategy and 100 Days of Prayer and Devotion is available at australiaone.info*

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Small corps, big heart.

Beechworth living
out Army's vision

It's a very small corps in a very small village in Victoria's historic north-east high country. The compact weatherboard worship centre that seats maybe 60 has an entrance straight off the main street, through an opening in a small picket fence. An equally compact Thrift Shop sits alongside the worship centre.

Beechworth has only one active "soldier" – the Corps Officer, Captain Pauline Middleton (left). Even so, just like in the bigger cities and towns of Australia, Captain Middleton and her team of community helpers are expressing the Army's mission and vision. Where there is hardship or injustice, Beechworth Corps is doing what it can to live, love and fight alongside others to transform its part of Australia one life at a time with the love of Jesus.

Beechworth is a remarkable story in The Salvation Army. It has only four soldiers on the roll. Three are inactive, leaving Captain Middleton as the only "uniform". But there are 10 adherents and 40 recruits/friends/supporters – all of them active. Basically, Beechworth is a corps of community people, led by a Salvation Army officer, serving their community.

"As far as The Salvation Army vision and mission are concerned, it's what we do every day," Captain Middleton says. "With us, people always come first."

Beechworth, the town, is a delightful place, ringed by equally stunning villages with names like Stanley, Wooragee, Yackandandah, Myrtleford, Mt Beauty, ▶



Denerang, and Bright. It's almost 300km north of Melbourne, 30km to the east of the Hume highway and about 50km to the south of the NSW border town of Albury. A little over 2500 people live in and around the village.

The area was first the home of Aboriginal people and was known as Mayday Hills before changing to Beechworth in 1853. That was around the area's famous gold-rush days, which attracted people from various parts of the world, principally China, England, and other areas of Europe. Its impressive and still-standing 150-year-old prison, right in the centre of town, was the "home" on several occasions of legendary bushranger Ned Kelly. The equally impressive Beechworth Courthouse – also still standing – was the scene of Kelly's murder trial and sentencing to hang in 1880.

Another of its more notable residents was senior police inspector Robert Burke, leader of the ill-fated Burke and Wills expedition from Melbourne to the Gulf of Carpentaria in 1860-61. Both men – and others – lost their lives in the attempt. Beechworth has monuments and festivals to celebrate Kelly and Burke. Ask any tourist who has visited Beechworth to identify their favourite attraction and they will almost unanimously name the local Beechworth Bakery shop – or the honey shop.

ARMY PRESENCE

The Salvation Army has had an active presence in Beechworth since 1884, just four years after the officially recognised start of the Army in Australia. Captain Pauline Middleton has been

the Corps Officer since January 2010, 12 months after graduating from The Salvation Army training college in Melbourne. She comes with a troubled background, but grateful, just the same, for her upbringing.

For personal family reasons, she prefers not to identify where she has lived, except to say it was in Victoria.

Her father had mental health issues. At 22 months, she was left by her mother at an orphanage. Two months later, her maternal grandparents took her home to their place and raised her as "their own", legally adopting her when she was four. "I was very blessed that my grandparents took me in," she says. "They were strong Anglicans, I went to Sunday school and church regularly. They gave me a wonderful life."

Pauline left home at 18 and moved in with her boyfriend. They married a few years later – in 1983 – and had two children. The marriage survived for 20 years. In 1987, living in government housing with her two children, The Salvation Army "arrived" on her doorstep with a street meeting and Sunday school recruitment campaign. She was happy to have her children attend Sunday school. "My Dad (grandfather) pestered me to get my kids done – as in christened. In the Salvos, it is known as being dedicated," she says. "At The Salvation Army, I heard songs that I heard at the Anglican Church. I knew then that God was in this place (The Salvation Army). "I gave my life to the Lord in 1989 and became a soldier in 1990. I had to wait until God delivered me from a foul mouth before I could become a soldier. And he did."



(Above left) The bustling hub of The Salvation Army in Beechworth, the worship centre and the Thrift Shop, side by side. (Above right) Two well-known attractions in Beechworth that are particularly popular with tourists – the bakery and cake shop. Photos: Carolyn Hide



(Above left) Captain Pauline Middleton with two of her dedicated volunteers, Jim and Helen. Jim is the volunteer manager of community welfare and Helen plays the piano in church. (Above right) Captain Middleton with Paula, who runs the coffee shop across the road.



She was accepted into The Salvation Army Officer Training College in 2007, graduating at the end of 2008. Her two children had serious drug issues as teenagers. Her son died in 2010, aged only 24. She has a three-year-old granddaughter from her daughter and is remarried. Her second husband, Andrew, is with her in Beechworth.

VALUABLE VOLUNTEERS

Community is how it is in Beechworth. Talk to anybody in town and they will tell you that Beechworth is the kind of place where everybody helps everybody. Country people, a local told me, are not big on becoming members of much, but they are big on giving a helping hand.

Jim Kenney is volunteer manager of The Salvation Army's community welfare in Beechworth. Jim was volunteering with a community-based organisation until 2000, when he switched to the Salvos.

He was looking for a church, his wife Helen told me. "I said, look Jim, if you find a church and stick to it, I will come with you. He stuck with it, so I went, too. They needed a piano player. I play the piano, so Jim and I have been coming ever since. "It's our church. Nobody ever tried to make us soldiers. They just welcome us as one of them. It's nice." Ask Jim how many days he does his welfare and he will tell you, "Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday ... and often Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Whenever somebody needs something," he says.

There are no rigid availability rules in this corps. They provide food, furniture, clothing, help with

bills – even wood to help with heating homes in winter, when overnight temperatures go below zero. The annual welfare budget is around \$100,000, funded mostly by the corps Thrift Shop. Beechworth doesn't have a Salvos Stores or Family Stores shop.

The shop is staffed by volunteers – people from the community. The local Lions club sends volunteers. Prisoners on day release from the local jail volunteer. Centrelink sends in unemployed people on work programs. People from other community groups volunteer, too. "This is a Beechworth community effort," Captain Middleton says. "We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the community."

People around Beechworth think highly of Captain Middleton and The Salvation Army. They agree that the community provides a lot of assistance to The Salvation Army, but they are quick to tell you that The Salvation Army does a lot for the community. As well as running a corps and its associated services, Captain Middleton is also chaplain at the local prison, spending time with inmates who need her counsel, and their families when times get tough. She also visits a local aged care facility to encourage residents. Community lunches are held every week after a Sunday morning worship service and on Fridays.

Everything they do at Beechworth Corps has the word "community" in front of it. "People always come first here," Captain Middleton says. ●

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Appointment changes.

For the first time in nearly a century, The Salvation Army in Australia has announced appointment changes on a national basis, effective from 9 January 2019 (unless otherwise stated). The appointments, approved by the National Commander, Commissioner Floyd Tidd, coincide with the formation of the new Australia Territory.



● Territorial Headquarters

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Captain Anne **Jeffrey** – Women and Families Secretary, Australia (ATSWM) – *Title Change*

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF SECRETARY

Governance and Risk Department

Major Erica **Kollmorgen** – Governance and Board Administration Officer

Salvation Army International Development (SAID)

Lt-Colonel Ronald **Clinch** – Mission Support Coordinator and SAID Engagement Officer – *Effective 10 September 2018*

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FOR BUSINESS SUPPORT

Major Bruce **Stoltenberg** – Executive Manager, Business Support, Australia

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Lt-Colonel Xuyen **Pho** – Executive Manager, Indigenous and Multicultural Media and Community

Major Paul **Beardsley** – Community Fundraising Coordinator, South West Western Australia

Major John **Freind** – Community Fundraising Coordinator, South West Victoria

Major Jeff **Waller** – Corporate and Philanthropic Relationship Manager, South Australia

Major Brad **Watson** – Public Relations Secretary, Tasmania – *Title Change*

Major Jeff **Winterburn** – Public Relations Secretary, Victoria
Major Suzanne **Winterburn** – Honoured Friends Coordinator, Australia

Lieutenant Bradley **McIver** – Public Relations Secretary, NSW
To be Announced Public – Relations Secretary, ACT/South NSW

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FOR MISSION

Major Peter **White** – Project Support Officer – *Pro Tem*

Community Engagement Department

Chaplaincy Services

Major Rick **Hoffmann** – General Manager, Chaplaincy, Australia

Major Heather **Craig** – Chaplaincy Services Coordinator

Major Beth **Roberts** – Chaplaincy Services Coordinator

Captain Leanne **Smith** – Chaplaincy Services Specialist – *Concurrent Appointment*

Strategic Emergency and Disaster Management

Major Topher **Holland** – General Manager, Strategic Emergency and Disaster Management, Australia

Major Robert **Champion** – Strategic Emergency and Disaster Management Specialist, Australia

Mission Support Department

Adults and Seniors

Captain Mavis **Salt** – Adults and Seniors Secretary, Australia

Major Christine **Ellis** – Adults and Seniors Secretary, Tasmania – *Concurrent Appointment*

Major Christine **Waller** – Adults and Seniors Secretary, South Australia/Northern Territory – *Concurrent Appointment*

Captain Erica **Cossington** – Adults and Seniors Secretary, Western Australia – *Second Appointment*

Captain Leisa **Humbley** – Adults and Seniors Secretary, Queensland

Faith Communities

Major Sandra **Crowden** – Faith Communities Development Secretary, Australia

Major Christine **Dickson** – Generous Culture Coach

Major John **Elkington** – Generous Culture Coach – *Title Change*

Captain Jane **Manusa** – Generous Culture Coach – *Title Change*

Captain Jennifer **Reeves** – Generous Culture Coach – *Title Change*

Local Mission Delivery

Major Alison **Gallagher** – Local Mission Delivery Support Officer – *Effective 10 September 2018*

Major Colin **Hopper** – Local Mission Delivery Support Officer – *Effective 10 September 2018*

Major Sue **Hopper** – Local Mission Delivery Support Officer – *Effective 10 September 2018*

Captain Alison **MacDonald** – Local Mission Delivery Support Officer – *Effective 10 September 2018*

Captain Gareth **MacDonald** – Local Mission Delivery Support Officer – *Effective 10 September 2018*

Mission Resources

Major Angela **Eyles** Resource Writer – *rescind Pro Tem*

Women and Families

Captain Anne **Jeffrey** – Women and Families Secretary, Australia (ATSWM)

