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COUNTER-CULTURAL LIFE THAT LED TO THE CROSS

SCOTT SIMPSON MANAGING EDITOR

So much about Christ was counter-cultural, none more so than he came to suffer and serve. It was counter-cultural back when Jesus walked the earth and it remains so today.

A few years ago, I was leading a men’s Bible study, looking at a passage of Scripture in 1 Peter 2:13-23. It explores the theme of submission; living as servants of God even in the face of suffering. I’d dedicated considerable time to preparing the study, trying to get my head around what the passage was teaching. I read and then re-read the Scripture many times, but it wasn’t until I was actually leading the study that I had my “sledgehammer” moment; when God hits you straight between the eyes with his word in a new and dramatic way.

The part of the passage I’m referring to is verse 23, when Peter recalls the suffering of Jesus on that first Good Friday: “When they hurled insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.”

As Jesus endured the scorn and ridicule of those who were demanding his execution, as he suffered the slow torture of death by crucifixion, the Son of God chose to humbly submit to the will of the Father. He could have

called upon all the awesome power at his disposal to dish out retribution, but “instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly”. It was a sobering reminder of the tremendous power there is in submission to God’s will.

The idea that Christ’s suffering on the cross was necessary remains a stumbling block to non-believers. To them it is still a cause for scorn and ridicule. Friedrich Nietzsche, the 19th-century German philosopher, in dismissing the concept of Christ’s suffering, thundered: “God on a cross – preposterous!”

And yet as believers, we stand firm in the face of this ridicule and readily embrace the cross of Christ. It is counter-cultural living that is captured by the words of 1 Corinthians 1:18: “For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” Easter is a time when we remember that Jesus suffered to provide the way to eternal life. It’s a free gift (Romans 6:23) but to enjoy the benefits of it you must first receive it. Have you? Jesus gave his life to pay for the sins of mankind. He died to buy our forgiveness. He rose again to defeat the power of death once and for all. It is by his suffering – his counter-cultural living – that the greatest gift of all time has been made possible.¶

EASTER A TIME TO CELEBRATE LIFE

Message of hope good news for everyone



COMMISSIONER JAMES CONDON IS TERRITORIAL COMMANDER OF THE AUSTRALIA EASTERN TERRITORY

I well remember a couple of ladies in one of my previous corps appointments who belonged to a group called “Parents without Partners”. This particular Saturday night they were attending a barbecue with their fellow members. Late that night I received a phone call to say there had been an horrific car accident and a mother and child had been killed. Another child, with serious injuries, had been rushed to the local hospital. I went immediately to the hospital to minister to the grieving family and the surviving child. I returned to the hospital next morning and was asked if I would tell the child that she had lost her mother and sister. No easy task.

I reflect on the fact that the news we have to share in our pastoral ministry as Salvation Army officers is so often about life. “I am sorry, they have died”, is sometimes the message we carry. At other times it’s, “I have good news, they are going to live”.

Following the tragic death of the mother and child, I had the privilege and responsibility of conducting the funeral service at the local Salvation Army hall. When I walked onto the platform, there before me were two coffins, side by side – the mother with a small white coffin beside her. But also here before me was an opportunity to share the good news of the Gospel. Someone has died to give life; eternal life.

I remember quoting John 3:16: “For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life”. I also remember choosing to sing the children’s hymn from our Salvation Army song book: “Jesus loves me, he who died, heaven’s gate to open wide”.

The Easter message is a message about life: a message of good news. The Gospel is summed up by Paul in his writing in 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 including the great truths: “Christ died for our sins, was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures”.

If ever the world needed good news, it needs it now. As I read the morning news, my heart often grieves at more stories of violence, rape, murder, torture, war, famine, poverty, despair, hopelessness. One could easily fall into a pit of depression and despair over the world situation, but there is good news and, at this Easter time, that good news brings hope, freedom and new life.

Recently, we publicly welcomed the new session of Salvation Army officer training cadets, to be known as the *Messengers of the Gospel*. As I spoke with them, I reminded them that the Gospel is good news and that the Spirit of the Lord is upon them to preach the good news. However, it is not just the cadets who have the privilege and responsibility. It is for us all to share the good news and it is, according to Matthew 24:14: “A gospel of the Kingdom that will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations and then Jesus will come again”.

May we all be messengers of the gospel of good news.¶

“For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life”

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EXPLORING THE TRUTHS CONCERNING THE ‘THINGS TO COME’

Concluding a series on The Salvation Army’s 11 Articles of Faith, written by members of its International Doctrine Council, we focus on the last foundational doctrine

WORDS LIEUTENANT-COLONEL ELSA OALANG

We believe in the immortality of the soul; in the resurrection of the body; in the general judgment at the end of the world; in the eternal happiness of the righteous; and in the endless punishment of the wicked

(The 11th doctrine of The Salvation Army)

In his foreword to *Salvation Story*, General Paul Rader (Ret.) wrote: “What Salvationists believe has never been incidental to how we live out our life in Christ as individuals, or as a global spiritual movement. Our faith, grounded in Scripture and validated victoriously by personal experience, has been the motive force of our obedience in mission.”

The previous 10 discussions on doctrines in this series categorically declared that The Salvation Army’s statement of faith reflects the primacy of the divine truths of the Scriptures and the glaring testimonies of history and human experience. However, the 11th doctrine takes us to a more challenging level in our faith journey as individuals and as a church. For who among us can validate by experience the truths concerning the “things to come”?

Diversity of eschatological teachings among Christians show how human finitude and curiosity wrestle and discuss with scant biblical declarations on the subject. Others delve on apocalyptic details and so widen the gap and multiply the diversity of teachings. They also reveal how our particular context and era influence our beliefs in the divine hope that is ours in Christ. Understandably, this curiosity may cause a tension and a discord in our eschatological views. At times, we even struggle with our own beliefs.

NOW I KNOW IN PART

It is from this approach that I begin by using the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:12-13: “For now we see only

a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

This passage is part of a long discussion on spiritual gifts. Here, Paul presents his argument about the supremacy of love in the light of eternity. Love should be the supreme ingredient and the prime mover of every spiritual gift. All other gifts are imperfect and will eventually pass away. Even our understanding is imperfect. Some Bible scholars believe the words “then we shall see face to face” refer to God the Giver of spiritual gifts. Other scholars believe they talk about our understanding of spiritual truths which will become full when Christ returns. The differences in theological views and biblical interpretations are enough proof to say that, for now, we only know in part.

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

Paul ends the chapter with a strong punch line: “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” A closer look into Pauline soteriology and eschatology reveals that, for Paul, faith, hope and love are indispensable in the believer’s journey from earth to glory. For Paul, our divine hope must define and describe our lives and proclamation. In Colossians 1:5, he pictures a believer’s faith and love as springing forth from the hope that is stored up in heaven. This hope is founded on Christ (1 Thessalonians 1:3) and believers are exhorted to “be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet” (5:8).

Apparently, hope is forward looking, anticipating and patiently waiting and working for the consummation of the believers’ full and final salvation. “For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently” (Romans 8:24-25).

MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME

The motif of faith, hope and love reverberates in the eschatological teachings of Jesus. He taught his disciples to pray, “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10) and in verse 12 described how the rule of God should impact their lives: “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” What a radical challenge to the established norm of “eye for eye, and tooth for tooth” (Matthew 5:38), and love confined to friends and hatred to enemies (v43).

In the kerygma of Jesus, the Kingdom of God is “already here but not yet”. Referring to himself, Jesus said “the kingdom of God is in your midst” (Luke 17:21). In the next chapter (v17), Jesus refers to receiving the Kingdom of God like a little child (that is, now) as the condition to entering the same (in the future).

To receive the Kingdom of God is to allow the rule of God in every area of the believer’s life: “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness ...” (Matthew 6:33); loving and blessing our enemies (Matthew 5:43-47); and considering the “least” as the embodiment of his presence, appealing for justice and mercy (Matthew 25:40).

The essence of inaugurated eschatology is evident as Christ calls the Church to become the present reality of the Kingdom of God on earth. He empowers the Church when he declared: “... and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 16:18-19).

The Church will only find the true meaning of its existence as it endeavours to partner with God in the realisation of his Kingdom on earth so that some day “People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God” (Luke 13:29).

OUR RESURRECTION HOPE

Salvationists believe that we are pilgrims on a journey. Because Christ rose from the grave, we too can look forward to our glorious resurrection (John 11:25). There are nearly 40 songs under the heading “Eternal hope” in our newly published song book. Themes such as the eternal beauty and happiness in heaven, the crown of glory that awaits the saints, the white robe of the pure in heart and the “well done” greeting of God awaken in us a divine anticipation. Our faith rises above the struggles of life. Death is therefore regarded as a river to cross, not a road end to dread.

However, Salvationists should remember that even our most profound imagination could not fully grasp and describe the eternal life with God; not even what a resurrected “body” looks like. God in his wisdom has kept

NEW CADETS GET THE MESSAGE AT OFFICIAL WELCOME

WORDS ESTHER PINN / PHOTOS LENA POBJIE AND CAROLYN HIDE

The *Messengers of the Gospel* session of cadets (2016-17) were officially welcomed into the School For Officer Training on 3 February, at The Salvation Army's Booth College in Sydney. Six of the new cadets – Rachel-Mina and Paul Anastasiou, Cameron and Maryanne Lovering, and Rong Fu and Dillon Wu – will complete their training on-site, while another four cadets – Matt and Jacqueline Gluyas, Stephanie Savage and Danielle Starr – will be non-residential.

During the ceremony, Territorial Candidates Secretary Captain Scott Allen introduced each cadet and praised them for answering God's call on their lives. "In this room today there is the representation of what God has done in the lives of so many people," he said. "I think this room really represents lives surrendered to God." Territorial President of Women's Ministries, Commissioner Jan Condon, tied the *Messengers of the Gospel* sessional pennant to The Salvation Army flag, before Cadet Rong Fu shared how God helped her overcome her doubt about becoming a Salvation Army officer. Territorial Commander, Commissioner

James Condon, then spoke about the role of a messenger in ministry. "These days are important days, months and years of preparation for the most exciting life as Salvation Army officers in being messengers and announcing the good news of the gospel," he said.

Others to take part in the ceremony included School For Officer Training Principal, Colonel Julie Campbell; Assistant Training Principal, Major Deborah Robinson; Ministry Program Officer, Captain Laithe Greenaway; Booth College Principal, Major Peter Farthing; Chief Secretary, Colonel Mark Campbell; and Secretary for Personnel, Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Reid.

PUBLIC WELCOME

A few days later, friends and family had the opportunity to take part in a public welcome to the cadets, held at Campsie Corps on 7 February. The service was also an opportunity to install the NSW and ACT Divisional Commander, Lieut-Colonel Miriam Gluyas, and Divisional Director for Women's Ministries, Major Shelley Soper, in their new roles.



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During the service, two cadets – Stephanie and Rachel – shared their testimonies and recalled the moments when they were called to ministry.

Commissioner James Condon then installed Lieut-Colonel Gluyas and Major Soper in their new appointments. Lieut-Colonel Gluyas spoke of her recent ministry experiences in Papua New Guinea and her vision for the NSW and ACT Division. "We have a great future," she said. "The best days of the Army are not over ... there have been some magnificent ones but they are not over."