Lt-Colonel Debra **Stevens** – Women and Families Secretary, Victoria (DDWM)

Major Christine **Ellis** – Women and Families Secretary, Tasmania – *Concurrent Appointment*

Major Rowena **Smith** – Women and Families Secretary, Queensland

Major Christine **Waller** – Women and Families Secretary, South Australia/Northern Territory – *Concurrent Appointment*

Captain Erica **Cossington** – Women and Families Secretary, Western Australia – *Second Appointment*

Captain Carole **Smith** – Women and Families Secretary, NSW/ACT

Toddlers and Children

Captain Joanne **Smith** – Toddlers and Children Secretary, Australia

Major Nicole **Viles** – Toddlers and Children Secretary, NSW/ACT

Captain Cassi **Everitt** – Toddlers and Children Secretary, Queensland

Captain Melissa **Templeman-Twells** Toddlers and Children Secretary, Western Australia
Lieutenant Austin **Anderson** – Toddlers and Children Secretary, Tasmania

Youth and Young Adults

Auxiliary-Lieutenant Adam **Purcell** – Youth and Young Adults Secretary, Australia (TYS)
Auxiliary-Lieutenant Melissa **Purcell** – Youth and Young Adults Secretary, Australia (TYS)
Major John **Viles** – Youth and Young Adults Secretary, NSW/ACT (DYS)
Captain Sean **Everitt** – Youth and Young Adults Secretary, Queensland (DYS)
Captain Simon **Pickens** – Youth and Young Adults Secretary, South Australia/Northern Territory (DYS)
Captain Daniel **Templeman-Twells** – Youth and Young Adults Secretary, Western Australia (DYS)
Lieutenant Nayomia **Anderson** – Youth and Young Adults Secretary, Tasmania (DYS)
Lieutenant Kimberley **Ashmore** – Youth and Young Adults Secretary, Victoria (DYS)
Auxiliary-Lieutenant Phil **Stark** – Youth and Young Adults Secretary, Queensland – *Concurrent Appointment*

Policy, Research and Social Justice Department

Major Andrew **Craib** – General Manager, Client Information and Contract Services, Australia – *Effective 1 October 2018*

Social Mission Department

Major Elizabeth **Garland** – Homelessness Services Manager, South Australia/Northern Territory and Western Australia – *Concurrent Appointment*
Major Evonne **Packer** – Accreditation and Practice Coordinator, Australia
Captain Ken **Smith** – Alcohol and other Drugs Manager, Western Australia, South Australia/Northern Territory – *Concurrent Appointment*

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FOR MISSION ENTERPRISES

Aged Care Plus

Major Debbie **Hindle** – Director of Mission and Chaplain, Maybanke Aged Care Plus Centre
Major Bev **McMurray** – Director of Mission and Chaplain, Mountain View Aged Care Plus Centre – *Effective 3 December 2018*

Employment Plus

Major Maree **Strong** – Chaplain, Employment Plus – ACT and Monaro – *Concurrent Appointment – Effective 1 October 2018*
Captain Anne **Hill** – Chaplain, Employment Plus, Victoria
Captain Katrina **Hindle** – Chaplain, Employment Plus, Young – *Additional Appointment*
Captain Michael **Hindle** – Chaplain, Employment Plus, Young – *Additional Appointment*

Salvos Legal

Captain Louise **Beamish** – Chaplain, Salvos Legal – *Effective 1 November 2018*

Salvos Stores

Major Karen **Castley** – Chaplain, Salvos Stores, South Australia
Major Neroli **Radburn** – Chaplain, Salvos Stores, Eastern Sydney, NSW
Major Gary **Smith** – Chaplain, Salvos Stores, Western Sydney
Major Marilyn **Smith** – Chaplain, Salvos Stores, Western Sydney
Major Maree **Strong** – Chaplain, Salvos Stores – ACT and Monaro – *Concurrent Appointment – Effective 1 October 2018*
Major Tracey **Wicks** – Chaplain, Salvos Stores, Illawarra, NSW
Captain Craig **Spooner** – Chaplain, Salvos Stores, Newcastle/Hunter and Central Coast, NSW

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY FOR PERSONNEL

Eva Burrows College

Major Deborah **Robinson** – Head of College and Training Principal

Higher Education

Lt-Colonel Terry **Grey** – Leader, Higher Education/Dean

Officer Formation

Captain Richard **Parker** – Leader, Officer Formation/Senior Training Officer
Major Cathy **Elkington** – Mission and Ministry Formation Coordinator
Major Sandy **MacDonald** – Training Officer
Major Gail **White** – Officer Formation Team Member – *Pro Tem*
Captain Sonia **Jeffrey** – Education and Theological Formation Coordinator
Captain Katie **Parker** – First Five Years of Officership and Auxiliary-Lieutenant Development Coordinator
Captain Brenda **Young** – Second-in-Charge, Officer Formation – *Additional Appointment*

Officer Recruitment

Captain Matthew **Reeve** – Officer Recruitment Secretary, Australia. Officer Recruitment Secretary, Victoria – *Title Change*
Major Michelle **Oliver** – Officer Recruitment Secretary, Queensland – *Full Time*
Captain Steven **Haworth** – Officer Recruitment Secretary, Tasmania – *Concurrent Appointment*
Captain Kylie **Hodges** – Officer Recruitment Secretary, South Australia/Northern Territory
Captain Nathan **Hodges** – Officer Recruitment Secretary, South Australia/Northern Territory
Captain Clare **Reeve** – Officer Recruitment Secretary, Victoria – *Title Change*
Lieutenant Mark **Townsend** – Officer Recruitment Secretary, NSW/ACT
Lieutenant Tamaryn **Townsend** – Officer Recruitment Secretary, NSW/ACT

Stanmore House

Major Raewyn **Grigg** – Manager, Stanmore House – *Title Change*

Vocational Training

Major Andrew **Humphreys** – Manager, Salvos Discipleship Program – *Title Change*

Major Melissa **Humphreys** – Manager, Salvos Discipleship Program – *Title Change*

Major Christine **Pickens** – Community Services Trainer – *Title Change*

Officer Personnel Department

Major David **Eyles** – Assistant Head of Officer Personnel

Major Alison **Eastley** – Chaplain, THQ Blackburn

Major Romona **Kinder** – Chaplain, THQ Redfern – *Effective 8 October 2018*

Envoy Bronwyn **Bithell** – Executive Officer – Officer Personnel Policy and Councils

Envoy Joy **Johns** – Officer Personnel, Team Member – *rescind Pro Tem*

Officer Personnel

Lt-Colonel Robyn **Clinch** – Officer Personnel Secretary, Territorial Headquarters

Lt-Colonel Sandra **Godkin** – Officer Personnel Secretary, Team Leader, Queensland – *Title Change*

Major Rosslyn **Casey** – Officer Personnel Secretary, South Australia/Northern Territory – *Title Change*

Major Sue **Davies** – Officer Personnel Secretary, Team Leader, NSW/ACT – *Title Change*

Major Christine **Ellis** – Officer Personnel Secretary, Tasmania – *Concurrent Appointment*

Major Lyn **Freind** – Officer Personnel Secretary, Western Australia – *Title Change – Concurrent Appointment*

Major Jenni **Frost** – Officer Personnel Secretary, Team Leader, Victoria

Major Trevor **Nicol** – Officer Personnel Secretary, NSW/ACT – *Title Change*

Major Deon **Oliver** – Officer Personnel Secretary, Queensland – *Concurrent Appointment*

Major Rhys **Spiller** – Officer Personnel Secretary, Victoria

Major Wendy **Watts** – Officer Personnel Secretary, NSW/ACT – *Title Change*

Overseas Personnel

Major Heather **Sharp** – Overseas Officer Support Secretary

Major Romona **Kinder** – Overseas Officer Support – *Additional Appointment – Effective 8 October 2018*

Retired Officer Support

Major Lyn **Ballantyne** – Retired Officer Support Secretary

Major Jenny **Craib** – Chaplain to Retired Officers, South Australia

Major Jean **Ridley** – Chaplain to Retired Officers, NSW/ACT

Pastoral Services Department

Major Howard **Smartt** – Pastoral Services Manager

Major Robyn **Smartt** – Pastoral Services Manager

Major Jean **Cassidy** – Pastoral Services Team Member

Major Christine **Faragher** – Practitioner – Spiritual Direction and Supervision – *Primary Appointment – Title Change*

Major Janis **Meredith** – Pastoral Services Team Member

Major Julie **Radburn** – Pastoral Services Team Member

● Divisions/States and Territories

(IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

*Community Engagement Department**NSW/ACT*

Major Beth **Brooks** – Chaplain, Downing Centre Court, Sydney

Major Lindsay **Reeves** – Airport Chaplain, Sydney

Major Brenda **Stace** – Rural Chaplain, Narrabri

Major Kelvin **Stace** – Rural Chaplain, Narrabri

Major Colin **Young** – Strategic Emergency and Disaster Management Coordinator, NSW/ACT

Captain June **Cardew** – Hospital Chaplain, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital – *Full Time*

Captain Megan **Dale** – Hospital Chaplain, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

Craig **Harlum** – Chaplain, Inner City Network - Foster House

Queensland

Major Jo-Anne **Bulow** – Flying Padre, South Queensland Flying Service and Rural Chaplaincy

South Australia/Northern Territory

Major David **Hawke** – Chaplain, Darwin City

Major Janette **Shepherd** – Chaplain, Towards Independence, Adelaide – *Concurrent Appointment*

Captain Erica **Jones** – Emergency Services Coordinator, Northern Territory – *Additional Appointment*

Victoria

Major Jennifer **Cloke** – Chaplain, Community Aged Care Program

Major Marjory **Ellis** – Chaplain, Moorabbin Justice Centre Court

Major Charles **Jacobsen** – Chaplain, Hard of Hearing and Deaf Community

Major Marilyn **Jenner** – Chaplain, Ballarat and District Court

Major Janette **Philp** – Chaplain, Community Aged Care Program

Major Alison **Platt** – Prison Chaplain, Dame Phyllis Frost Centre/Tarrengower – *Effective 7 February 2019*

Captain Railton **Hill** – Chaplain, Community Aged Care Program

Western Australia

Captain Leanne **Smith** – Chaplaincy Services Team Leader, Western Australia – *Concurrent Appointment*

NSW/ACT Division

Major Graeme **Craig** – Assistant Divisional Commander

Major Barry **Fischle** – Divisional Support Officer

Area Officers

Major Isabel **Beckett** – Area Officer, ACT and South Coast, NSW

Major Norm **Beckett** – Area Officer, ACT and South Coast, NSW

Major Mark **Brooks** – Area Officer, Central West NSW

Major Julia **Metcher** – Area Officer, North/North West NSW

Major Karen **Smith** – Area Officer, South West NSW

Captain Robyn **Black** – Area Officer, Sydney Wide, NSW

Captain Vanessa **Garven** – Area Officer, Sydney Wide, NSW

Corps

Major Kay **Clarke** – Pearce Corps Officer, Broken Hill

Major Bryce **Davies** – Panania - Communities of Hope

Major Nellie **Moed** – Assistant Corps Officer, Auburn –

Effective 14 September 2018

Major Janet **Siddens** – Team Member Greater West - Glenmore Park

Major Clayton **Spence** – Corps Officer, Campsie

Major Leanne **Spence** – Corps Officer, Campsie

Major Belinda **Spicer** – Corps Officer, Macarthur Replant

Major Lynden **Spicer** – Corps Officer, Macarthur Replant

Major Andrew van **Galen** – Corps Officer, Coffs Harbour

Major Jeanette van **Galen** – Corps Officer, Coffs Harbour

Major Roslyn **Walker** – Associate Corps Officer, Gosford

Captain Philip **Farthing** – Corps Officer, Queanbeyan

Captain Rachael **Farthing** – Corps Officer, Queanbeyan

Captain Christy **Kurth** – Corps Officer, Ballina

Captain Paul **Kurth** – Corps Officer, Ballina

Captain Lesley **Newton** – Corps Officer, Umina Beach

Lieutenant Kate **Cathcart** – Corps Officer, Bathurst

Lieutenant Katrina **Hindle** – Corps Officer, Young and Cootamundra

Lieutenant Michael **Hindle** – Corps Officer, Young and Cootamundra

Lieutenant Lydia **Hong** – Corps Officer, Hurstville – *Title Change*

Lieutenant Sean **Li** – Corps Officer, Team Leader, Hurstville – *Title Change*

Lieutenant Joycelyn **McIver** – Corps Officer, Hurstville

Territorial Envoy Angela **Cairns** – Corps Officer/New Expression, Newcastle Worship and Community Centre*

Territorial Envoy Lucas **Cairns** – Corps Officer/New Expression, Newcastle Worship and Community Centre*

Territorial Envoy Craig **Stephens** – Associate Corps Officer/New Expressions, Long Jetty

Territorial Envoy Danni **Stephens** – Associate Corps Officer/New Expressions, Long Jetty

Auxiliary-Lieutenant Joshua **Vince** – Team Member, Greater West - St Mary's/2770

Auxiliary-Lieutenant Lorelle **Vince** – Team Member, Greater West - St Marys/2770

Cadet# Andrea **Martin** – Team Leader, Greater West - Penrith City and Mount Druitt

Cadet# Peter **Martin** – Team Leader, Greater West - Penrith City and Mount Druitt

Cadet# Mitchell **Stevens** – Corps Officer, Canberra City

Cadet# Sally **Stevens** – Corps Officer, Canberra City

To be Announced – Corps Officer, Rockdale Corps

Queensland Division

Major Neil **Dickson** – Assistant Divisional Commander

Area Officer

Major Deon **Oliver** – Area Officer, South West Queensland – Concurrent Appointment

Corps

Major Scott **Allen** – Corps Officer, Brisbane City Temple

Major Sharon **Allen** – Corps Officer, Brisbane City Temple

Major Darren **Elsley** – Corps Officer, Palm Beach Elanora –

Additional Appointment

Major Leanne **Elsley** – Corps Officer, Palm Beach Elanora –

Additional Appointment

Captain Jenny **Hall** – Corps Officer, Dalby

Captain Neville **Hall** – Corps Officer, Dalby

Lieutenant Winnie **Ng** – Corps Officer, Chinese Ministries,

Calamvale – *Title Change*

Auxiliary-Lieutenant Phil **Stark** – Team Member, Townsville

Riverway Recovery Mission – *Concurrent Appointment*

Cadet# Ashley **Biermann** – Corps Officer, Ipswich

Cadet# Rita **Biermann** – Corps Officer, Ipswich

Cadet# Natalie **Frame** – Corps Officer, Bayside Community Church

Cadet# Scott **Frame** – Corps Officer, Bayside Community Church

Cadet# Danielle **Starr** – Corps Officer, Pine Rivers

To be Announced – Corps Officer, Lockyer Valley

To be Announced – Corps Officer, South Burnett Region

Social Mission

Queensland

Major Rick **Hoffmann** – State Social and Community Services Coordinator, Queensland – *Concurrent Appointment*

Cadet# Major Leanne **Hardaker** – Manager, Brisbane Recovery Services Centre (Moonyah)

South Australia

Major Elizabeth **Garland** – State Social and Community Services Coordinator, South Australia/Northern Territory – *Concurrent Appointment*

Western Australia

Captain Ken **Smith** – State Social and Community Services Coordinator, Western Australia – *Concurrent Appointment*

South Australia/Northern Territory Division

Major Clinton **Castley** – Divisional Support Officer

Area Officers

Major Dean **Clarke** – Area Officer, South Australia – Central/Southern

Major Vicki **Clarke** – Area Officer, South Australia – Central/Southern

Major Susan **Wallace** – Area Officer, South Australia – Northern

Captain Erica **Jones** – Area Officer, Northern Territory

Corps

Major Kim **Hawke** – Corps Officer, Darwin*

Major Janette **Shepherd** – Associate Corps Officer - Community Engagement, Adelaide Congress Hall

– *Concurrent Appointment*

Captain Peter **Jones** – Corps Officer, Team Leader, Darwin

To be Announced – Corps Officer, Adelaide Congress Hall

Tasmania Division

Captains **Kim** and Steven **Haworth** serving as Divisional Leaders in Tasmania with the appointments as listed below.

Captain Steven Haworth is also serving as Officer Recruitment Secretary, Tasmania (a national appointment).

Captain Kim **Haworth** – Divisional Commander

Major Richard **Ellis** – Divisional Support Officer

Area Officers

Captain Steven **Haworth** – Area Officer, Tasmania South – *Concurrent Appointment*

Captain Kevin **Lumb** – Area Officer, Tasmania North

Corps

Captain Joel **Clifford** – Corps Officer, Clarence City

Auxiliary-Lieutenant Captain Kate **Clifford** – Corps Officer, Clarence City

Victoria Division

Major Doug **Kollmorgen** – Divisional Support Officer

Area Officers

Major Mark **Soeters** – Area Officer, Melbourne Metro West

Major Judith **Soeters** – Area Officer, Melbourne Metro West

Corps

Major Brett **Allchin** – Corps Officer, Warrnambool with oversight of Hamilton Corps

Major Sally-Anne **Allchin** – Corps Officer, Warrnambool with oversight of Hamilton Corps

Major Ron **Cochrane** – Corps Officer, Boronia*

Major Rhonda **Elkington** – Corps Officer, Team Major Leader, Ballarat Community Church

Major Narelle **Jacobsen** – Community Development Officer, St Kilda

Major Alan **Jenner** – Assistant to the Corps Officers - Delacombe and Ballarat

Major Marilyn **Jenner** – Ministry Assistant, Delacombe – *Additional Appointment*

Major Peter **McGuigan** – Corps Officer, Preston

Major Lenore **Pack** – Corps Officer, Berwick

Major Jeff **Philp** – Corps Officer, Brunswick*

Major Alwyn **Robinson** – Corps Officer, Box Hill

Major Scott **Smallcombe** – Corps Officer, Dandenong*

Major Christine **Wright** – Corps Officer, Cranbourne

Major Michael **Wright** – Corps Officer, Cranbourne

Captain Catherine **Abram** – Corps Officer, Wyndham City

Captain Phillip **Abram** – Corps Officer, Wyndham City

Captain Katherine **Baudinette** – Corps Officer, Camberwell*

Captain Cheryl **Butcher** – Corps Officer, Moe

Captain Russell **Butcher** – Corps Officer, Moe

Captain Craig **Farrell** – Corps Officer, Delacombe

Captain Stuart **Glover** – Ministry Assistant, Kingston Gardens

– *Additional Appointment*

Captain Kris **Halliday** – Corps Officer, Melbourne Project 614*

– *Pro Tem*

Captain Lynn **Jones** – Corps Officer, Rosebud

Captain Tara **McGuigan** – Corps Officer, Preston

Captain Gregory **Pack** – Corps Officer, Berwick

Lieutenant Christopher **Marsh** – Corps Officer, Manningham

Lieutenant Melissa **Marsh** – Corps Officer, Manningham

Lieutenant Samantha **Oldfield** – Corps Officer, Bentleigh –

Title Change – Effective 10th September 2018

Lieutenant Taryn **Singer** – Corps Officer, Kyabram

Lieutenant Christopher Sutton Corps Officer, Horsham

Lieutenant Tracy **Sutton** – Corps Officer, Horsham

Territorial Envoy Heidi **Grice** – Corps Officer, Eaglehawk

Territorial Envoy Stuart **Grice** – Corps Officer, Eaglehawk

Territorial Envoy (to be Cadet in 2019) Andrea **Wayman** –

Corps Officer, Ballarat Community Church*

Territorial Envoy (to be Cadet in 2019) Daniel **Wayman** –

Corps Officer, Ballarat Community Church*

Auxiliary-Lieutenant James **Singer** – Corps Officer, Kyabram

Cadet# Star **Conliffe** – Corps Officer, Hobsons Bay

Cadet# Aaron **Coombes** – Corps Officer, Colac

Cadet# Keryn **Coombes** – Corps Officer, Colac

Cadet# Charlie **Jung** – Corps Officer, Hobsons Bay

Cadet# Stephanie **Savage** – Corps Officer, Kingston Gardens

Accepted Candidate (to be Cadet in 2019) Benjamin **Maxwell** –

Corps Officer, Camberwell* (with Ashburton Outreach)