Commissioner Jan Condon then brought a sermon, speaking about how the role of the messenger should not only fall on the shoulders of the new cadets, but on all those who follow Christ. "It's up to us," she said. "We are the messengers of the good news."

The public welcome was supported by musical contributions from Sydney Salvation Brass and the Sydney Staff Songsters. ¶



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01. Cadet Rong Fu shares her story at the official welcome of cadets at Booth College on 3 February. 02. Commissioner Jan Condon ties the sessional pennant to The Salvation Army flag at the official welcome. 03. Commissioner James Condon installs Major Shelley Soper and Lieut-Colonel Miriam Gluyas in their new roles during a special ceremony at Campsie Corps on 7 February. 04. Cadet Stephanie Savage shares her testimony at the public welcome for the new cadets at Campsie Corps. 05. Captain Scott Allen, Territorial Candidates Secretary, interviews cadets Matt and Jacqueline Gluyas.

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the gift wrapped in mystery so that the consummation will be far beyond what our human minds can fathom.

LOVE AGAINST BELIEF

At every commissioning, the recitation of the Army's statement of faith is always punctuated as the cadets reach the 11th doctrine with either a sigh of relief or a shout of "Hallelujah!". The congregation will then respond with a loud "Amen". Amen to the immortality of the soul, the eternal happiness of the righteous –but what about the endless punishment of the wicked?

As the commissioning ceremony comes to the prayer of dedication, the reality whispers again – each cadet is commissioned to a life of service, to snatch the wicked from the mouth of endless punishment. Just as we cannot fully understand the beauty of the "eternal happiness of the righteous", we cannot also fully comprehend the meaning of the "endless punishment

of the wicked". Both are in the hands of Almighty God. The diverse eschatological beliefs regarding the destiny of the wicked should never obstruct the urgency of the Salvationist's calling to bring people to a knowledge and experience of God so that wickedness will not rule.

It is with this calling that the Salvationist's passion for souls works against the fulfilment of his/her belief. Our service and proclamation reflect our struggle against evil on personal, relational and societal levels. In this battle against evil, we express our undaunted faith by our acts of compassion fuelled by the blessed hope we have in Christ. May God's Kingdom come, may his will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¶

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BREAKING THE POWER OF SIN

Christians should live as people who daily experience the victory won for us on the cross

WORDS GENERAL ANDRÉ COX

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Around the world on Easter morning, many Christians will gather for a sunrise service in which the proclamation will be made: "He is risen!" What a glorious celebration Easter Sunday represents for each one of us! God, in raising Christ, has broken the power of sin and set us free. God, in raising Christ, has established a sure eternal future for each one of us.

The chorus to Robin and Bill Wolaver's song *Make His Praise Glorious* says, "Shout with joy to God all the earth, sing glory to his name. Tell aloud his marvellous worth, his righteousness proclaim. Glory and honour and blessing and power be unto the Lord! Come and let us make his praise glorious." As we celebrate the reality and the glory of the risen Christ, our hearts are filled with praise and worship as we gain new insight and understanding of God's eternal purposes and his plan of salvation for the world.

For many people religion is nothing more than an intellectual philosophy – something that we do only on special occasions or in a specific context which, sadly, has no bearing on the way that we live and act in our lives. Sadly, too easily we can miss the point, for the whole message of Easter tells about life-changing power. It is not about philosophy or religion; it is about a personal relationship with God, made possible through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross!

Paul, in writing to the Colossians, says, "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory" (Colossians 3:1-3).

Our relationship with Christ and his life within us enables us to look at things from a different perspective. Christ has become the centre of focus for our lives. It is far more than going through the motions, observing rituals and spiritual disciplines. Things of this world are viewed with a different perspective, and this profoundly changes the way that we think and act. Here, Paul deals with the very practical matter of how men and women who have been

reconciled with God should live. It is as our spiritual eyes are opened that we gain ever more understanding of God's eternal purposes and through faith we truly begin to experience triumph over darkness and despair.

Through the eyes of faith we have a greater understanding of God's redemptive plan for the world as we find it in the gospel message: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son" (John 3:16-18).

Sadly, in this world we do experience times of sorrow, loss of faith and despair. That, however, should not be the Christian norm! Sometimes we, like Mary, can look in the wrong place: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" (Luke 24:5). Do we, at times, seek the Lord in places where he is not? We have all known what it is like to be burdened, weighed down with worry and care, not always realising that Jesus is actually with us!

We are, or should be, people with a resurrection gospel to proclaim. We are, ourselves, resurrection people; people who have experienced life-giving transformation in a personal encounter with the risen Christ. People experiencing the power and presence of the risen Christ in our lives! We are on the winning team. Do you believe it?

We are destined to be people of victory, not despair. Christ's death on the cross and his resurrection on that first Easter morning broke, once and for all, the power and domination of sin. Christ's resurrection broke the chains of death and darkness. That remains true today, no matter what we may see and experience in this world.

We are called to experience for ourselves the power and victory of the resurrection in our everyday lives. Let us lift up our heads and live as people who daily experience the victory that was won for us at Calvary! ¶

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COST OF TRUE DISCIPLESHIP

Easter is not only a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for all of humankind, but a time to reflect on his call to take up our own crosses and walk a path of obedience and surrender

WORDS JO-ANNE BROWN

Somewhere between discussions about who is the greatest and a grand proclamation to follow Jesus wherever he would go, Jesus "set his face toward Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51, *ESV*). Sometime after his first proclamation about his future suffering (Luke 9:22) and death and his subsequent transfiguration on the mountain top, Luke records that Jesus "resolutely set out for Jerusalem". (Luke 9:51, *NIV*). This was obviously not something he did lightly.

This moment indicates a clear turning point in the focus and direction of Jesus' ministry. Up until this stage, Luke's narrative had mainly focused on Jesus' activity around Galilee. There had been a lot happening – Jesus had been healing, teaching, driving out demons, even bringing a dead child back to life! In the ninth chapter alone, Luke records some pretty amazing incidents.

The feeding of the 5000 is followed by Peter's powerful declaration that Jesus is the "Christ of God" (v.20). This in itself is a significant shift in how Jesus is seen and is soon followed by the scene of transfiguration on the mountain

top, where Jesus' appearance is so dazzlingly changed (v.28-36). There are powerful indications in this chapter that something eventful is going on. Perhaps there was a sense of expectation in the air. Jesus was doing and saying things that no one else had ever done before!

There certainly seemed to be a feeling of excitement: Scripture says that "they were all amazed at the greatness of God ... everyone was marvelling at all that Jesus did (v.43). Into this feel-good atmosphere Jesus again speaks of the suffering and betrayal ahead of him (9:22 and 44). This seemed to be in conflict with the atmosphere of excitement over all that Jesus was doing and the disciples clearly didn't understand what Jesus was talking about.

The amazing things that were going on filled their heads with ideas of grandeur and greatness. Instead of focusing on Jesus' words about the cross and self-denial (9:23), they began arguing about who would be the greatest (9:46). They had acknowledged Jesus as Messiah, witnessed divine miracles, heard Jesus teaching about the path of suffering and self-denial for those who would

follow after him, and had heard his warnings about what he himself would soon be facing. Yet somehow they were thinking about a totally other kind of greatness. If people were this excited about what Jesus could do now, imagine the reaction when he took his rightful place as ruler over Israel!

SPECIFIC FOCUS

Amid this atmosphere of excitement and very human designs on greatness, Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem. *The Message* records it in this way: "When it came close to the time for his Ascension, he gathered up his courage and steeled himself for the journey to Jerusalem." This journey was neither direct nor immediate, in fact it may have taken some months. The focus, however, was now more specifically on the way of obedience and surrender, whatever that would mean.

Unlike the disciples, Jesus knew what was going on. He knew what the healings, teachings and miracles pointed to. He understood the true and full nature of his ministry. He realised that the glory of God is not only seen in the miraculous and amazing, but in surrender and obedience; it is seen not only in marvellous deeds but also in abandoned suffering.

He set his face toward Jerusalem because this was where the truly miraculous would happen, recognising that he faced not only suffering, betrayal and an agonising death, but also victory over these things and a spectacular return to heaven.

Jesus' resolution is also positioned in amongst what he says about his own suffering, the disciples' call to suffering (Luke 9:22-23), and the cost of true discipleship (9:57-62).

Jesus speaks to three men about what discipleship means. He has just intentionally chosen for himself the road of suffering and surrender and now points out to these three men that discipleship, indeed, has a high cost and is not for the faint-hearted. He warns one about the physical hardship of discipleship, perhaps recognising that this man's fervour in no way prepares him for the difficulty such a lifestyle entails. He points out to another that following Jesus means a complete change of loyalty, a radical commitment that puts following him above every other loyalty. A third is reminded of the totality of this commitment and that there is to be no looking back.

This is the commitment and obedience that exemplified Jesus' life – this is what he desires from those who choose to follow him: no looking back, no shrinking from physical hardship or emotional grief. We do not eagerly turn our faces toward hardship. It is not surprising that the

disciples failed to understand both Jesus' prediction of his own suffering and death, and his declaration that anyone who chose to follow him was also choosing the way of suffering and self-denial.

OUR CALLING

Traditionally, Lent is the 40-day period in the church year between Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is a time where believers do, indeed, focus on the suffering and obedience of Jesus and in a sense, set their own faces towards Jerusalem and all that Jesus experienced there. Lent is a period marked by prayer and repentance, the desire for renewal and an earnest seeking after a greater closeness to God. It seems there is no better doorway to increased intimacy with God than the doorway of obedience and surrender, which is also often the doorway of hardship and suffering.

Our culture is a culture that is averse to suffering and there is a tendency to do anything to avoid pain or discomfort. We long for immediate gratification of our desires, speedy recovery from illness, and, metaphorically, we want the glory of an "Ascension" without the suffering of a "crucifixion". We want resurrection without betrayal and new life without any kind of death.

This is not to glorify pain and suffering. Rather it is an acknowledgment that Jesus walked no easy road and "steemed himself" for what was before him, not just the suffering and death, but as Luke recognises, being "taken up into heaven" (v.51). We too, as disciples, are called to walk a road that may not be easy; it may well be marked with suffering, betrayal, physical hardship and loss of friendships and family relationships. We are called to embrace this path (take up our cross), and walk this way with obedience and surrender.

And as with Jesus, our story does not end with betrayal and suffering. Lent concludes on Good Friday, yet is observed in the knowledge of the glory, majesty and mystery of resurrection and ascension! ¶

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EXHIBITION BRINGS JAYNE'S DREAM TO REALITY

WORDS ESTHER PINN / PHOTOS SHAIRON PATERSON

Creativity was always close to Jayne Wilson's heart. She would often weave artwork activities into the holistic support and counselling groups she ran at The Salvation Army's First Floor Program in Wollongong. She even dreamed of hosting an exhibition for these artworks.

While Jayne, sadly, passed away on Christmas Day 2013, her dream was never forgotten. In late January, the second annual Jayne Wilson Memorial Arts Competition and Exhibition was held at Wollongong Corps, to honour her life and work at the First Floor Program. "Mum was very creative herself, so this just represents her," says Jayne's daughter, Lisa Luis. "She just harnessed [and] nurtured everybody to be the best of who they are themselves and find within themselves what they can create."

This year, 107 artworks based on the theme "Visions and Dreams" – whether a painting, drawing, sculpture, woodwork, photo display, musical composition, written expression, fabric craft or mosaic – were on display as part of the exhibition, which ran from 22 January to 1 February. The Wilson Family Open (18 and over) award – for a piece

that best represents Jayne, including her personality, work and legacy – was awarded to Gerry Clancy for his woodwork piece, "Doorways to a better future". The artwork featured inspirational quotes written on small doors which formed part of a larger door. It included quotes from Salvation Army founder William Booth, Winston Churchill, Nelson Mandela, and Jayne. "I think it's excellent. [It's] everything that [is] mum. All those words – it's something that she would say to somebody," says Lisa.

Lachlan Gromek was given the Wilson Family Youth (12-17) award and Lorelai Piahana, the Wilson Family Child (under 12) award. The People's Choice awards went to Charlie North (child), Casey Flemming (youth) and Carolyn O'Brien (open).

The exhibition also featured work from artist John Kennedy whose career was influenced by the life of Jayne. Some entrants nominated their work for sale and 25 per cent of the proceeds went to supporting the First Floor Program. For more information, go to wollongongsalvos.org.au



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01. Lachlan Gromek's paintings of Pablo Picasso, Richie Benaud and Albert Einstein won him the Wilson Family Youth award.
02. Jayne Wilson's husband Vince, daughter Lisa and son Paul in front of Gerry Clancy's woodwork piece which won the Wilson Family Open award.
03. Marilyn Dunn, First Floor Program coordinator and exhibition organiser.
04. Jayne's husband Vince views some of the works entered in the second annual exhibition.



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The peace that surpasses understanding.

God guides young officer
through brain tumour ordeal

WORDS
BILL SIMPSON

PHOTOS
SHAIRON PATERSON

Four brain surgeries have strengthened the faith of Captain Phil Inglis, whose relaxed approach to life often sees him in bare feet.





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A young mother drives home from hospital fearful of what to tell her children about their father who has just had his fourth brain tumour surgery in three months. Rebecca Inglis had put a positive spin on husband Phil's condition on the three previous reports to three anxious children. But this time, it is different. This time, it is much harder. This time there is a feeling of hopelessness; that there isn't going to be any healing.

How can she tell a son, aged 12, and twin daughters, aged nine, that their father may not get better? Why were there complications on the three previous occasions? Would the fourth surgery end the same way? She hoped for healing. She prayed for healing and held on to God. But four surgeries! This was a lot to take, even for a fit young man and a faithful family.

On the eve of the fourth surgery, the surgeon advised the family that if they knew anybody who prayed, now was the time. The next day, the surgery was undertaken. On the drive home, Rebecca cried. She thought of the man she loved and with whom she shared three beautiful, young children. And she wondered about their future together as Salvation Army officers. She wondered about their future, fullstop!

"Mostly, it was the feeling of a mum," says Rebecca. "I cared for my children. Of course I did! I knew they would ask me if their dad was going to be OK. I didn't know how to answer them this time. After each of the previous three surgeries, I was able to say something that seemed to answer their concerns. I put on some music in the car and hoped it would help. It was nice music. It was soothing. It talked of the assurance we have, but the assurance was about heaven. I knew that my children would want an assurance about their dad right now. So did I. When I got home, the children asked the question I was fearing. 'Will Dad be alright?' I said 'yes', but, really, I didn't know what that meant."

01. Reflecting on his time in hospital to remove a brain tumour, Phil says he felt 'unreasonably peaceful'.
02. Captains Phil and Rebecca Inglis say they are 'stronger Christians and better officers' after the turbulent time of Phil's medical ordeal.
03. (overleaf) Phil and Rebecca with their children – Brad, 15, and 12-year-old twins Chloe and Emily.



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WORRYING DIAGNOSIS

The story starts in early 2008. Phil and Rebecca are the new corps officers at Bonnell's Bay, near Newcastle. Early into their role, Phil Inglis is frustrated by issues with his hearing. "It was like when you mow the lawn with a mower, but can hear the mower in only one ear, or like coming out of the surf with one ear blocked," he explains.

His hearing problem was intermittent. He was tested every few months. After a number of visits to doctors, a scan was ordered and a tumour discovered on the acoustic nerve. As the tumour was non-cancerous and not growing larger, no treatment was required other than scans every six months. But in early 2011, doctors discovered a critical development. The tumour had grown and now urgently required removal.

Phil and Rebecca were now Divisional Youth Secretaries for the Greater West Division. By July, Phil was in hospital undergoing serious surgery. It lasted 13 hours and seemed to go well. Recovering in intensive care, Phil questioned why fluid was running from his nose "as though a tap had been turned on". Surgeons were alarmed. This was unacceptable. It was fluid that was meant to protect the brain. The leak had to be stopped. There was further surgery – and further leaks. There was a third round of surgery – and further leaks. There were painful lumbar

punctures and horrendous headaches lasting several days. Severe vertigo-like symptoms lasted for a week. He lived on pain-killers.

The fourth surgery to plug the leak was successful, but it came at a cost. He now has no hearing in his left ear, takes headache tablets every night and pays "a huge price" for energetic activity. "Having fun is very expensive in terms of recovering from it," he says. Surprisingly, Phil recalls a feeling of peace through the whole painful process. "There were small odds I could die. But I knew I wouldn't die," he says. "I was shockingly sanguine; unreasonably peaceful through it all. I had heard and read stories of people who said that God had carried them through this type of thing.

"Incredibly, I saw the surgery as a spiritual experiment. I preach that if you have a problem, tell God about it. So, I did. I didn't know how I was supposed to act. I'm not saying that people shouldn't be upset in these circumstances; that people shouldn't be in tears. But I am saying that you can trust God in all circumstances. So, I did, and I was unreservedly rational and peaceful. I look back at it now and see it as an incredible period of spiritual growth.

"I didn't spiral down into depression, which some people thought I would do. Medically, I am told, I should have



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been depressed. But I was calm. I was peaceful, even though my head hurt for a long time. I never blamed God for my circumstances. I didn't ask him why he allowed this brain tumour to invade my head. I never saw it as unjustified. It was just something that was happening to me."

GOD INTERVENES

Rebecca picked up on Phil's peace. She was amazed – and impressed – although there were times when she wished he wasn't so "together". "I was feeling the stress – driving to and from hospital every day, trying to find somewhere to park every day, caring for my children, trying to keep work under control, trying to cope with what might happen to Phil – and here he is lying back in bed telling everybody how peaceful life is," Rebecca says.

"He had that peace the Bible talks about – the peace that surpasses understanding. I think it helped me because I can now say that I did feel provided for by God. And I believe that God, through our work situation and other circumstances, put us in the right place at the right time to cope with this crisis in our lives. We had the right people around us. Salvation Army leaders were remarkably good to us."

Her faith was tested, she concedes. She and her husband had been called to be Salvation Army officers. How was Phil's illness fitting the plan? "I wasn't questioning God,"

she says. "But it was testing my own faith and obedience. I know the experience –even though it had its hard moments – has made both Phil and I stronger Christians and better officers, for which we thank God."

Today, Captains Phil and Rebecca Inglis are team leaders of The Salvation Army in the Illawarra, taking in their own corps leadership responsibilities at Wollongong, supporting corps officers at Tarrawanna and Shellharbour, and overseeing the Army's social and community programs in the area. In addition to the loss of hearing in his left ear and headaches almost every night, his appetite for coffee is insatiable as a result of a "caffeine diet" to deal with low blood pressure while in hospital. "But I'm not complaining, especially about the coffee," he says. "In hospital, I saw people without arms and legs. I saw people who lost a loved one. I lost hearing in one ear. I can live with that. It's probably a pain for others, but I'm OK with it."

Six months ago, Phil Inglis was given the medical "all clear". Brad, Chloe and Emily no longer need to ask if their Dad will be OK. The tumour has gone. □

"When I got home, the children asked the question I was fearing. 'will Dad be alright?' I said 'yes', but, really I didn't know what that meant"

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01. The creative team behind Verses is a family affair, bringing together Luke O'Dea (centre), his wife Jess and his brother Joel.

02. Lyricist Luke O'Dea combines inspiration and the hard work of composing to bring to life the modern day "memory verse".

THE VERSES PROJECT

Trio inspired to put
scripture into modern song

WORDS ANNE HALLIDAY

It was a summer sojourn in New York City last year that inspired the formation of musical trio Verses. A renovated garage became a makeshift studio as husband and wife, Luke and Jess O'Dea, and Luke's brother, Joel, began creating worship songs as "modern day memory verses". Now back in Australia, the trio, who are all involved at The Salvation Army's Northlakes Corps in Newcastle, are putting the finishing touches to their first EP/album. Luke, the band's lyricist, and Jess, who along with Joel provides vocals, spoke to *Pipeline* about the passion behind the Verses project.

How did Verses begin?

Luke: We got inspired with the first few songs whilst living in a renovated garage in Brooklyn, NYC. I don't know what it was about being over there, maybe it was just having the time. Some days I would get an idea and just sit there until the sun came up – luckily, in New York not much happens before 11am so you can sleep in and not miss much!

Jess: We were inspired to put scripture to song and write the modern day "memory verse". Even though Luke, Joel and I had worked on music before, this strong sense of a calling to create music to help people engage with and memorise the Word of God was a new direction for us.

How does the creative process work for you as a group?

Jess: Luke always says, 'you only need 10 seconds of inspiration, the rest just takes hard work,' and that's really what this has been. Being inspired can bring about a really great feeling but getting the songs to the finished state, to the point where they can go out and minister to people, is an act of discipline long after the inspiration has faded.

Your goal is "to make Jesus famous". What does this mean for the group?

Jess: We are confident that the Word of God, when sent out, will do what it is designed to do – to make him known and encourage his people. We just want to keep

creating music that represents him well and is committed to excellence – songs based on scripture that are as professionally produced as any other out there, and able to engage people. Through God's provision we have been working with some of the best mixers and producers globally to honour the vision he gave us.

Why is it important to you to be creating this particular genre of worship music?

Luke: I believe that music can connect people where words cannot – across cultural and religious or non-religious divides. Music is a big part of The Salvation Army movement – the music was probably a big reason why people were drawn to hear [Salvation Army founder] William Booth preach. Why can't that happen again today? Why can't music be something that is used to stir young people and even older people to draw near and come into relationship with God. Why can't we continue the great legacy of The Salvation Army through 'electronic' music?

What are your aspirations as a band?

Jess: We just want to be faithful to God in what he is asking of us. For now, that's producing music based on his word to uplift, inspire and point people to him.

In January, the band's first single *All Things* was voted number one of the Top 30 Australian Christian music releases of 2015 in a listener-voted competition on Rhema FM Newcastle.

You can check out the latest music from Verses at versesmusic.com □

"Why can't we continue the great legacy of The Salvation Army through 'electronic' music?"