To be Announced – Corps Officer, Geelong

Western Australia Division

Major Gordon **Jones** – Divisional Support Officer

Area Officers

Lt-Colonel Stuart **Reid** – Area Officer, Western Australia North

Major Karina **Wood** – Area Officer, Western Australia South

Major Peter **Wood** – Area Officer, Western Australia South

Corps

Major Darryl **Robinson** – Corps Officer, Kwinana
 Major Kaylene **Robinson** – Corps Officer, Kwinana
 Lieutenant Ben **Hollis** – Corps Officer, Armadale – *rescind Pro Tem*

To be advised

Major Annette **Coleman**
 Major Michael **Coleman**
 Major Tracey **English**
 Captain Michelle **Myles**

Overseas/Exchange Officers

Major Sharon **Dannock** TO: Appointment to be announced
 Major Peter **Davey** TO: Appointment to be announced
 Major Gregory **Morgan** TO: Appointment to be announced
 Major Priya **Morgan** TO: Appointment to be announced
 Major Stephen **Wallis** TO: New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa Territory
 Major Gail **White** TO: Appointment to be announced
 Major Peter **White** TO: Appointment to be announced
 Captain Kathy **Crombie** TO: New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa Territory
 Captain Jason **Dannock** TO: Appointment to be announced
 Captain Kris **Halliday** TO: Appointment to be announced

Returning into Australia Territory

Major Beth **Brooks** FROM: Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Territory
 Major Mark **Brooks** FROM: Singapore, Malaysia and Myanmar Territory
 Major Elizabeth **Garland** FROM: International Headquarters
 Major Peter **McGuigan** FROM: Sri Lanka Territory
 Major Darryl **Robinson** FROM: Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Territory
 Major Kaylene **Robinson** FROM: Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Territory
 Captain Tara **McGuigan** FROM: Sri Lanka Territory

Retirements

Major Diane **Romari** 31 December 2018
 Major Glenn **Whittaker** 1 December 2018
 Major Allan **Kerr** 31 December 2018

Major Carolyn **Wright** 31 December 2018
 Major Les **Coulter** 6 January 2019
 Major Sharon **Coulter** 6 January 2019
 Major Maurice **Clarke-Pearce** 9 January 2019
 Major Bruce **Domrow** 9 January 2019
 Major Glenys **Domrow** 9 January 2019
 Major Graham **Roberts** 9 January 2019
 Major Gail **Roberts** 9 January 2019
 Major John **Roberts** 9 January 2019
 Major Gwyn **Rowe** 9 January 2019
 Major Kingsley **Cochrane** 13 January 2019
 Major Ian **Henry** 31 January 2019
 Major June **Grice** 1 February 2019
 Major Russell **Grice** 1 February 2019
 Major Phillip **Pleffer** General Change 2020
 Major Bruce **Robinson** General Change 2020
 Major Isabel **Beckett** 1 March 2019
 Major Wendy **Freind** 1 March 2019
 Major Janis **Meredith** 1 March 2019
 Major Raewyn **Grigg** 1 April 2019
 Major Keith **Hampton** 1 April 2019
 Major Max **Smith** General Change 2020
 Captain Joy **Lotty** 1 January 2019
 Captain Phil **Cardew** 9 January 2019


Appointments to be filled


Albany Corps, Western Australia
 Kaniva/Broughton Corps, Victoria
 Chaplain, Crossroads Network Youth and Family Services, Victoria


*Corps Officer**: An officer who has the designation, 'Corps Officer*' is appointed as a Corps Officer team member, but not lead Corps Officer.
Cadet[#] to be Lieutenant on commissioning.

Please pray for these officers and their families as they prepare to move and take up these new challenges, along with corps and centres that will be receiving new officer personnel across Australia.

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“Brilliant! Love the good news from around Australia.”

 Peter Hobbs



Salvation Army envoy Alan Staines laces up his walking shoes in preparation for his journey on foot from Canberra to Sydney later this month. Photo: Lena Pobjie

WORDS
BILL SIMPSON

Alan stepping out for life.

Postvention campaigner to walk from Canberra to Sydney

At 86, most people are looking at ways to save them walking too far. Not so Alan Staines.

The Salvation Army envoy is planning to walk 330km over 30 days from Canberra to Sydney in October-November, as part of a Walk for Life campaign. Along the way, he will call into 14 towns to address community forums, schools, clubs and other public organisations, and meet local government leaders.

He is on a mission. It's a mission that meets one of his great passions – supporting and educating the public about coping with the loss of a loved one through suicide. It's a cause that Alan has been committed to for almost 40 years within The Salvation Army.

He was at the forefront of establishing Oasis Youth Support Network in Sydney, Salvo Care Line, Salvo Youth Line and Hope for Life suicide prevention and bereavement support services. Alan was awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2003 for services to young people and received the Order of the Founder, The Salvation Army's highest honour, in 2007.

"I am passionate about supporting the bereaved by suicide," says Alan, who is currently national secretary of Postvention Australia, whose sole objective is to provide support for the bereaved by suicide. "There are many families and individuals who are falling between the cracks, receiving no help at all. We must be there for them, with empathy and compassion.

"Those left behind after a suicide takes place are particularly vulnerable. They are up to eight times more likely to take their own lives than the general population. By providing much-needed support to

people bereaved by suicide (postvention), evidence shows this helps prevent suicide."

Alan says about 3000 people take their lives each year in Australia, which equates to eight people each day. For each suicide, at least 135 people are directly affected, which means more than 1000 people are impacted in Australia every day by a suicide.

"Given the longevity of suicide grief, too many people are in need of help," he says. "The social, emotional and economic consequences of suicide are immense. To lose somebody to suicide commonly results in intense emotional trauma, shock, grief, guilt, physical and psychological ill health and adverse social circumstances.

"Information and support have been demonstrated as important in helping the bereaved survive through the pain of grief. Recent research has demonstrated that getting help and information is still a haphazard process without a clear pathway to help."

Alan says that, generally, people do not know how to respond to families following the loss of a loved one through suicide. Postvention Australia's role is to support people impacted by the loss of a loved one through suicide and educate the public on how to respond in a helpful way.

He is building fitness for the Walk for Life campaign with a daily exercise program, which sometimes includes walking up to 13km a day.

To support Alan, donate at postventionaustralia.org/walkforlifedonation. For more information about his walk, go to [facebook.com/alswalkforlife](https://www.facebook.com/alswalkforlife) or call 1300 02 4357 (1300 02 HELP).

Paddle steamer shows its true colours.

When Major Jennifer Cloke boarded a Murray River paddle steamer to relive a childhood memory, she discovered a Salvation Army connection dating back decades

I REMEMBER GOING ON A PADDLE STEAMER called the “P.S. Canberra” when I was about six years old. My parents were the Corps Officers at Echuca, which is on the Murray River. The steamer had travelled down from Mildura and it arrived in early December. I remember there being a lot of people, and the big paddle wheel going around and around and around. I remember I got to steer the paddle steamer and I had a real sense of, “I’m doing this, I’m steering this”. The steering wheel was massive!

I also remember being presented with my paddle steamer “Skipper’s Certificate” and I thought that was really cool! But a few years later, at the Bayswater Youth Training Centre [where my parents were appointed] they had a big bonfire one night. They brought everything out from



underneath my parents’ home, mistakenly thinking it was rubbish, and it got burned. Sadly, my certificate was among the things that went up in flames.

Decades passed and then one day I thought, “I’m going to go on that paddle steamer again”. I met the captain of the “P.S. Canberra” and while I was talking to him, he said, referring to the paddle steamer, “Do you know there’s a connection with The Salvation Army?”. The captain then went on to tell me that the paddle steamer was built in 1913 by a man named David Conner. His father was an alcoholic and apparently threw the family out of home. David, his mother and sister were taken to The Salvation Army where they were cared for and given assistance to get back on their feet. Since then, David has always had an affinity with The Salvation Army. So, when he was building the boat he had it painted in Salvation Army colours: the red and white of the shield, and also the Army’s traditional red, yellow and blue.

With the passing of time the yellow is now lighter, but the steering wheel is still a bold blue and a lot of the trim is blue. The captain added: “We’ve left the paddle wheel red because that’s the colour David painted it for The Salvation Army.”

I then told the captain the story about how, all those years ago, I had received



⤴ The P.S. Canberra means a lot to Major Jennifer Cloke, and more now that she has discovered a Salvation Army historical connection. **Above:** Jennifer at the wheel of the P.S. Canberra in Echuca.

my “P.S. Canberra Skipper’s Certificate” only to lose it in a bonfire. So he said, “Come and have a steer and get your licence again. In fact, I think I’ve got one of the originals [certificates].” And he opened a cupboard, pulled out a folder and there was a certificate identical to the one that I had received in 1966!

The captain signed it and handed it to me. My daughter, who was with me, said, “Mum, you look like your six-year-old self, you’re just beaming.” ●

As told to Lauren Martin.

01.

NEW YORK STAFF BAND

ENDLESS POWER

Review: Craig Lewis



ENDLESS POWER –

this is an apt name for the latest offering by the New York Staff Band (NYSB). Not only is this theme well represented in much of the repertoire, but it equally applies to the impressive sound and technique of the band.

We have long come to expect the NYSB to be at the forefront of innovative programming and repertoire selection, so I was keen to receive this album; the first under the baton of Bandmaster Derek Lance. I can say without hesitation that this is one of the finest Salvation Army band recordings to be produced in recent memory.

It is also the first one produced in the NYSB's new state-of-the-art bandroom studio, and the clarity and transparency in the sound is second to none. Recording engineer Phil Bulla has done an excellent job of ensuring that every voicing is heard in balance, including some of the subterranean notes from the BBb bass.

Endless Power is comprised of all new music, so on the first listen there are no pre-conceived notions on how pieces should sound. Without your ears being constrained by previous interpretations, you are able to sit with an open mind and assess each piece on its own merit. I suspect that I am not alone in enjoying band pieces that are built around good solid tunes, especially some of the great hymns of the church, and on this album they are present in abundance.

There are three pieces that could be excellent openers in their own right.

Semper Fidelis (Martin Cordner) wins the spot this time, but *Living Power* (Tom Davoren) and *Thy Matchless King* (Joel Collier) are equal in their energy and driving rhythms. I am sure each of them will be put to good use as an opener by many bands in the future.