The Salvation Army's history is littered with stories of fascinating characters such as evangelist Adjutant Thomas (Mudgee) Robertson (seated). Known for his performance skills, he once rode his horse up the front steps of the Boonah Corps in Queensland, into the hall and onto the platform. There, he preached his sermon from his horse. Mudgee Robertson gave 34 years of passionate service to The Salvation Army.

BRINGING OUR STORY TO LIFE

Corps histories enhanced by focusing on the personal touch

WORDS LAUREN MARTIN

Let's be honest, Salvation Army corps history books can be dull reading. Lists of campaigns conducted, totals of donations collected and numbers of knees bent at the mercy seat. Big events happen and, in many cases, all that is noted in the corps history is which visiting dignitary cut the ribbon, what Bible verse they preached on that day, and how much money was collected for the corps coffers.

Consider this entry in *A Country Corps – The History of The Salvation Army in the Lockyer Valley*: "Major and Mrs Scotney and the Kalbar Band visited for a weekend in September during which 'open-air', holiness meetings and a service of song held in the School of Arts attracted more than 100 people ... The spirit was mightily felt. Bandsmen were billeted at the following homes: Davies, Geddes, Hutchinsons, Heads ..."

Yes, history has been recorded, but it lacks the human touch that brings it alive. The magic touch that transforms a historical event into legend. What goes through people's minds when they think about The Salvation Army on Anzac Day? Not the number of cups of tea served at Hop In stations, but the people – William McKenzie (Fighting Mac), Arthur McIlveen, the men who handed them that hot cuppa in the jungles of Papua New Guinea, or that cigarette and a prayer in the trenches of the Middle East.

The *Centenary Celebrations* booklet produced for Marrickville Corps in 1984 showcases a number of memorable Salvationists such as George Gale, a diver who worked for the NSW Government repairing wharves and bridges. The history book gives an excerpt from a series

of *War Cry* articles in 1922, in which he tells of diving with the latest in technology – wires that ran down his lifeline, enabling him to communicate with those above the water by telephone. "One day a lady and some of her friends came to see the diver, but as it was not my coming-up time I entertained her with some 'Salvation Solos' from the depths through the phone while I was working!"

Another corps history book brings its history to life with the description of an early officer, Captain David Buckingham. *The Salvation Army – Maryborough – A History 1885-1985* records that even though Captain Buckingham was in the south Queensland town for just over seven months, he saw 500 people saved. His description, being over six feet tall with a very loud voice, gives a good impression of his charismatic nature, and the reporting of an incident whereby he was prohibited from visiting the local hospital because he prayed too loudly, endears this little chapter of history in the hearts of minds of readers.

It's the personal touch of Salvation Army officers, staff, volunteers and members that lingers in the hearts of those with whom we come into contact with, far longer than the service rendered. Let's record some of those personal touches in our histories so that the essence of who we are is not lost in the facts and figures.¶

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FAMILY LIKENESS

There's great joy in seeing children and grandchildren follow Jesus

WORDS BRONWYN WILLIAMS

Recently, I was looking at an online photo of one of my granddaughters. Approaching seven, Zahra is just about to start her third year at school. The comment from her mother that accompanied the photo was that her face hadn't yet grown into her new front teeth.

As I looked at this photo, I could see other changes. Zahra's face had lost the chubbiness of little-girlhood and her grandfather's distinctive chin was now quite obvious – I hadn't seen that before. It reminded me of my eldest son, Zahra's uncle, who had always been told that he looked like his father. However, a mid-teen family photo showed that Matthew's jaw line and smile were exactly the same as mine.

Family likenesses run deeper than physical appearance. While Zahra's dad is the spitting image of his father, his personality is much more like mine – which goes a long way to accounting for the feisty exchanges that Tom and I had during his teen years. Deeper again than personality are the spiritual likenesses and, as I look back at my family heritage, I see a line of faithful Christians.

My maternal great-grandfather, William Nathaniel Wilson, felt called to ministry and became a Free Presbyterian minister, riding his horse around his parish in the Rocuhel area, near Muswellbrook, NSW, in the early part of the 20th century. My mother's faith, influenced by that of her grandfather, impacted my father (Dad said Mum was the best thing that ever happened to him) and together they were founding members of a Presbyterian church in suburban Sydney.

It was a privilege to baptise my eldest son as an adult, and to witness my other two boys making their own declarations of faith in Jesus through water baptism. The two older boys and their wives are now passing

faith onto their children. It brings me such joy to see not only the ongoing physical likenesses in my family but to note that the spiritual family likeness is also continuing. I am reminded of Timothy, who had a spiritual heritage from both his mother, Eunice (which was my grandma's name too) and grandmother, Lois (2 Timothy 1:5). As a spiritual father, Paul encouraged Timothy to do two things: to guard what had been entrusted to his care (1 Timothy 6:20) and then to pass this truth on to those who would then teach others (2 Timothy 2:2). We are not told if Timothy went on to have a family of his own, but he was charged to pass faith onto others.

Some of us never have the opportunity – or desire – to have children. But, as part of God's family we do, like Paul with Timothy and then Timothy with the younger people he had charge over, have both the opportunity and the responsibility of being an example of faith to those who come after us.

When a baby is born, parents, friends and family quickly look for a family likeness – the shape of the nose or chin, hair or eye colour. What cannot yet be seen is personality. What is completely unknown is how this new person will respond to their heritage of faith.

We don't have control over which physical characteristics we pass onto our children. Nor do we have a choice with regard to characteristics of personality. And although "God has no grandchildren", we do get a choice as to whether we pass faith onto children and young people by how we live.

We can play our part in developing an environment in which children and young people are exposed to the teaching of Jesus and from there can make choices around faith for themselves. We can help in passing on the family likeness.¶



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BREAKING FREE OF CULTURAL PRIVILEGE

Truly reflecting Christ a faith conviction



WORDS CASEY O'BRIEN MACHADO

When I was at school, Religious Education classes were compulsory. Twice a week, we would file into a classroom where a teacher who had likely been drafted into teaching this as a second subject, would spend 90 minutes with us playing Bible board games or "Guess who – Bible Characters Edition".

I had a friend whose mother was Buddhist – she attended the same Religious Education classes as I did. I had another friend whose family were devout Hindus – she attended the same Religious Education classes as I did. As I became older, it became clear to me that these classes were not so much "Religious Education" classes as they were "Christian Religious Education" classes. The reason I was winning the trivia was because we were being quizzed on my religion. Had the questions been about the Tripitaka or the Vedas, I would have been at the bottom of the class.

For a long time in Australia, Christianity has been the default religion. This extends beyond "Religious Education" classes in schools, permeating the majority of social policy and law. Christianity has experienced a form of "cultural privilege" that has made many Christians feel as though they have a right to have their Christian lifestyles protected by culture, and at times by law.

Theologian Mike Frost wrote: "The church has grown so accustomed to cultural privilege – a privilege it should never have had in the first place – that its erosion feels like persecution, when it's not. As a result, instead of meaningful engagement with society, we draw battle lines in confected culture 'wars' featuring praying football coaches, dissenting county clerks, and recalcitrant wedding cake bakers".

Frost is referring to recent examples of individuals who believe that changes in laws (for example, the legalisation of gay marriage in the United States, or the removal of scripture classes from schools) "discriminate" against Christianity. I agree with Frost's statement – Christianity has experienced cultural privilege for many years. It is my strong belief that the changing of laws that happen to favour my lifestyle over someone else's does not

"discriminate" against my lifestyle – it simply brings my lifestyle to a level playing field with everyone else's.

A new age is approaching for Christians in Australia (and indeed, in many Western countries). It is unfamiliar to us to live in a society that does not favour our religious lifestyles over others' religious lifestyles. It is inevitable that society will change, and at times this will appear at first glance to be limiting Christianity. However, I have to ask myself, "is this how those whose religion is not Christianity have felt for many years?" Perhaps, rather than dreading these changes and panicking, now is a time for us to ensure that we are strong in our faith and our convictions, rather than relying on societal structures to uphold them for us.

Now is a time for us to ensure that we are living transparent, genuine and holy lives. Are we living the way that Christ modelled for us? Are we obeying the commands of Christ? Are we advocating for the oppressed? Are we including the excluded? We need to be sure that our own lives are reflecting Christ.

Danish journalist Flemming Rose said: "If a believer demands that I, as a non-believer, observe his taboos in the public domain, he is not asking for my respect, but for my submission." Christ does not need a bunch of followers who force others to live the way he told them to through laws or imposed rules. Instead, Christ needs disciples who are determined to live their own lives the way he instructed them to and as a result, attract others to him. Matthew 5:14 states: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden." The instruction here is not to build a road that leads only to the City. The instruction is that the City shines so brightly that it attracts those who see it.

May our lifestyles be genuine and shine so brightly that those who could choose any way of life that is available to them, choose Christ's way of life. ¶

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Sherpa



Rating: CTC
Release date: 31 March

The documentary *Sherpa* tells the story of the Nepalese natives who have been assisting Westerners to fulfil their Himalayan dreams since Tenzing Norgay helped Sir Edmund Hillary become the first European to conquer Everest. We begin by learning that Sherpa is not a job description but a people group who hold deeply religious convictions about the mountain they call Chomolungma. One of the film's key characters is Phurba Tashi, a Sherpa who has summited Everest an incredible 21 times.

The year is 2014 and if Phurba climbs Everest one more time he will hold the record for the most ascents in human history. But it soon becomes clear that the Nepalese father's motivation is not some Western concept of triumph, but a purely economic one. Each year the climbing expeditions come to Everest offering to employ the impoverished Sherpas to set up ladders and safety lines, and transport the increasing number of creature comforts required by increasingly inexperienced climbers.

The approaches are crowded by hundreds of climbers, and each Sherpa must ascend the deadly Khumbu Icefall as many as 30 times to transport chairs, heaters and shelters. Their clients will make the journey only two or three times. In eight weeks, Sherpas like Phurba will earn enough money to feed their families for a year; the climbers will gain their "achievement of a lifetime".

Yet Jamling Tenzing Norgay, the son of Edmund Hillary's guide, says there is a vast distance between the Sherpas' experience

of the mountain and the adventure-seeking Westerners who force them into the death zone again and again: "Western people approach it as a physical challenge to see how close they can get to death. What is the moral justification for that? What is the purpose for playing what is essentially a game of Russian roulette?"

What justification indeed, especially when the gun is pointed at other people? When an avalanche hits the Khumbu Icefall, killing 16 Sherpas and injuring another nine, the immorality of their individualism comes into sharp focus. Unwilling to risk their lives further or tramp over the graves of their friends, the Sherpas go on strike, putting the entire climbing season in jeopardy. The Western climbers are deeply upset, but mostly by their lost opportunity.

This is the low point of individualism, the philosophy that celebrates the individual mountain climber but often overlooks those who died to put him on the summit. An individualist's care and respect for others only extends as far as their needs and beliefs align with his or her goals. Yet Jesus never saw greatness as something to be gained by climbing over the backs of the many. When his disciples pushed their agendas for personal fulfilment, he responded by teaching them the up-is-down philosophy of the Kingdom of Heaven: "Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, 'Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all'." Mark 9:35.

God's way is to serve the many and so follow the path of his son, who surrendered his greatness and died that we might live. Why can't someone who champions individualism accept this approach? Because they believe that there is no one who will look out for them if they do not look out for themselves. Yet the Christian in this case has more in common with the Hindu Phurba than the Western individualist. By the end of the documentary the Sherpa has decided to resign from being a guide, one climb short of the world record. Why? Because he has understood that it is better to serve than to be served: "I would rather not hold the record, and live with a healthy body and a happy family." – **Mark Hadley**



The Lady In The Van



Rating: M
Release date: 3 March

How do you see the people who surround you every day? I'm not talking about those closest to you, members of your family and friends. No, I'm thinking of the people you share public transport with, those ahead of you in the queue, the ones you pass on the street?

I realised to my distress the other day that most of them were no more than cardboard cut-outs to me, just window-dressing for my personal story. Busy streets and busier lives have taught us to tune out those around us so that we can get on with it. Yet the film *The Lady In The Van* suggests that by refusing to see them we not only lock them away from God's love, but we relinquish his goodness for ourselves as well.

The Lady In The Van is a big-screen retelling of writer Alan Bennett's original London stage production, itself based on true events in his own life. Maggie Smith plays Miss Shepherd, an elderly woman who lives in a van parked on the street Bennett moves into in the 1970s. Miss Shepherd is a crabby biddy who detests music, speaks to the Virgin Mary and has spent years cultivating a disturbing odour. Yet Bennett tells the audience she's found a curious place in the upwardly mobile suburb of Camden Park because of the uneasy charity she inspires.

Smith evokes real sympathy as a bag lady tortured by inner demons. When Bennett sees her being harassed by council officials and local hoodlums, he invites her to park her van in his driveway. Little does he know that when her handbrake comes on it will remain in place for the next 15 years. Bennett is in two minds about what he has done, and is often portrayed standing next to himself arguing what his best course of action should be. He represents the tension we all feel when we're faced by

someone who's need is both bothersome and somewhat beyond us. "One seldom was able to do her a good turn," Bennett says, "without some thoughts of strangulation." But this reticence comes from seeing the world as something we have to hold at bay and not God's idea of our greatest good.

Kierkegaard once observed that "Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced". We don't find its richest treasures by moving around or moving on awkward people like Miss Shepherd. Rather, Jesus encouraged his disciples to see the people around them not as cardboard cut-outs in their personal drama but "... sheep without a shepherd". He made sure they were aware of their physical needs, but most of all challenged them to pray that God would "... send out labourers into his harvest", so that they might have the bread of life too.

That might sound like a lot of metaphors to mix, but service is essential for the believer because sacrifice is amongst God's prime tools for growing Christ-like character. Those who seek to help others in God's name regularly discover that he is actually helping them. Sadly, the religious characters in *The Lady In The Van* are too taken up with doing God's business to benefit from the service he puts in front of them.

The Lady In The Van is a poignant, human story that should leave us asking: "Who is God parking in my own driveway?" Open your eyes – does their need scare you? Then consider this: those who draw on God's grace to meet the needs of those around them will find it a curious commodity. Rather than running out, the more they share the more they have to use. – **Mark Hadley**



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Let It Echo

Jesus Culture

American group, Jesus Culture, has come a long way since its humble beginnings as a couple of teenagers leading worship at Bethel Church's Jesus Culture youth conference in 1999. *Let It Echo* is the group's ninth album, but the first to be recorded live at its newly established church in Sacramento, California.

The 12-track contemporary worship album encapsulates the heart of the community at this one-year-old church – a community which longs to know Jesus and desires to spread its passion for worship across the world. *Let It Echo* features songs from Jesus Culture worship leaders Kim Walker-Smith, Chris Quilala, and Bryan and Katie Torwalt.

Sticking to its style, energetic and passion-infused anthems fill this album, such as *Never Gonna Stop Singing*, *In The River* and *Fierce*. The real highlights of this album are found through powerful lyrics in some of the slower tracks including *In Your Presence* and *Power in the Cross*. *Let It Echo* can be digitally purchased for \$16.99 on iTunes or a CD can be ordered for \$19.99 at www.koorong.com

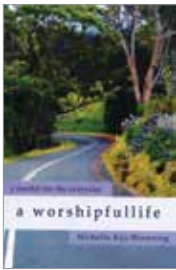
education classes at school. But now we have a nominally Christian society ... so we need to tell the story again – and we need to learn it for ourselves."

Graham became involved in the project about three years ago, attracted by the premise: that *Long Story Short* wasn't a classic apologetic approach of defending Christianity against attacks; instead, it was simply saying to people: "This is what the book says." He wrote scripts and scouted locations. Eventually, he was cast as presenter too.

The crew was small, shooting the whole thing on digital cameras from July to November 2013 in locations like Australia, Cambodia, Rwanda, France, the United States, Egypt, Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. They had privileged access in many locations. "... in the Garden of Gethsemane, we were allowed to walk in the garden with the crew," says Graham. "Now, that never happens! So we took our shoes off because we were on holy ground. And we had a little cry – Christians and non-Christians – because we were at a totally legit site [unlike some others], and this is where the amazing Creator God, incarnate as Jesus, actually walked! And only the Trinity knew what would happen the next day; it caught everyone else by surprise."

Long Story Short brings to life the big-picture story of the Bible in carefully constructed steps. It's ideal for our postmodern age, where many people have little or no knowledge of what the Bible is actually about. It can be used one-on-one, in a small group, or as a church-wide activity where people invite friends and share a meal. It can run over either seven or 11 weeks.

Not just a very effective and easy-to-use evangelism tool, *Long Story Short* will inspire deeper confidence in their faith for Christians. Try *Long Story Short* for free at www.lssl.co – Christina Tyson



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A Worshipfullife

Michelle Kay-Browning

In a packed auditorium at a Salvation Army gathering, I heard Darlene Zschech thank Michelle Kay-Browning for her amazing heart for God and passion for leading others close to God's heart through worship. It was the 2006 Unlimited Conference at Sydney Olympic Park. Michelle had just led one of the most awesome times of worship I'd ever experienced and Darlene, world-renowned worship leader and songwriter, had stepped up to the rostrum to speak. A flame which had long been flickering in me, began burning brightly again that morning.

If you've never been part of corporate worship led by Michelle Kay-Browning then you've really missed something special. But don't despair, because her heart and her passion are now available to us all through her newly published book, *A Worshipfullife* – 254 pages of reflection that will resonate strongly and persistently with anyone wanting to go further with God.

The worship of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is both the highest calling and the highest experience for all followers of Jesus Christ. Through the book title itself, Michelle, who attends Ryde Corps in Sydney, helps us understand that worship is not only something we do in church or in our "devotional life". It is about our whole lives and how we live them. Worship is a lifestyle, and it transforms us.

As you open the book, you are led beautifully and sensitively into this 24/7 life. The first chapter and its sections focus on "who we worship". Sections include "Alpha and Omega", "God is Love", "God is Holy", "A-Z of the Names of God", "The God Who Gives Himself Away", "I Am", and "Friendship and Fear – An Incredible Contradiction of Grace".

God and his nature are the foundation

of our worship. How can we not worship, how can we not bow down, how can we not honour our great God through our lives when we look beyond ourselves and see him and his glory, his holiness and his love, Michelle is saying. He alone is worthy of our worship. Subsequent chapters and their sections flow out of this place. These include "What is Worship", "Why", "How We Worship", "When and Where", and the concluding chapter, "Selah".

In chapter two, Michelle describes worship as "worth-ship", something those who have participated in a Michelle Kay-Browning workshop on worship would understand. "We matter to him," she writes. "We matter to the King. Our King is worth everything, and he thinks we are worth his life! ... I give worth-ship to him. He deserves ALL the glory, honour, praise, adoration, affection and attention that I can muster. My King –magnificent! Altogether worthy."

The chapters and sections of *A Worshipfullife* are well organised. Lines from some of our most-loved worship songs, both contemporary and traditional, are quoted throughout. Each section ends with a meditation, an application, and a prayer, often poetic.

A Worshipfullife has been incubating for many years in the heart and soul of Michelle Kay-Browning. Now, through its pages, we have the opportunity to journey with her and experience the deep renewal and transformation God wants for our lives through worship. This can happen to us as individuals, couples, families, small groups or whole churches.

A Worshipfullife is available from Sanctuary House Ministries (www.sanctuaryhouse.net.au). You can also email Michelle at michelle@sanctuaryhouse.net.au or phone 0413 769 990. Cost is \$20 plus postage and handling. – Peter McGuigan



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Like a Mighty Army?

David W. Taylor

How do the origins and theological underpinnings of The Salvation Army shape the nature of its identity and mission in the modern world? Salvationist David W. Taylor addresses this question and more in his groundbreaking study *Like a Mighty Army?: The Salvation Army, the Church, and the Churches*.

In 1937, Swiss theologian Karl Barth challenged the churches to engage in "real strict sober genuine theology" so the unity of the church could be realised. At that time, The Salvation Army didn't aspire to become formally known as a church, although it later became a founding member of the World Council of Churches in 1948. Today, it is known as a social welfare organisation concerned especially with serving the needs of the marginalised around the world.

Taylor interrogates the concept of the church as an army, in service to The Salvation Army's developing understanding of its identity and to the visible unity of God's church. *Like a Mighty Army: The Salvation Army, the Church, and the Churches* is available online at www.amazon.com for \$US34.

BOUNTYE OFFERS FRESH APPROACH TO FUNDRAISING ▼



Bounty founder Asim Brown (centre) with The Salvation Army's Andrew Hill and Sophia Masur.
Photo: Carolyn Hide

Step aside Gumtree and eBay, there's a new kid on the block. Bountye, while sharing a common purpose in selling products, does more than just seek to make a profit. It teams with charitable organisations such as The Salvation Army, to raise funds for those in need through selling goods.

Bountye founder, Asim Brown, estimates that the average Australian has \$4000 worth of unused items. He said the idea for Bountye came from his own experiences of over-consumption. "Before we started the business my wife and I took everything out of the garage [and sorted it]," Asim said. "We put back [in the garage] items we didn't need and ... said if it stays down here for three months [we'll sell it] and whatever we bring back up we'll keep. We've brought back two things.

"I thought 'what if you could take that stuff and turn it into something more meaningful?' You're not going to use it anymore, so why not give them [Australians] an opportunity to donate." And that's how the concept of Bountye was born. Bountye is only accessible by mobile phone. Individuals can download the Bountye app to their mobile, then choose The Salvation Army group and list their items for sale within that group. Individuals can also share their listings with friends and family on social media to assist with the selling process.

Once the transaction has taken place, 94 per cent of the sale will go directly to The Salvation Army, and the seller will be sent a tax-deductible receipt.

Asim said his company is focused on creating community engagement. Groups associated with Bountye, including The Salvation Army cluster, offer peer-to-peer interaction. While selling products for a charity is the main objective, sellers and buyers can communicate with each other by chatting via the app. "You look at traditional marketplaces ... they are not peer to peer, they are traditional classifieds," said Asim. "[We're] about engagement. The story behind the purchase is more important than the product you purchase."