For those who look for the latest “big” piece on a new staff band release, there are three excellent items on offer here. The first, *Fearless* (Andrew Wainwright), was the winner of the NYSB Composition Contest, and it is clear to see why. The haunting reference to “those who speak be fearless, those who serve be blameless” throughout underscores the message for the Christian that is contained in the music. Martin Cordner's second contribution to the CD, *Wake Up The Saint*, further demonstrates what he does so well; help the listener visualise the story being told in the music. The title track, *Endless Power*, is a substantial work from Marcus Venables. He has created a work that tests the limits of the players, while still allowing the message to come through clear and plain.

For me, the genius of *Endless Power* is actually the pacing. The program has a wonderful ebb and flow that produces energy and power, contrasted with the gentleness and reflection of some more meditative items. From a musical standpoint, there are few Salvation Army bands that could cope with all the demands presented in the repertoire on this CD. From extremes of technique, to musical shapes and phrases, the NYSB handles it all with aplomb. In short, if you love Salvation Army banding then this production is a must for your personal collection.

– Craig Lewis is Territorial Secretary for Music and Gospel Arts, Canada and Bermuda

Endless Power is available from Salvationist Supplies in Sydney (1800 634 209), and Salvation Army Supplies in Melbourne (1800 100 018).

02.

MEREDITH LAKE

THE BIBLE IN AUSTRALIA



THE BIBLE IN AUSTRALIA:

A Cultural History, by Meredith Lake (NewSouth Publishing), was named the 2018 Australian Christian Book of the Year during the SparkLit Awards Night held in Melbourne in August. *The Bible in Australia* won from a shortlist of 10 books that was announced in July. More than 70 books were submitted for the award.

The judges found *The Bible in Australia* to be “a history of national importance and a unique insight into Australian culture”.

Meredith, who accepted the award in person, is a historian with a PhD from the University of Sydney where she is currently an Honorary Associate of the Department of History.

“In *The Bible in Australia*, Meredith Lake gives an arresting and comprehensive account of how preachers, suffragists, unionists, politicians, writers, painters, musicians, immigrants and Indigenous peoples have used the Bible to shape Australian history and culture,” said the SparkLit Awards judging panel. “She shows that Australia has been neither a secular society nor a Christian nation. At every level the Bible has been held to be everything from a resented imposition to the Word of God. However, even while Bible reading and biblical literacy decline, the Bible remains an indelible part of our story.”

The Bible in Australia: A Cultural History is available online.



Words Mark Hadley

OI.

THE HOUSE WITH THE CLOCK IN ITS WALLS

Rating: PG

Release date: 20 September

AMBLIN ENTERTAINMENT HAS BROUGHT together Cate Blanchett and Jack Black to breathe cinematic life into the best-selling novel by John Bellairs. But *The House With The Clock In Its Walls* is ticking off concepts that should have every parent concerned.

Set in the 1950s, the story centres on Lewis, a bookish boy played by Owen Vaccaro. Lewis has recently lost both of his parents in an accident and goes to live with his uncle Jonathan (Black) in a rickety house that's supposed to be haunted. As it turns out, Jonathan is a

warlock and the house is a magical relic animated by arcane powers.

The boy also meets Mrs Zimmerman (Blanchett), who is herself a powerful white witch. Both are consumed with finding a clock hidden somewhere in the house by its previous owner. That evil sorcerer's "Doomsday" device is ticking down to humanity's annihilation – unless Lewis and his friends can find it first!

The producers have pitched it as a family movie, but here's four key ideas from the film you'll want to consider more carefully:

1. GOOD IS UP FOR GRABS

Lewis asks his uncle, "Are you a good warlock, or a bad warlock?" His uncle replies, "That depends on what you mean by good ..." It's a reasonable question, but one which Uncle Jonathan bats aside with a discussion about *how* good he is. The movie avoids any consideration of whether or not there is anything inherently wrong with the activities we choose, and instead focuses on *what* we choose to do with them. According to that logic, it's okay to be a sadist, so long as you're a *good* sadist.

2. YOU CAN'T HELP WHAT YOU LIKE

Uncle Jonathan tells his nephew why his family never heard from him. "My father didn't really like magic," he says, "and he certainly didn't like me messing around with it." Let's consider what this says about a parent's responsibility. Uncle Jonathan assures Lewis that he wasn't born a warlock; he chose this direction, despite his father's opposition. Does that mean that right-thinking parents will support a child's interests no matter where they turn?

3. PARENTS ARE NATURALLY TERRIFIED

Uncle Jonathan's problems dealing with Lewis stem from his fear that he doesn't know how to raise a child. However, Mrs Zimmerman rebukes his "cowardice" with a startling declaration: "Having a child means being scared for them 24-7, and doing it anyway! That's the whole job description!" She suggests that not knowing what to do is the natural state of every parent, and he should reconcile himself to fear. But is that really true? Parents are often gripped with their own inadequacy, but that isn't the same as saying they're fearfully ignorant. Christians, for one, have quite clear instructions on how to parent, and the Bible promises peace for those who trust its wisdom.

4. JUDGMENT DAY IS UNDER YOUR CONTROL

The film's plot races towards a climax identified by a particular Greek symbol. "The omega!" Uncle Jonathan exclaims. "In early Christianity it represents Judgment Day!" But of course "judgment" is neatly averted with just the right amount of luck and Lewis' determination to be, "Indomitable!" But do we really want children to see judgment is an outdated bogeyman that heroes can upend? And doesn't our very concept of justice rely on the idea that evil *will* be judged? Much better to assure them that Judgment Day is something we can actually look forward to: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10). ●



Words Mark Hadley

O2.

FIRST MAN

Rating: M

Release date: 11 October

FIRST MAN TELLS A STORY SO EPIC, IT HAS become part of human folklore. Ryan Gosling stars as Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, with the script drawing its inspiration from the astronaut's best-selling biography by James Hansen. However, the film's particular focus is the personal journey Armstrong's family makes to reach that momentous day. Accordingly, much of the film centres on the relationship between Armstrong and his wife Janet (Claire Foye).

Despite this intimate viewpoint, *First Man* cannot avoid the enormous significance the mission held for the human family. Hansen's biography certainly captures the feeling that Armstrong was ascending into the heavens on behalf of all of us: "Landing on the moon was a shared global event that nearly all humankind felt transcended politics," he wrote.

Yet in its attempt to demonstrate the way the Apollo 11 moon landing united nations, *First Man* neglects a more personal divide for those involved, especially in the Armstrong household. Neil's mother, Viola Armstrong, doesn't feature in the film, but she saw her son's achievements as a gift from a loving God. "I survived this only by the grace of God," she said. "He must have been at my side constantly."

However, this was not a perspective that Armstrong shared. Hansen, the author of the only biography to be created with Armstrong's direct assistance and consent, describes the legendary astronaut as a man who rejected any effort to connect his achievement with faith. As humble as he was, the best historical records present us with a man who saw no need to include God in his plans, or thank him for his achievements.

First Man is an awesome cinematic creation that will please many, but I can't help but contemplate it with some sadness. The film ably brings out just how much scientists, engineers, administrators and astronauts had to overcome in order to achieve that, "... one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". Yet it fails to convey the God who gifted their necessary abilities, nor the truly miraculous confluence of personalities, circumstances and events that delivered

their success – and there is a simple, regrettable reason for that.

The Bible describes every man and woman's natural state before God as so completely infiltrated by sin, that we are incapable of responding to, or even perceiving him, without the intervention of his Spirit: "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world ..." (Ephesians 2:1-2).

We are limited creatures who have forgotten the majesty of our Creator. In the face of humanity taking its first step into the vast cosmos of wonder and possibility that God created, our souls are so calloused by rebellion that we see only our own abilities at work. This is a tragedy so profound, it easily eclipses the triumph of the moon landing. Yet there remains a greater gift within reach of our tiny hands. If we bring them together in prayer, we can ask that God will not only help us to see him at work in our lives, but Jesus as our Saviour from a disaster more complete than any Apollo 11 faced.

First Man celebrates the life of a man who travelled into the heavens but may have missed Heaven itself. No doubt, audiences will be stirred by Armstrong's dedication to his family and his goal. But let his "one small step" lead you one step closer to the God who placed the moon beneath his feet. ●



Your chance to serve at Still Others.

Want to be a part of Still Others? Around 300 volunteers are required to assist the Still Others team in making the event a success

Still Others is for all officers, employees and volunteers involved in the work of the Salvos. It will run over seven days, from 27 November to 3 December. Everyone is invited to participate and contribute to this history-making launch of The Salvation Army Australia Territory.

“Still Others will be by far the most significant event that The Salvation Army in Australia has seen or will see in our lifetime,” says Major Gary Grant, who is coordinating volunteer support for the event.

“We are expecting thousands of people to attend from around the country and as a result of that, we are needing many volunteers to ensure that the event runs as smoothly as possible.

“We are seeking volunteer support to help in a variety of ways: greeters, ushers, direction givers, support information booth people, and also with moving equipment at various times around the venue.

“Volunteers can offer a few hours on any given or preferred day, or commit to support the team for the

whole week on one of the rosters we are setting up. There are morning, afternoon or evening time slots available.”

If you’re interested in joining the army of volunteers for Still Others, go to salvos.org.au/stillothers/about/volunteer-at-still-others/ and click on “express your interest to volunteer”. The Still Others team will let you know when to select activities, dates and times for your volunteer service.

All volunteers will receive a Still Others t-shirt, which they will be required to wear while serving at the event, which is being held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.



To watch a video about volunteering at Still Others, go to: facebook.com/StillOthers/videos/ and click on the “Call for Volunteers” video.



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Commissioner Robin Dunster promoted to glory

COMMISSIONER ROBIN DUNSTER, an officer of the Australia Eastern Territory who rose to become The Salvation Army's Chief of the Staff, was promoted to glory from Port Macquarie on 13 September.

Robin Dunster's home corps was Dulwich Hill Temple in Sydney. She entered the International Training College in London as a cadet in the *Victorious* session and was commissioned as a Salvation Army officer in May 1971.

Following her commissioning, Lieutenant Dunster was appointed to the Zimbabwe Territory, following her profession as a nurse. She served at Tshelanyemba Hospital until March 1977, being appointed as sister-in-charge from October 1973. In March 1977, she was appointed to Howard Hospital, serving initially as assistant matron and then, after just two months, becoming matron/educator at the hospital.