The Army's Community Fundraising Director, Andrew Hill, has jumped on board with Bountye, believing it will help connect with the younger generation. "We need to show the Australian public that we're not just those people who knock on their door," said Andrew. "There's other ways you can engage with The Salvation Army."

Go to www.bountye.com/download to download the Bountye app via the Apple App Store.

— Esther Pinn

RECYCLE PROGRAM ASSISTS RED SHIELD APPEAL ▼



The Australia Eastern Territory has recently partnered with MobileMuster to recycle old mobile phones and raise money for The Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal. The territory joins the Australia Southern Territory to establish this ongoing national partnership. MobileMuster is the only not-for-profit, government-accredited mobile phone recycling program in Australia and is committed to keeping old phones out of landfill and ensuring they are recycled to the highest environmental standards, securely, safely and ethically.

MobileMuster accepts all brands and models of phones including their batteries and chargers. Nothing is resold, everything is recycled and all data is destroyed. "Many people are scared to donate their old phones because of the data, but MobileMuster destroys all data, so it's very safe," said Freddy Choo, Salvos Stores Manager – Retail and Marketing.

Collection boxes for phones and accessories are available in most Salvos Stores around the country. When the boxes are full, MobileMuster collects the contents and pays The Salvation Army \$2 per kilo. "We are very excited about this opportunity as it's a great way to increase the range of goods we are able to recycle in our stores while also generating extra funds for local Red Shield Appeal programs," said Salvos Stores General Manager Neville Barrett.

Rose Read, Recycling Manager of MobileMuster, outlined how important the partnership with Salvos Stores is to ensuring old mobiles don't end up in landfill or lying around at home going to waste. "With more than 22.5 million unused mobiles in people's drawers and cupboards we hope this initiative will encourage the community to think twice about keeping their old unused phones and accessories at home. People will not only feel good by recycling their old mobiles and accessories, but now they can also help those who need it most through The Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal programs."

To learn more about MobileMuster and what happens to your phones go to mobilemuster.com.au. To find your nearest Salvos Store go to salvosstores.salvos.org.au/find-a-store

— Simone Worthing

DIVISIONAL LEADERS VISIT NORTH QUEENSLAND ▼

Lieutenant-Colonels David and Sandra Godkin, Queensland divisional leaders, visited several areas in Far North Queensland during January. In Townsville, the Godkins installed Major Beth Twivey as Area Officer of the North Region, and Captains Andrew and Paula Hambleton as Associate Officers, Townsville Riverway Recovery Mission. They also visited local corps and centres from Cairns in the Far North to Rockhampton on the Central Queensland Coast, ministering to people and spending time with officers and staff.

During the Sunday meeting at Capricorn Region Corps on 17 January, the Godkins installed Majors Peter and Miriam Sutcliffe as Areas Officers, Central Queensland Region, Major Tracey Wicks as the local Corps Officer, and Envoys Andrea and Daniel Wayman as the Divisional Youth and Children's Secretaries.

"It was wonderful to connect early in the year with Salvation Army expressions in the north of the new Queensland Division," said Lieut-Colonel Sandra. "It was so encouraging



Lieut-Colonel David Godkin conducts the installation ceremony at Rockhampton.

to see what God is doing through his people in our expressions in the north. It was also helpful to appreciate the incredible vast area of Queensland and the beautiful people that are bringing the light of Jesus to many communities."

PRIME MINISTER CHOOSES SALVOS TO LAUNCH WEBSITE FOR HOMELESS ▼



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Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has visited The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory’s Melbourne Project 614, to launch “Ask Izzy”, an innovative new mobile website (app) that connects people who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, with essential services.

Mr Turnbull described the website as a triumph of “... technology, innovation and great love – of love of our fellow man, of love for those worse off than us, of love for those who are homeless”. The Prime Minister thanked all parties involved, making mention of the Salvos “for all the work they do and for their great, great collaboration”. Prior to the launch, he had mixed with people experiencing homelessness, pulling out his smartphone to demonstrate how the website worked.

Ask Izzy is a free, location-based online directory that helps the one in 200 Australians who are homeless each night to find food, shelter, health and other critical support services. With almost 80 per cent of people experiencing homelessness owning a smartphone, Ask Izzy allows people to search essential services across Australia.

Billed as the “A to Z Directory of Homeless Help”, users simply tap their postcode, suburb or town into the website, select housing, food, health, legal assistance, money or simply “everyday things” – among the menu of subjects on offer – and the website directs the user to one of the 350,000 or so services available nationwide. To view Ask Izzy, go to askizzy.org.au



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01. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull takes time to meet a man experiencing homelessness prior to the launch of the Ask Izzy app.

02. Almost 80 per cent of homeless people have access to a smartphone.

SALVOS HONOURED IN AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS ▼



Brisbane Salvationist Paul Parkinson has received an Australia Day award for services to the Scouts movement.

Paul Parkinson, a soldier at Brisbane City Temple (BCT), has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the recent Australia Day Awards. The award pays tribute to Paul’s service to young people through the Scouts movement.

Paul has also served as corps sergeant major at BCT since 2009, only stepping down recently to take on the role of Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Region, World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM).

“We fully endorse and support this decision and congratulate Paul on his award,” said Major Dean Clarke, BCT Corps Officer. “This award is in recognition of his willingness to use the gifts he has to better the community, positively

impact the lives of individuals and demonstrate his love for God and his compassion and concern for all. Paul has also faithfully and sacrificially served in The Salvation Army, making a significant contribution to the life and ministry not only in our corps and not only in youth, but across the wider ministry of our movement.”

Paul has been a member of Scouts Australia since 1963. Some of his roles with the organisation include: National Commissioner (Adult Training and Development); Principal and General Manager, Scouts Australia Institute of Training; Member, National Executive Committee (Management Board); and Region Commissioner, Suncoast Region. He has also contributed internationally to a number of youth development projects.

A Salvation Army bandsman for more than 45 years, Paul has also served as divisional training director for the Army’s South Queensland Division SAGALA sections.

Ross Gilmour, a chaplain at John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle who attends the Army’s Newcastle Worship and Community Centre, was also awarded an OAM for his services to chaplaincy. Ross served as court chaplain in Newcastle and Toronto from 2008-2013, was a member of the crisis team for the Christchurch earthquake in 2011, and has also served as a youth and homelessness chaplain and a manager in drug rehabilitation.

Paul Holley, who attends Carindale Corps in south-west Brisbane and is active in worship ministry there, received an OAM for outstanding service to choral music.

– Simone Worthing

LISMORE TO HIT HIGH NOTE WITH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ▼



Harold Taylor, 94, the oldest soldier at Lismore, looks at the first entry in the corps history book, made in 1891.

Lismore Corps will celebrate its 125th anniversary with a feast of music over the weekend of 9-10 April. The Brisbane-based Revelation Big Band has accepted an invitation to make its initial interstate appearance and, along with guest artists Sheldon and Louise Mathieson, will feature in a Lismore CBD street program on the Saturday morning and a performance in the Lismore Corps worship centre at night. Both guests will also feature in Sunday’s praise and worship service.

As well as invitations being issued to previous Lismore corps officers, people who have or had connections with Lismore Salvation Army are also being encouraged to be part of this milestone in the city’s Christian witness. Any photos for a display of memorabilia would be appreciated. Please contact the corps office on 02 6624 7326 for more details.

The Salvation Army made its first appearance in Lismore on the street in January 1891. Salvationists William Gray and George Guy arrived from Kempsey and began to play their brass instruments. A crowd formed, which followed the Salvationists around the block to a hired hall. That “hired hall” was the Protestant Hall on the corner of Magellan and Carrington Streets, the birthplace of The Salvation Army in Lismore.

This hall soon became too small and, after the Lismore Corps was officially opened in May 1891 and officers Captain Maggie Doland and Lieutenant Gayland appointed there, meetings were moved to the Federal Hall which was capable of holding 600 people.

– Kevin Elsley

STREET DREAMS BUILDS COMMUNITY IN GLADSTONE ▼



Children and instructors enjoy the inaugural summer intensive program at Gladstone Corps.

The Gladstone Corps Street Dreams program – the first regional expression of this program in the Australia Eastern Territory – held its first summer intensive in January at the Gladstone PCYC skate park. Most of the students then signed up for weekly classes, with four sessions now in progress each week, instead of just one. The intensive enabled the corps to connect with more than 30 youth, aged five to 18, and their families, 85 percent of whom have had no prior association with the corps.

A QGC Communities Fund grant helped launch the program in Gladstone last July. The program, which started in Sydney, is a holistic outreach for young people involving

hip-hop dance classes and youth mentoring in partnership with Musicians Making a Difference and the Salvos Youth Foundation.

BJ Baillie, ministry assistant at the corps, begins each program with a mentoring session, which helps the teens build resilience to life’s challenges. This is followed by an energetic hip-hop dance class – a program that provides stability for vulnerable teens in a safe and positive environment. “Our priority is to show the youth that they are valued, to build them up and give them strength,” Gladstone Corps Officer Lieutenant Chris Ford said. “Many come from difficult homes so this is an opportunity to show them that they are loved and they are cared for. The partnership with Musicians Making a Difference provides opportunities like Street Dreams to happen in regional areas. The program works!”

The hip-hop dance instructor, Tamara, teaches the students, but does more than just that. “She connects with, challenges and grows with the youth to encourage a positive culture and mindset,” explained BJ. “We are seeing the kids develop self-worth as they learn a new skill in an encouraging environment. It’s all about connecting with them before and after the class as well and connecting them, and their families, to the corps. Street Dreams fits perfectly with our corps mission – it’s a good opportunity for building the community and building the Kingdom.”

– Simone Worthing

NEW SHED HELPS CHANGE LIVES IN BROKEN HILL ▼



Major Christine Martin and Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries, in the refurbished work shed at Algate House. Photo: Darrin Manuel. Barrier Daily Truth

Community and social justice were highlighted last month at the official opening of a refurbished work shed at The Salvation Army’s Algate House in Broken Hill. Kevin Humphries MP, former NSW Minister for Mental Health, was special guest at the ceremony. “This is a space for people to express the many talents you mightn’t realise you have if you’re stuck at home,” he said. “It also allows participants to become more valued in the community.”

The NSW Government provided \$20,000 to fund the upgrade of the shed, which is used by clients who have mental health issues or intellectual disabilities for their woodworking and other craft activities. The Salvation

Army’s Major Christine Martin, Social Liaison Officer for the NSW and ACT Division, also attended the opening. “I think facilities like this are important for self-esteem and it’s important for carers and parents that day services such as Algate House are available,” she said.

Algate House runs two programs: a social program for people with intellectual disabilities, and a recovery and wellness program for people struggling with mental health issues including depression and anxiety. Person-centred care is the focus of the facility. “We are helping people to integrate into the community and facilitating their involvement with community life,” said Captain Christy Kurth, Manager, Broken Hill Social Programs. “From a social justice perspective, people with disabilities are often marginalised and don’t have access to as many services in the community. At Algate House, we welcome all people, irrespective of capacity, and help them to take part in and contribute to community and social life.”

Captain Kurth added that the values taught and lived by The Salvation Army are starting to be seen in the lives of the programs’ participants. “We see them showing respect for each other and encouraging each other to make good choices,” she said. “They are also learning to make decisions for themselves and express their needs and preferences. Lives are being changed and we have come a long way, but there is still a long way to go.”

SALVOS LEGAL CELEBRATES FIVE YEARS WITH PLANS FOR FURTHER GROWTH ▼

Supporters, staff, volunteers and commercial clients gathered in Sydney last month to celebrate the fifth anniversary of Salvos Legal and Salvos Legal Humanitarian.

Beginning life as Courtyard Legal 10 years ago, the service offered free legal aid to clients who were unable to afford assistance. Five years ago, two new Salvation Army legal arms were born. Salvos Legal now assists governments, the business community and other individuals who have the ability to pay for a solicitor or conveyancer to meet their various legal needs. Revenue received from the commercial work funds Salvos Legal Humanitarian, which offers those who cannot afford the cost of a solicitor free legal advice and in some cases, court representation.

The celebration, sponsored by Salvos Legal’s commercial client, Cushman and Wakefield real estate agents, was more than just an opportunity to acknowledge the past five years; it was also a time to cast vision for the future. Salvos Legal Managing Partner Luke Geary announced a goal of assisting more than 10,000 cases each year. Luke added that Salvos Legal plans to expand from its current two offices, to seven offices in the future. A third office will open mid-this year.

Salvos Legal is also expanding its influence overseas, and is consulting with other Salvation Army territories and non-Army organisations to help them set up similar humanitarian legal services. Luke’s hope is that Salvos Legal will ultimately assist 100 organisations and potentially have an impact in over one million cases every year. “I think everyone had an excited approach to what the future holds and a real belief, having seen five years of evidence with a possibility of a million cases worldwide isn’t beyond our reach,” he said. “The enormity of that impact wasn’t underestimated by anyone.”

For more information about Salvos Legal, go to salvoslegal.com.au.

– Esther Pinn



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01. Commissioner James Condon speaks at the function to honour five years of Salvos Legal and Salvos Legal Humanitarian.

02. Luke Geary, Salvos Legal Managing Partner, caught up with Jenny Stanger, the national manager of The Salvation Army Freedom Partnership to End Modern Slavery, at the ceremony.

ARMY OFFICER TO HEAD UP WESLEYAN RESEARCH CENTRE ▼

The Salvation Army’s Major Dean Smith, seconded last year to the Nazarene Theological College in Brisbane, has been appointed as the new director of the Australasian Centre For Wesleyan Research (ACWR).

“I believe that Wesleyans have a wonderful theological vision to share,” Major Smith said. “A Wesleyan cannot but help see the mark of grace upon every person and upon creation as a whole. I have every intention of playing my part in strengthening that vision within our region through the work of the [Wesleyan Research] centre.”

The ACWR was established in 2009 to promote and support

research on the life, work and times of John and Charles Wesley, their historical and theological antecedents, their successors in the Wesleyan tradition, and contemporary scholarship in the Wesleyan tradition.

Major Smith spent 11 years as Academic Dean for The Salvation Army’s Sydney-based Booth College. He moved to Queensland with wife Rowena last year to take up the academic role at NTC, teaching theology and philosophy.

His role at ACWR, which is a voluntary position, follows Major Smith’s involvement as a research fellow for the centre.

LENTEN ARTWORK HIGHLIGHTS ARMY'S COMPASSION FOR REFUGEES ▼



Artist Güler Ates (kneeling) puts the finishing touches to her patchwork outside International Headquarters in London.

The Salvation Army's International Headquarters (IHQ) is playing a significant role in a London-wide art project that is taking place throughout Lent. The project is based around the 14 traditional Stations of the Cross, each of which represents a different stage of Jesus' journey through Jerusalem to Calvary.

IHQ was chosen by the project's organisers to host Station 10, where Jesus is stripped of his garments. Other iconic

venues participating until 28 March include St Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London and the National Gallery. The exhibition seeks to tell the story of the Passion through "a pilgrimage for art lovers", using existing masterpieces and – as is the case at IHQ – new commissions. Since 10 February, people have been able to work their way from station to station using a smartphone app called Alight.

Gallery 101, the exhibition area next to the public cafe at IHQ, is displaying a work by Güler Ates, an artist and lecturer at the Royal Academy. Her piece uses children's clothes to form a huge patchwork. She was particularly inspired by the well-reported drowning of a three-year-old Syrian refugee, Aylan Kurdi, in the Mediterranean, and is seeking to provide a link between the suffering of Christ on his way to the Cross and the plight of refugees today.

The IHQ location is particularly appropriate because of the assistance provided by The Salvation Army to refugees and other forgotten people around the world. Having suffered displacement from eastern Turkey herself, Ms Ates feels an acute empathy for refugees, and is creating this work with the assistance of women from local refugee groups.

More details about the Stations of the Cross project – including an interactive map, podcasts and information about events – are available from the website coexisthouse.org.uk/stations2016.

GENERAL FOCUSES ON TRANSFORMATION DURING INDIA VISIT ▼



Salvationists dressed in the red-and-saffron uniforms worn by Frederick Booth-Tucker and his team of Army pioneers in the early 1880s, welcome the General and Commissioner Silvia Cox to India.

The visit of General André Cox and Commissioner Silvia Cox (World President of Women's Ministries) to the India Western Territory in late January was a time of joy, excitement, challenge and encouragement. Time was spent in both of the distinct halves of the territory – Maharashtra and Gujarat – each of which has its own language and traditions.

A Friday meeting in an open-sided tent in Ahmednagar,

Maharashtra, was attended by more than 4000 people. The Sunday holiness meeting in Anand, Gujarat, drew more than 6000 people gathering to worship and praise God. Recognising that Christians make up a small minority in many communities in India, the General encouraged his listeners to tell what Jesus had done for them, saying that this testimony could not be contradicted because "it is our story". In response, hundreds of people moved forward to kneel at the mercy seat in acts of dedication.

The General and Commissioner Cox took time to meet cadets at the two training colleges in the territory, unveiling the foundation stone of a proposed prayer hall in Ahmednagar and dedicating to God a new prayer hall in Anand. The visitors also toured the Evangeline Booth Hospital in Ahmednagar, and officially opened five new rooms at Emery Hospital in Anand.

The visit concluded on India's Republic Day with a meeting for children and youth, attended by more than 500 young people. The General told his young listeners that God knew their potential and wanted to use them – he had a purpose and mission for every child and young person. In response, almost 60 young people knelt at the mercy seat.

– **Lieut-Colonel Suresh Pawar and Captain Andrews D. Christian**

NEW USA CENTRAL TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS OPENS ▼



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The Salvation Army's USA National Commander, Commissioner David Jeffery, officially opened and dedicated the new headquarters for the USA Central Territory. The facility, in Hoffman Estates, Illinois, approximately 50km north-west of Chicago, coordinates Salvation Army ministry across 11 Midwestern states.

The dedication represents the culmination of a process that began five years ago to improve the functionality and service of the territorial headquarters. In his dedicatory address, Commissioner Jeffrey focused on following Jesus. "If it's done for his honour and glory, it's holy," he said, explaining that with this intent the task is transformed, whether typing a letter, sweeping a floor, entering expenses or preparing food. "We are partners in the gospel ... We need each other, and we're workers together as followers of Jesus Christ."

An open house gave visitors the opportunity to tour the 18,000sqm building that not only houses administrative offices and workstations but features 20 conference rooms, seven break areas, a fitness centre and a dining room that seats 250 people. The building also hosts the Chicago Staff Band rehearsal and recording studio, the Territorial Historical Museum, the Visual Communications Section studios, and the Adult Rehabilitation Centres Command.

– **Beth McKinzie**



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01. Salvation Army leaders and community representatives line up for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the building.

02. The new USA Central Territorial Headquarters building near Chicago.

SUNSHINE CLUB OPENS AT RIVERVIEW ▼

"It was just wonderful to have something for the women," was the response from the 35 ladies at Riverview Gardens Aged Care Services, who gathered for the first meeting of the "Sunshine Club" last month. The club, which will be run in a similar way to Home League, will include devotions, worship, guest speakers, morning tea and a range of different activities.

"There are many ladies here from different denominations, including The Salvation Army, and many were missing the women's groups they had belonged to," said Major Margaret Dobbie, Director of Mission and Senior Chaplain at Riverview Gardens Aged Care Services, who leads the Sunshine Club. "I have a heart for women's ministries and was missing that too, so we decided to find the time and commit to putting something together on a regular basis." The group will meet every second Friday morning.

Lieutenant Nicola Stowe, Chaplain, assists Major Margaret with the club, and runs the devotions. Volunteers from the nearby Bundamba Corps, who make up part of the Riverview pastoral care team, will also provide assistance and support. "Many of the ladies are visually impaired, have limited mobility and just can't do what they used to," said Major Margaret, "so we will take all that into consideration as we plan the club's activities. For now, they are just happy to have a group which is theirs!"

01. Val Exton and Joy Egan enjoy the launch of the Sunshine Club at Riverview Gardens last month.

02. Jean Day and Mary Farr are looking forward to sharing a regular cuppa and a chat at club meetings.

03. (From left) Clara, Noela and Maree with Major Margaret Dobbie and Lieutenant Nicola Stowe at the launch.



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PLEDGE FOR PARITY ▼



On 8 March, the world celebrates International Women's Day (IWD), focused on the theme "Pledge For Parity". Worldwide, women continue to contribute to social, economic, cultural and political achievement. And we have much to celebrate today. But progress towards gender parity has slowed in many places.

The World Economic Forum predicted in 2014 that it would take until 2095 to achieve global gender parity. Then one year later in 2015, they estimated that a

slowdown in the already glacial pace of progress meant the gender gap wouldn't close entirely until 2133. So, as well as celebrating the achievements of women, IWD also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

Everyone – men and women – can pledge to take a concrete step to help achieve gender parity more quickly. To find out more about IWD and how you can make a difference through supporting a global campaign, or meeting needs and raising awareness in your local community, go to www.unwomen.org.au.

For a global perspective on IWD and resources on running Pledge for Parity events, go to www.internationalwomensday.com

FRESH STARTS EVERY DAY ▼

The first week back to school is a very special time, and it was always my favourite time of the year as a child. It is a time of new beginnings and fresh starts, despite the year already being two months old. You see, I have a confession to make ... I love stationery. I especially love new exercise books and journals and books of blank pages ready to receive my thoughts, ideas and doodlings. I remember as a child, at the beginning of the new school year, being armed with a whole swag of fresh, clean, unblemished exercise books and I would be delirious with the promise of the unlimited potential that lay ahead.

I would inevitably strike a problem, however. I would be reticent to want to start writing in my nice, new books as I didn't want to make a mistake in them and have some ugly crossing out make my clean page look messy. It did not seem to matter how hard I tried, or how neatly I wrote, invariably there would be something that needed correction and that glorious moment of a fresh, clean start bursts, like a bubble popping when it touches the ground.

Now, as an adult, I ponder the similarity to this situation and life. Are there times when I am loathe to start something fresh because of fear of messing up somehow? Do I hold back from beginning anything because I am worried it won't turn out perfectly? Or how about when I look back over my day, my week, my month and I see how many times I have done things that needed correction and my fresh start looks less than immaculate?