In August 1981, Captain Dunster returned to Tshlanyemba Hospital to serve as matron/administrator for the next four years. In October 1985, she returned to her home territory of Australia Eastern where she served initially at

Bethesda Nursing Home and then as the administrator at Moyne Eventide Home.

Following these appointments came several administrative appointments in the Australia Eastern Territory, spanning from January 1987 to August 1996. During these years, Captain (later Major) Dunster served as assistant State (NSW) Social Services secretary, principal of the College for Officers' Further Training, social personnel secretary and secretary for program. Her final appointment in this territory was as divisional commander and divisional director of women's organisations in Parramatta and West NSW.

In August 1996, now with the rank of Lieut-Colonel, Robin returned to Zimbabwe where she served for two years as chief secretary and territorial secretary women's organisations (TSWO). A further move within Africa came in 1998, this time as territorial commander and TSWO, Congo and Angola, with the rank of colonel.

In March 2002, with the rank of commissioner, Robin took up an appointment as territorial commander and territorial



▲ Commissioner Robin Dunster who was promoted to glory last month.

president women's ministries in the Philippines Territory. She remained there until April 2006, when she was appointed to International Headquarters as Chief of the Staff. In 2007, she was granted the Freedom of the City of London.

Upon Commissioner Dunster's retirement on 30 April 2010, General Shaw Clifton spoke of her many outstanding characteristics, including her love and understanding of the Army while not being blind to its weaknesses, her belief that God still uses

the Army to fulfil his purposes, her loyalty, ability to bring out the talents in others, fascination with the cultural variety that is the modern Army and wide knowledge of Army personalities and officers.

He also stated that he was grateful for Commissioner Dunster's close and capable attention to the business matters of the Army. He was especially pleased to have her support in advancing women leaders within the Army and thankful for her excellent role-modelling of female ministry.



National leaders commission Tuggeranong corps officer

ROZ EDWARDS, TUGGERANONG Corps Officer, has been officially commissioned as a Salvation Army officer after serving as an envoy for more than seven years.

The ceremony, conducted by Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd, took place on Sunday 5 August at the corps

in Canberra's south, in front of more than 300 people.

"I was very humbled," said the new captain. "I took the opportunity to invite anyone who's had a breath of experience with our corps to come ... it was an amazing time of worship."

Roz (pictured) based her testimony on 1 Peter 1:3

and invited people to live in expectation of what God can do through them, despite not being perfect.

"I just encouraged everyone to be authentic because The Salvation Army needs to be an authentic movement with authentic people in it," Captain Edwards said.

Rigleys retire after 30 years of faithful service

COLONELS GRAEME AND Karyn Rigley officially retired on 1 September after serving together faithfully as Salvation Army officers for more than 30 years in the Australia Southern Territory. A retirement meeting will be held at Moreland City Corps on Sunday 28 October.

The Rigleys were commissioned as *Messengers of Peace* in 1988, serving as corps officers early in their ministry at Werribee and Traralgon.

Colonel Graeme retired from the appointment of Executive Officer – Mission Strategy, for Mission Enterprises Australia. His prior service included executive leadership appointments as chief secretary-in-charge, and chief secretary of the Australia Southern Territory.

As well as chairing the Southern Territory Moral and

Social Issues Council, Graeme served variously as secretary for program, divisional commander (Melbourne Central and Northern Victoria), a facilitation resource officer for the South Pacific and East Asia (SPEA) Zone, and as territorial and divisional Social Program Secretary.

He also served as a research officer, a planning and strategy officer, an assistant divisional director of social services, and as a training officer and a health officer at the Melbourne Training College.

A primary school education coordinator before commencing her ministry, Colonel Karyn Rigley retired as territorial secretary for women's ministries. Karyn also held numerous other appointments in her own right throughout the Australia Southern Territory. These



^ Colonels Graeme and Karyn Rigley have held multiple leadership roles in the Australia Southern Territory for the past three decades.

included appointments as secretary for personnel, secretary for women's ministries, officer development secretary, divisional director of women's ministries, divisional secretary for officer personnel, assistant

education officer, training officer/registrar, divisional Community Care Ministries secretary, assistant divisional director of women's ministries, playgroup coordinator, and divisional social services assistant.

– Barry Gittins

Merriwa 'Lounge Room' a place to call home

A UNIQUE SPACE AT THE Merriwa Corps north of Perth is bringing acceptance, friendship and hope to a wide range of people from the local community.

Called the Lounge Room, it is a space where anyone can come in to relax, have a conversation, and be accepted for who they are. There are comfortable couches, showers, and soup and toasted sandwiches available, as well as bread and other food items from Second Bite and OzHarvest that community members can take home.

Tables are set up with Bibles,

Salvation Army magazines, God's promises written out in boxes, and adult colouring-in books.

"People who used to come, with hesitation, to the Lounge Room after their Doorways visit, now come every week and stay for hours, because they have found friendship and community in a safe and caring place," said Major Nikki Novell, Merriwa Corps Officer.

Merriwa Corps members also offer services such as free haircuts and clothing alterations. Orange Sky also offers its mobile laundry service each week.

"A significant part of this ministry are our 'connectors' – people whose role it is to chat and connect with those who come into this space," explained Major Novell. "There



^ The Lounge Room is a safe, caring and accepting place for people.

can be up to 70 people in the Lounge Room at one time, so it's important there are people there to be there for them."

The Lounge Room is open every Friday from 9am to 2pm. It plays a key role in Doorways (an entry-point crisis support service), allowing clients to build friendships and enjoy community, as well as access material support.

Lisa, who comes in every week, says it's a safe space to forget about the stresses of life, and relax with friends.

"Volunteers, staff, other community members are so welcoming and accepting," she said. "We have different stories to tell and different histories, but nobody judges each other. I feel so comfortable here."

– Simone Worthing



^ Some of the key areas in western Sydney where The Salvation Army is strategically reimagining its mission.

Taking new, and old, ground in Sydney's booming west

▼ *The Salvation Army in Sydney's west is changing with innovative expressions in some areas and a reimagining of old spaces in others.*



EXPLORING A NEW FAITH EXPRESSION

Lieutenants Jacqueline and Matthew Gluyas (above) have been handed the task of establishing a Salvation Army faith expression in the huge expanse

of new housing from Oran Park to Badgery's Creek, which will place The Salvation Army in the heart of this booming city.

The couple say their new appointment is both exciting and daunting, after having led the Army's work for the past five years at Maroubra in Sydney's Eastern Beaches, where they worked with people experiencing poverty, disadvantage, loneliness and mental health issues.

Matthew says their new appointment is not necessarily to establish a corps, but to create a new faith expression, and what that looks like will be shaped by God.

"The estate that we are living in has a community-run centre in it and there's a whole range

of different activities – there's health activities, sports activities, kids programs and so rather than us actually beginning those programs (which was our story at Maroubra) we are just going to relationally get involved in those spaces and see what God brings from that."



NEW PLANT TAKING AN ORGANIC ROUTE

Captains Sandra and Ashish Pawar (above) have been

appointed Multicultural Plant Officers in Doonside, where they are establishing an organic ministry based around their home and local cafes and parks.

They both trained in the USA Southern Territory, although Sandra is originally from Australia and her husband is from India. They have served as corps officers in the US, as well as Southwark in London.

"One of the first things that we did to get to know people in our neighbourhood was that we went around our street and invited everyone to our house for drinks and refreshments on a Friday night," says Sandra. "We discovered that there's a lot of different cultures and nationalities just in our street alone. We had about six families

come, which was exciting.”

The Pawars plan to hold a community meal with one or more local families every Friday night. “It’s all going to be pretty organic,” says Sandra. “We’re just trying to meet people in our neighbourhood, build relationships with people and that takes time. People need to know that we are sincere and authentic in what we’re doing.”



IT’S ALL ACTION AT GRANVILLE

Captains Andrew and Kirsty Stringer (above), the Merrylands Project Officers, are running a different type of

faith community at the former Granville Corps building.

“Salvos Fitness” is a social enterprise set up by Merrylands Salvationists to engage members of the community in the health of body, mind and soul. They meet once a week at the corps building for fitness sessions where people can come alongside each other in support and encouragement.

“The desire is to see people who are healthy in body, mind and soul,” says Andrew. “It’s Jesus-focused because Jesus cares about us holistically. He doesn’t really want to compartmentalise us. He doesn’t just care about our spiritual sense, he doesn’t just care about even what we eat and drink. He cares about us as whole people.

“Salvos Fitness operates with people who are full-paying clients who subsidise the cost for concession holders. We

sometimes gift people sessions, who just can’t afford it, to come alongside us and to exercise and to get healthy together as a community.”



OPENING DOORS FOR COMMUNITY

Another former corps building in Sydney’s west is also being revitalised. Auxiliary-Lieutenants Lorelle and Joshua Vince (above) are team members in the Greater West region and mainly work in St Marys and Lethbridge Park.

The former corps building houses Salvation Army

services such as Doorways and Moneycare, but is now also being used by other community groups. “There’s not many spaces in Lethbridge Park,” says Lorelle. “So the community is quite interested in meeting in our space. We’re keen to connect with the community and if they want to use our space, we want to build relationships through that.

“Every Monday during school term, an organisation called Hope Street turns up before school and gives out free coffees. I make sure I’m there to chat to residents and school families.”

In the last school holidays a number of community groups, coordinated by The Hive, ran a school holiday program at The Salvation Army building. Lorelle and Josh attended each day’s activities, making links with local children and families.

– Lauren Martin

Others magazine named publication of the year

OTHERS MAGAZINE RECEIVED the “Publication of the Year 2018” award at the Australasian Religious Press Association Awards for Excellence in Brisbane last month.

Others also received the silver award for Best Website (others.org.au), silver award for Best Design Magazine, and the bronze award for the Best Social Justice article – Vaughan Olliffe’s “Longing to Belong” on the equality of people with disabilities.

A highly commended award was also given to Others for its online media campaign, @SalvosChurchLife.

“The awards are fitting recognition for our hard-working team who continually

produce a quality magazine and online news service,” said Others Managing Editor Scott Simpson.