Fortunately for each of us, God allows fresh starts, and what is even better he doesn't make us wait to the start of the school year, or when we have filled our old exercise book



and need to start a new one, to offer this new beginning. In a small book of the Old Testament we find these beautiful verses: "The Lord loves us very much. So we haven't been completely destroyed. His loving concern never fails. His great love is new every morning. Lord, how faithful you are!" Lamentations 3:22-23 (New International Reader's Version). For me, that's like being offered a brand new book to use each brand new day.

My prayer is that you will fill your new book with pages of fresh creativity and blessings today, and in the days to come.

– Major Belinda Davis, Family and Early Childhood Ministries Consultant, Australia Southern Territory

For more devotions and other resources, go to www.sarmy.org.au/en/Ministry/Womens-Ministries/ Or "like" on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/austwomen

PNG PROJECT BUILDS ON WOMEN'S GENEROSITY ▼

In 2013, the women of the Australia Eastern Territory raised \$127,000 to refurbish and resource two childcare centres in Papua New Guinea – one at The Salvation Army Leadership Training Centre (SALT) in Kainantu and the other in Port Moresby at the Officer Training College. The training college building is almost complete and will provide much more space and improved facilities for the children of cadets.

"The amount raised has enabled The Salvation Army not just to resource the childcare centre with toys, books, paints, music and covered mattresses, but to build a new facility which is wonderful for the children as the previous centre was cramped and poorly equipped," said Commissioner Jan Condon, Territorial President of Women's Ministries. "We are grateful to everyone who contributed money towards this project and we are glad to be able to report that at last the project is becoming a reality."



Work in progress at the Officer Training College in PNG.

GOD'S SPORTS ARENA ▼



The new GSA adherents, (back row, left to right) Shantel Yates, Kylee Block, Steve Beckman, GSA leader Bill Hunter and Richard Jefferies, and (front row, left to right) Susan Dew, Natasha Contarino, Rebecca Stirling and Josh Bunting.

Divisional Envoy Bill Hunter, leader at God's Sports Arena (GSA) in Brisbane, accepted eight new adherents on 24 January. Steve, Rebecca, Susan, Shantel, Kylee, Natasha, Richard and Josh have all been regular attendees at GSA. "We are getting close to 100 people each week now, so it's pretty full-on," said Bill. "A high percentage of our people would not normally go to church and are in recovery, or rebuilding their lives after time in prison." GSA now meets permanently at Brisbane City Temple each Sunday evening. "BCT has really come on board and support, help and encourage us which we really appreciate," said Bill.

LONG JETTY CORPS ▼



MISSION PRIORITY
SIGNIFICANT INCREASE OF
NEW SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS

Major Andrew Humphreys enrolls Gale Lamont as a senior soldier, as Katherine Mills, Discipling Coordinator, holds the flag.

Major Andrew Humphreys, Corps Officer, enrolled Gale Lamont as a senior soldier on 14 February. Gale connected with Long Jetty Corps through her time at The Salvation Army's Selah Rehabilitation Centre (now the Dooralong Transformation Centre) on the NSW Central Coast. "Gale was overwhelmed by the love and acceptance she felt through The Salvation Army and continued to call Long Jetty home after her graduation," said Major Melissa Humphreys, Long Jetty Corps Officer. "Gale considers Long Jetty her family and has grown in amazing ways as God has worked in and through her life. She is already serving through the worship team and administration and started as a student at the Salvos Discipleship School last month."

NO TOLERANCE OF SEXUAL ABUSE

The Salvation Army is committed to providing a safe place for all children and the vulnerable in our care. Let me state in the strongest terms our **no tolerance approach** to any form of child abuse or, indeed, the abuse of the vulnerable.

I also want to reaffirm our commitment to persons who suffered sexual abuse in a Salvation Army corps or children's home. If you were abused, please tell us. You will be received with compassion and a careful restorative process will be followed.

If you feel you need to make a complaint, please contact us at our Centre for Restoration.



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Commissioner James Condon
Territorial Commander
The Salvation Army
Australia Eastern Territory



Retirement Meeting for *Commissioners James and Jan Condon*

Saturday 14 May 2016

2:00 pm

Sydney Congress Hall

Retirement conducted by
General Linda Bond (Rtd)



Messages to be sent to: joy.johns@aue.salvationarmy.org

ABOUT PEOPLE ▼

BIRTH

Lieutenants Jake and Erin Horton, a boy, Ethan Andrew on 13 January; Lieutenants Cassi and Sean Everitt, a boy, Seth Jayden on 14 January; Envoys Jake and Amanda Clanfield, a girl, Grace Amarise on 17 January.

CADET PLACEMENTS

The following cadets from the *Joyful Intercessors* session will complete corps and social placements from 14 March–3 June: Zak and Dee-Ann Churchill, Tweed Heads Corps and Moonyah Recovery Services; Ayly Girling, Greater Liverpool and Safe House; Michael and Katrina Hindle, Blacktown City Corps and Court Chaplaincy – Downing Centre; Anthony Hunt, Sydney Congress Hall and Prison Chaplaincy – Silverwater; Ben and Rachel Knight, Wagga Wagga Corps and Dooralong Recovery Services; Natarsha Laundon, Nambucca River Corps and Newcastle Oasis; Lloyd and Sally Stanimirovic, Auburn Corps and William Booth House Recovery Services.

The following cadets from the *Messengers of the Gospel* will commence corps placements on 21 February, which include Sundays and a week day, until 20 November: Paul Anastasio and Rachel Mina-Anastasiou, Earlwood Corps; Cameron and Maryanne Lovering, Rong Fu and Dillon Wu, all Rockdale Corps.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Captain Graham Hyslop on 24 January: Commissioner Lorraine June Buckingham on 2 February.

RETIREMENTS

Major Joy Goodacre on 1 February; Lieut-Colonel Jan Cairns on 1 March; Majors Nancy McLaren on 1 March (2015) and Philip McLaren on 1 January.

TIME TO PRAY ▼

28 February–5 March

Gill Waminda Aged Care Plus Centre, Macquarie Lodge Aged Care Plus Centre, Maybanke Aged Care Plus Centre, Montrose Aged Care Plus Centre, Moyne Aged Care Plus Centre, NSW; Mountain View Aged Care Plus Centre, ACT.

6-12 March

Pacific Lodge Aged Care Plus Centre, Rosedurnate Aged Care Plus Centre, Shaftesbury Court Aged Care Plus Centre, Warringbah Place Retirement Village, all NSW; Riverview Gardens Aged Care Plus Centre, The Cairns Aged Care Plus Centre (Chapel Hill), both Qld.

13-19 March

Weeroona Aged Care Plus Centre, Woodport Aged Care Plus Centre, both NSW; Employment Plus, Business

Administration, Communications and Public Relations Department, all THQ.

20-26 March

Finance Department, Information Technology Department, Legal Department, Property Department, The Collaroy Centre, Salvos Legal, all THQ.

27 March–2 April

Salvos Stores, THQ; Captains David and Patricia Day, Australia Southern Territory; Major Alison Cowling, Canada and Bermuda Territory; Majors Bruce and Cheryl Carpenter, Caribbean Territory; Colonels Rodney and Wendy Walters, Eastern Europe Territory.

3-9 April

Captains Glenn and Julia Price, Eastern Europe Territory; Majors Graeme and Heather Craig, Ghana Territory; Major Mark Watts, International Headquarters.

ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR ▼

COMMISSIONERS JAMES (TERRITORIAL COMMANDER) AND JAN CONDON

*Bexley North: Tues 1 Mar – Lecture to cadets, School For Officer Training
Sydney: Thu 3 Mar – Lecture to delegates, Administrative Leadership Training Course
Coffs Harbour: Mon 7-Tues 8 Mar – Officers Fellowship
Jindabyne: Mon 14-Tues 15 Mar – Officers Fellowship
Gold Coast: Wed 16 Mar – Officers Fellowship
Auburn: Fri 25 Mar – Good Friday meeting, Auburn Corps
Auburn: Sun 27 Mar – Easter Sunday meeting, Auburn Corps
Sydney: Thu 31 Mar – Final THQ Prayers, 140 Elizabeth Street building

* Commissioner James Condon only
Commissioner Jan Condon only

COLONEL MARK CAMPBELL (CHIEF SECRETARY)

Sydney: Thu 3-Fri 4 Mar – Visit of Administrative Leadership Training Course delegates to THQ
Stanmore: Mon 7 Mar – Presentation to Administrative Leadership Training Course delegates
Sydney: Mon 14 Mar – Devotions at Sydney Staff Songster Rehearsal
NSW Central Coast: Good Friday 25 Mar - Umina Beach Corps
NSW Central Coast: Easter Sunday 27 Mar - Umina Beach Corps

SPIRIT-FILLED MAN ▼



Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Herbert (Bert) Hill was promoted to glory on 30 December 2015, aged 88. A thanksgiving celebration

for his life and service was held at The Salvation Army Bundamba Corps on 7 January 2016.

The service, attended by more than 200 family, friends and fellow Salvationists, was as Bert had requested, a celebration of the faith that had sustained him since he dedicated himself to serve God as an officer at the age of 20. Major Don Hill, Bert’s brother, and Pastor John Hill, Bert’s son, led the service, which featured songs, scripture readings and music chosen by Bert.

Tributes came from Captain Emma Johnson representing the Bundamba Corps; Major Russell Adams representing the community at Riverview Gardens where Bert lived

in retirement; and Lieutenant Colonel Ed Dawkins, a lifelong friend and fellow officer, who worked closely with Bert for many years. Bandmaster David Wilson from Bundamba Corps sang “In the secret of his presence” as a tribute.

Bert’s brothers and sisters, children and grandchildren also spoke in tribute to Bert’s private life and the memories that they cherish most. The tributes concluded with grandson, Andrew Hill, playing a trumpet solo *The Lord’s My Shepherd*.

Despite suffering several heart attacks in his life – the first while attending The Salvation Army International College for Officers in London in 1969 –and three bypass operations, Bert was known for his positive outlook, humour, faith, compassion and humility.

Part of the *King’s Messengers* session of cadets in 1948, Bert’s appointments included Sergeant at the Training

College, Corps Officer at Windsor (NSW), Bega, Charleville Field Unit and then Mitchelton. As a married officer with his wife Iris, he served at Mount Morgan, Mackay, Hermit Park, Armidale, Tamworth and Wagga, before appointments at Territorial Headquarters in Public Relations, Social Services Secretary and Assistant Chief Secretary, and finally as National Secretary for Australia in Canberra.

Bert was instrumental in the launch of several programs that are still central to the life of The Salvation Army, including the Red Shield Appeal and Planned Giving Program.

Bert was the first-born son of Bernie and Lillian Hill, born on 13 May 1927 in Nundah, Queensland.

He was the much-loved husband of Iris, brother to Thelma, Bonnie, Alison and Don, father to Noelene, John, Peter, Sandy and David, and grandad to Kristian, Bekky, Marthyn, Daniel, Andrew and Arlyn.¶

PATHWAYS TO OFFICERSHIP

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- A spiritual formation program
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- Participation in ministry placements

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