Cheryl Tinker, editor of The Salvation Army’s children’s magazine *Kidzone*, and writer Kelly Powell, won the bronze award for Best Profile Story – a story for young readers that profiled Australian Football League player Anthony McDonald-Tipungwuti (Walla), who is originally from the Tiwi Islands.

The *War Cry* (New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa Territory) also won several awards.

The Salvation Army is a member of the Australasian Religious Press Association.

– Simone Worthing



^ Dr Matthew Turnour (left), Managing Director of Neumann and Turnour, sponsors of the Publication of the Year award, presents Others writer Simone Worthing and National Editor-In-Chief, Lieutenant-Colonel Laurie Robertson, with the award in Brisbane last month.

Hobart sleepout gives insight to homelessness

THE HARDY SOULS WHO CHOSE to sleep rough in the forecourt of Hobart's Hotel Grand Chancellor on a Thursday evening in late August did more than support The Salvation Army's work with those experiencing homelessness. They raised money to save lives.

"SleepOut with the Salvos" was being held for the ninth year, giving participants an insight into what it means to experience homelessness. Enduring the discomfort of sleeping on concrete during a Tasmanian winter night is part of it, as is meeting people whose lives have been turned around through the assistance provided by Street2Home (S2H).

"Our goal is to raise \$50,000 – it's primarily what keeps the service going," says Anne Carr, support worker with The Salvation Army's innovative S2H program.

"S2H is a lifeline for the many people it assists in the

greater Hobart area. Our work reflects the purpose and philosophy of the Salvos and puts us – like William Booth when he first started his work – on the front line. This program literally saves lives."

S2H aims to reach people experiencing homelessness who are not able to access mainstream services for reasons that may include undiagnosed or unmedicated mental health issues, substance use and physical or intellectual disabilities.

The 2016 Census revealed that there are more than 1620 Tasmanians who are homeless. Of those affected by homelessness, 40 per cent are under the age of 25. These figures do not include the increasing number of people couch surfing and living in overcrowded conditions due to a lack of housing options.

In the 2017 financial year, The Salvation Army in Tasmania supported 698 people who were homeless or at risk of



^ Four participants of the SleepOut with the Salvos event in Hobart warm themselves by an open fire before bunking down for the night.

homelessness, providing 23,438 bed nights to those experiencing homelessness.

"We attempt to develop trusting, professional relationships with them so we can understand their journey," Anne says. "Sometimes, for example, people have been banned from services or at least 'timed out' due to non-compliant

behaviour. It is our purpose to bring those people back to the community and help them to access those services.

"We engage with people in the places they are sleeping. If that happens to be parks and gardens around the city, then that's where our team will be early in the morning."

– Faye Michelson

Drought assistance the top priority for Gunnedah Salvos

THE SALVATION ARMY IS focusing its drought assistance on helping struggling farmers as they battle to save their animals and properties – their livelihoods and much of the nation's food supply.

Through the rural chaplains, corps and area officers, the Army is also providing

emotional and spiritual support to the farmers and their communities as they face the impacts of one of the country's longest and most devastating droughts.

Farmers, when they can afford the petrol, are also coming into small rural towns for assistance.

"We are seeing so many farmers coming in to town for assistance for themselves and their families, especially for food, because all their resources on the farms are going to feeding their animals," said Major Gaye Day, Corps Officer at Gunnedah, 430km north west of Sydney.

"They are also seeking help with electricity bills and other regular bills. We are referring many farmers to our Moneycare (financial service) workers who are helping them fill in the forms for government assistance, and also assisting those in need who don't qualify for assistance. The support and information is there; it's helping people find it when they need it most."

Major Gaye, Captain Richard Day and their team are helping to meet people's immediate needs by supplying food hampers to farmers, using

food donations that come in, primarily from supermarkets Woolworths and Aldi. The Salvation Army has also opened its centre so farmers can come in to have a shower and wash their clothes – so they can save water on the farm.

The Australian public has donated just over \$1 million to The Salvation Army's drought response.

"But the best news is that we are getting assistance to farmers quickly," said Andrew Hill, The Salvation Army's Community Fundraising Director.

– Simone Worthing

Salvos 'the boss' with greater financial capability

THE SALVATION ARMY'S Moneycare has made its award-winning financial capability program available to officers, employees, volunteers and corps members.

"You're the Boss" is an online course developed to help people achieve financial

peace and wellness.

Moneycare Coordinator, Tony Devlin, says The Salvation Army's Financial Inclusion Action Plan identified the need to support our own people in the area of financial capability.

"An opportunity exists for all Salvos across Australia to connect and access an online space dedicated to this vital area of our lives," Tony said. "Our hope is that the project will provide opportunities for our people to feel and be more

connected, and to feel more empowered with regards to their finances.

"You're the Boss is about working together to redesign our thinking about money. What we want is for people to stop letting money be the boss of them. Instead, we want them to be the one who's in control."

The online course starts this month. Week one is about money conversations. These are the conversations you're having with yourself, with others, and

the ones you're not having with anyone.

Through week two the course talks about how we can enjoy life no matter how much money we have in our wallets. And week three is about keeping things simple. In a world that is constantly trying to sell us things, how do you create the space to think about what is really important to you?

To access the course, head to salvos.org.au/youretheboss – Lauren Martin

Bayside Corps helping local families to Bounce Back!

THE SALVATION ARMY'S Bayside Community Church in Brisbane is helping children at a local primary school focus on social and emotional health through an award-winning positive education initiative.

The program, Bounce Back!, provides children to Year 6 with practical strategies to improve wellbeing and resilience so they can cope with the complexities, frustrations, feelings, and challenges of everyday life.

The Bayside Corps, 25km east of Brisbane city, initially used a grant from the Amanda Flynn Foundation – an organisation that provides grants to charitable organisations that help young people with anxiety and depression – to develop the program in the local Vienna Woods State School.

The Salvation Army continued to fund the program after the initial grant concluded.

Sharon Krueger, a member of the corps, the Salvos Supporting Schools Coordinator and a teacher with expertise in special education, worked over a two-year period to align Bounce Back! to the Australian



^ Children from the local Vienna Woods State School and community feel a sense of belonging at the Bayside Corps and now attend the new kids club there.

Curriculum Expectations for each year level and to support teachers with professional development and resources.

"The program is a great way to teach children about emotional regulation and control, self-awareness and what's happening in their bodies," explained Sharon.

Jacqueline Fiedler, school principal, agrees.

"We are incredibly pleased

that The Salvation Army has developed a wellbeing program in partnership with our school, which has been very successful in integrating the Bounce Back! program into our classroom practice," she said.

The corps, under the leadership of Scott and Natalie Frame, has intentionally built relationships with the school for almost three years through the mentoring program, pamper

days, Mother's and Father's Day events, an annual Christmas carols event, and Bounce Back!

Through these events and activities, as well as Salvos Connect at the corps, a number of children now come to Sunday school and attend the corps with their families.

The corps has also launched a Friday afternoon Kids Club, which continues to grow.

– Simone Worthing



▲ British Prime Minister Theresa May with Paska Moore, Project Manager for the CAR project in Nigeria.

British PM visits Nigerian anti-trafficking program

BRITISH PRIME MINISTER, Theresa May, visited a Salvation Army project in Nigeria last month to see how a program designed to combat modern slavery is making an impact on the central African nation.

The Prime Minister, on a three-day diplomatic trip to Africa, was eager to learn more

about The Salvation Army project that supports people within Nigerian communities who are vulnerable to human trafficking or who have survived this form of exploitation.

At a Salvation Army centre in Lagos, the Prime Minister met staff and volunteers from the community as well as

survivors of human trafficking and their families who have been supported by The Salvation Army's innovative community awareness and recovery (CAR) project, which is funded by the Modern Slavery Innovation Fund (administered by the Home Office) and has supported more than 650 people.

Cubans celebrate 100 years with 100 new soldiers

GENERAL BRIAN PEDDLE AND Commissioner Rosalie Peddle joined the centenary celebrations for The Salvation Army in Cuba last month as part of their first overseas engagement as world leaders.

The anniversary weekend included the enrolment of 100 new soldiers.

The General and Commissioner Peddle, World President of Women's Ministries, led a spiritual meeting for Cuba's Salvation Army officers and cadets on the Friday morning before a public meeting in the evening.

Saturday morning commenced with a march of witness through Havana's

streets, while the international leaders – accompanied by Latin America North territorial leaders Commissioners Tito and Martha Paredes – attended a fruitful meeting chaired by Mrs Caridad Diego Bello, the Head of the Office for Religious Affairs of the Communist

Party's Central Committee.

All parties expressed their desire to work together for the purpose of improving living conditions of the Cuban people, both materially and spiritually.

A holiness meeting on Sunday concluded the weekend led by the General and Commissioner Peddle.



▲ General Brian Peddle (right) spoke at several meetings in Cuba as part of The Salvation Army's centenary celebrations.

Responding to disasters in Asia

THE SALVATION ARMY IS working in partnership with local authorities and in conjunction with other non-government organisations in south-west India to meet the immediate and ongoing needs of those impacted by recent flooding in Kerala.

In Lombok, Indonesia, The Salvation Army has been focusing on assisting families and individuals in seven villages throughout Lombok following the damaging earthquake that struck the island on 29 July.

In Kure City, Japan, excavation of thick mud and high-pressure water-jetting were among the responses made by The Salvation Army in the weeks following July's typhoon.

Tackling risk of human trafficking

THE SALVATION ARMY IS responding to needs in the border regions of northern Venezuela, with a particular focus on education, to help prevent vulnerable refugees falling victim to human traffickers.

A 7.3-magnitude earthquake, which struck northern Venezuela in August is the latest in a string of disasters that has caused nearly seven per cent of the country's population to leave in the past two years.

Meanwhile, The Salvation Army in Brazil is addressing the issue of human trafficking as refugees head across the southern Venezuelan border into the Brazilian state of Roraima.

The Army is working with a local anti-human trafficking agency in northern Brazil.

Enrolments

PORT AUGUSTA CORPS

SA



CORPS OFFICERS, CAPTAINS MICHAEL AND Elizabeth Johnson, enrolled three junior soldiers – Blayze, Robert and Kadar – on 19 August. Pictured are the new junior soldiers with the corps officers and their prayer pals.

BANKSTOWN CORPS

NSW



LIEUT-COLONEL MIRIAM GLUYAS, supported by Lieut Frank Wang, enrolled three senior soldiers at Bankstown on 26 August. The new soldiers (pictured from left) are Daniel Ansu Osaio Kamara, Meijuan Yang, and Iris Hua.

MORNINGTON CORPS

VIC



CORPS OFFICER, LIEUTENANT SEAN Mapleback, enrolled one senior soldier and accepted eight adherents on 26 August. They are (front row from left) Dorothy Parkinson, Chrissy Parkin, Jan Peddersen, Tianna Fagan (soldier), Nancy Francis, Jeff Ross, and Deb Taylor, and (back row from left) Lieutenant Sean Mapleback, Andy Gorrie, Jordan Fagan, Daniel Taylor, and flagbearer John Taylor.

IPSWICH CORPS

QLD



MAJOR LENORE PACK ENROLLED FOUR junior soldiers on 2 September. Pictured (left to right) are Kyrone Hartas, Aiden Ficheroux, Lily Stapleton and Sophie Takes, with Major Pack and Lyn Whybird (flagbearer).

MANDURAH CORPS

WA



CAPTAIN LEAH ELLERY, CORPS OFFICER, enrolled Caroline Cox as a senior soldier. Caroline is pictured with her mother, Barbara Carnochan.

others

Send us your enrolment stories.

We want to share your stories. Please send details, including date of enrolment, name of corps or centre, name of enrolling officer(s), soldier(s) and/or adherent(s), and a high-resolution photo to Simone Worthing at simone.worthing@ae.salvationarmy.org

NANCEIA WATTS



NANCEIA WATTS WAS promoted to glory from Emmaus Aged Care Facility in Port Macquarie on 5 May, aged 81, following a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

Majors Gavin (nephew) and Wendy Watts conducted a thanksgiving service on 11 May at the Port Macquarie Corps. The band and songsters took part, with daughters Jeanette and Kathryn bringing a family tribute and Commissioner Nancy Cutmore presenting a corps tribute.

Nanceia May Tibbs was born on 26 June 1936, the only daughter of Salvation Army officers, Adjutant Bill and Norah Tibbs, while they were stationed at Earlwood in Sydney. In the early days of World War Two, Bill was called to military chaplaincy with The Salvation Army and served in the Middle East with the "Rats of Tobruk". His second tour was to New Guinea, from which sadly he never returned following an air crash over Rockhampton on his way home to Sydney.

As a child, Nanceia attended Ryde Corps in Sydney with her brother John and her mother, but in her late teens transferred to nearby Parramatta Corps, where she was a company guard, corps cadet guardian, a songster and a timbrellist.

Nanceia trained at East Sydney Technical College, becoming a dressmaking teacher. Following several metropolitan appointments, Nanceia was posted to Orange in Central West NSW, where she met her future husband Gordon Watts and his family at The Salvation Army. Nance was later to serve as the Young People's Sergeant Major. In 1968, Nanceia and Gordon were married by Colonel Stan Kingston at Parramatta Salvation Army. They settled in Orange and in the following years welcomed daughters Jeanette and Kathryn.

Nanceia and Gordon retired to Port Macquarie and immediately became active in many of the corps' activities, including leading weekday chapel services at Bethany – The Salvation Army Aged Care Hostel.

Despite the challenges of Parkinson's disease, Nanceia remained a patient and gracious Christian lady, ever ready to share of her unwavering hope in her Saviour.

MOLLIE REYNOLDS



MOLLIE REYNOLDS WAS promoted to glory in Adelaide, South Australia, on 26 July, aged 100. Major Laurie Venables conducted her funeral on 9 August, honouring her 86 years as a soldier of The Salvation Army. Three granddaughters read scripture and her grandson Wes Leake gave a tribute on behalf of 13 grandchildren.

Mollie attended Salvation Army corps in Wirrabra, Unley and Whyalla in her younger years and was a founding member of the Salisbury North Corps, and nearby Parafield Gardens. Over the years she held commissions as Young People's Sergeant Major, Home League Secretary, Bible study leader and Corps Cadet guardian. She was also a volunteer in the local thrift shop for many years.

Mollie Alma Banfield was born in Adelaide on 29 September 1917, married Ron Reynolds (deceased) and moved to Whyalla where she and Ron gave great service to the corps. They had five children – Heather, Raelene, (both deceased) Daryl, Pam and Jill.

They moved to Salisbury North where Mollie gave 50-plus years of faithful service to the Lord and the Army. Mollie enjoyed family time, holidays, reading, knitting, League of Mercy work within the corps and nursing homes.

She loved her Lord and over the last six months resided in a nursing home

in Paradise, north-east Adelaide. She continued to read her Bible and use her "Promise Box" every day and sung old Army choruses to whomever would visit. She chose to make the most of her life, and in the latter years she looked forward to her call home to be with the Lord she loved and served.

VIC MILKINS



VICTOR JOHN MILKINS WAS promoted to glory from Morwell, Victoria, on 14 August, aged 86. His funeral was conducted by Major Denise Milkins (daughter-in-law) and Lieutenant Jeffrey Milkins (grandson) at Morwell Corps on 24 August.

In 1950, when Vic was 18, the Milkins family relocated from Wonthaggi to a dairy farm at Yallourn North, and transferred to the Yallourn Salvation Army. They made a significant contribution to the life of the corps, where Vic was a keen bandsman and songster.

In 1955, Vic married Isabel Margaret Guy. Initially, the couple lived in Yallourn then, in 1959, moved to Morwell, where their three children – Alan, Colin and Valerie – grew up. Vic worked in the steel and engineering industry before Vic and Margaret established their own business, "Milkins Mobile Welding". Margaret passed away after 60 years of marriage in March 2016.

Vic's service at Morwell Corps included roles such as corps sergeant major, corps treasurer, young people's sergeant major, deputy bandmaster and deputy songster leader, as well as being a member of corps leadership groups.

Corps members valued their personal "Vic Milkins moments", his common sense, humour, generosity and spiritual maturity. He was the much-loved father and father-in-law of Majors Alan and Denise, Val and John, Colin and Amanda, grandfather and great-grandfather.

About people

APPOINTMENTS

Effective 9 January 2019

Captain Kathy **Crombie**, Senior Tutor, School for Officer Training, Upper Hutt, and Project Manager, Workforce Development, Centre for Leadership Development, Upper Hutt, Booth College of Mission (Exchange to New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa Territory); Captain Sarah **Healey**, Corps Officer, Adelaide Congress Hall, South Australia/Northern Territory Division (Exchange from New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa Territory); Captain Shane **Healey**, Corps Officer, Adelaide Congress Hall, South Australia/Northern Territory Division (Exchange from New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa Territory); Captain Michelle **Myles**, Team Member, Sydney Streetlevel Mission, NSW/ACT Division.

ACCEPTED CANDIDATES

The National Candidates Council has accepted the following people for service and training.

Adam **Purcell** (Aux-Lieutt), Melissa **Purcell** (Aux-Lieut), Ben **Maxwell** (Cadet), Beth (Wei) **Shao** (Cadet).

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Major Pauline **Holland**, on 9 September.

BEREAVEMENT

Major Topher **Holland**, of his mother, Major Pauline Holland, on 9 September; Major Dianne **Shaw**, of her mother, Dorothy Connolly, on 10 September.

Engagement calendar

COMMISSIONERS FLOYD AND TRACEY TIDD

(NATIONAL LEADERS)

South Australia Sat 6 October – Opening official of new Gawler Corps complex.

Bendigo Sat 27-Sun 28 October – Weekend visit to Eaglehawk Corps.

COLONELS MARK (NATIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY) AND JULIE CAMPBELL (NSWM/GENDER EQUITY ADVOCATE)

Victoria Sat 6-Sun 7 October - Moreland City Corps centenary celebrations.

Tonga Sat 13-Wed 17 October - South Pacific Leadership Conference.

Melbourne Thurs 25 October - The Justice Conference leadership breakfast.

Melbourne Fri 26 October - Leading Spiritual Day, Eva Burrows College Sydney campus.

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WORDS

SAMANTHA JEFFREY

Love of God shines in the darkness.

I COME FROM A NON-SALVATION ARMY background – my parents never went to church. So, I've married into The Salvation Army! My husband's grandparents used to run Salvation Army corps, and they went to Vietnam during the war for the Salvos.

His family is very much a Christian family. We would go to church every Christmas just for the Christmas service and I loved it. I said: "We should go more often." So, we started to go every week for the kids. Then I started volunteering. I have been going to the Mandurah Corps (in Western Australia) for about five years now, but it's really been over the last two or three years that I've actually started my journey with God.



I originally started going to Mandurah Corps because the people were lovely. They kept me going because I felt welcomed and wanted. Then I began to realise, "Well, I'm not meant to be going just for the people". I did the Alpha course, which was a fantastic course, and that really started making me ask questions and really start to think about God. I then did the Experiencing God course, which was really very much my "jumping off the fence" or "getting through that wall". That was the start of my love relationship with God. It was very much a turning point.

It made a huge difference in my life because up until that point I had been struggling with depression. Having a young autistic child was really hard and everything just seemed so dark and horrible, and then I came to this realisation that there is a God and that he does love me. Everything since then has been so much more brighter and easier, and even when I face troubles it just doesn't seem anywhere near as horrible as it used to be.

Now, I'm studying a Diploma of Ministry after being awarded a Salvation Army Aged Care Plus Fellows Program scholarship. Without the scholarship I would never have been able to set aside the money to do it. The course is a program that is based on an internship, so I can do 15 hours a week in



Above: Samantha Jeffrey receives her Aged Care Plus Fellows Program scholarship from Colonel Wayne Maxwell.



Everything since then has been so much more brighter and easier, and even when I face troubles it just doesn't seem anywhere near as horrible as it used to be.



my corps plus 10 hours a week study and still fit in all my volunteering at the corps. I've got the love and the spiritual side, I just need the knowledge.

I also do youth leadership and the Mainly Music program and a Saturday program, which is basically "messy church". I am passionate about youth – building relationships with the kids and knowing that they've got somewhere they can go and someone that cares for them. I want them to feel that they can come to The Salvation Army, that it's a safe place, they can grow and they can have friendships here. It's really important. ●

As told to Lauren Martin



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