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With more than half a century of volunteer service between them, Edith Holland (left) and Gladys Kidd have a lot of experience to offer Geoff Cooper, group manager of Salvation Army Family Stores in Sydney's north.

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Shining light into darkness a huge responsibility

DEAN SIMPSON • ACTING EDITOR

I never tire of hearing people's testimonies. I recall several Sunday morning services where the sermon has been shelved because the testimony time has been so powerful. One such occasion involved a middle-aged man who had lived a life of crime. Let's call him John.

Standing on stage being interviewed, John wore the scars and tattoos of a turbulent life. He had been heavily involved in organised crime – the Mafia – for more than two decades. His role within the Mafia was as a stand-over man. He punished people who didn't adhere to Mafia rules, who owed money. He said he lost count of how many people's bones he had broken, and couldn't remember how many times his own nose had been "rearranged". His life revolved around drugs, alcohol and violence, and it was spiralling out of control.

"The best way to describe my life was 'black'," he said in his testimony. "Everything was black. The clothes I wore, the car I drove, the language I used, the gun I had. I lived my life in shadows, in darkness. It was like a Batman movie. You know how every scene in a Batman movie seems to be at night ... that was my life. Gotham City."

Through a series of circumstances, John, one Sunday, found himself inside a church. He was going to "surprise a dodgy client". Instead, John was surprised. Surprised by the power of the Gospel, which he heard and received that day. He described the experience this way: "When I met Jesus that day it was like he switched a light on in my life ... and that light illuminated my heart, my life, my world. It was incredible. Jesus says, 'I am the light of the world'. Well, you'd better believe it, because that's what happened to me. I still keep in contact

with some of my old connections. A lot of people say I shouldn't, but I say they need to come into the light like I did."

Not every Christian has a dramatic conversion story like John's, but they can testify to the same light. What an incredible privilege it is for the graduating session of Salvation Army cadets to be called the *Messengers of Light*. And a huge responsibility. They will be lights for the Gospel through word and example, showing people the "Light" and bringing people into fullness of life.

Please pray for these cadets as they prepare to be commissioned as Salvation Army officers, the future leaders of our movement. Enjoy reading some of their testimonies in this issue of *Pipeline*, which features the ordination and commissioning of these cadets later this month.†

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Putting God first the main lesson in life

COMMISSIONER JAMES CONDON HAS SOME WORDS OF ADVICE FOR THE CADETS OF THE *MESSENGERS OF LIGHT* SESSION AS THEY EMBARK ON A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN LIFE

COMMISSIONER JAMES CONDON IS TERRITORIAL COMMANDER OF THE AUSTRALIA EASTERN TERRITORY



November is an important month in the life of the territory as we ordain and commission cadets who are about to be sent out from the School for Officer Training to commence their full-time ministry as Salvation Army officers. God, who called these cadets, will equip them in every way for the journey ahead. Their Ordination and Commissioning ceremony on Sunday 29 November will be a significant step in their journey as they commit, in faith, to all that awaits them in their first appointment.

Prior to this they will sign their Covenant, which in part says: "I will live to win souls and make their salvation the first purpose of my life". This is our vision in The Salvation Army – to move forward into the world of the hurting, broken, lonely, dispossessed and lost, reaching them by all means with the transforming message of Jesus, bringing freedom, hope and life.

Please pray for the cadets of the *Messengers of Light* session as they prepare themselves in heart and mind for this important time in their life. Life is a journey and one never stops learning. I was interested to read recently the "Seven Lessons for Life and Business" as stated by the former Westpac CEO, Gail Kelly – and I quote:

1. Choose to be positive
2. Do what you love, love what you do
3. Be bold, dig deep
4. Right people on the bus, wrong people off
5. The vision thing
6. Generosity of spirit
7. Live a whole life

These lessons learned by Gail Kelly on her journey apply to the cadets being commissioned and, indeed, to all of us involved in mission and ministry. Being positive is key to creating a healthy culture. Let's choose to be positive. And if you do what you love, you will enjoy it more and love what you do. We need to be bold and courageous and be continually in the school of self-improvement – seeking with God's help to be skilled for service and doing our best for the Master.

The principle of "right people on the bus and wrong people off the bus" is also true for The Salvation Army. We want people positioned in the right place where they can wholeheartedly serve the Lord. We want people who are committed to making a difference in their part of the world. We want people who are prepared to follow the great commission of Jesus and GO out into the world – not remain inside the corps buildings. We have our vision statement which I have quoted above. What a difference it would make if we all adopted this vision statement as a personal obligation.

Generosity of spirit – we are compelled to be generous people because of the generosity of God who daily showers us with all good things. Generous people are not selfish and invest into the lives of others and the kingdom of God. Live a whole life – Jesus came to give life in all its fullness. He wants us to be whole and healthy in every aspect of our lives. And we desire to see healthy faith communities where people are finding Jesus and being disciplined to go out and make disciples.

Gail Kelly concluded by saying: "You need to make sure you live a whole life, which means be really clear on the priorities in your life and invest in them all the way". Good advice for us all. These are exciting days. ¶

Justified by grace through faith

CONTINUING A SERIES ON THE SALVATION ARMY'S 11 ARTICLES OF FAITH WRITTEN BY MEMBERS OF ITS INTERNATIONAL DOCTRINE COUNCIL, WE FOCUS ON THE EIGHTH FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINE

WORDS • JAMES E READ

I grew up hearing my Dad tell stories of his first days in The Salvation Army. When he was just a teenager his mother died, and shortly after that he moved to a nearby town to live with an older brother and his wife. She belonged to the home league and through that connection my father was invited to come to Parrsboro Corps, Canada. Dad had gone to church as a child and had read his Bible. He knew Hebrews said: "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27 KJV).

So he was surprised and curious when he went to the Army and heard people testifying that they were saved and going to Heaven. "How could they know that?" my father wondered. Especially when he observed that their lives were anything but morally

perfect. But he didn't scoff and he didn't leave – largely because of Captain Jessie Haliburton, the young corps officer. As Dad wrote in his memoirs: "I knew I did not have what the captain had. There was radiance, and joy, and something more; the gospel looked wonderfully attractive, dressed in that flesh-and-blood embodiment of it" (Read 2002).

As our eighth article of faith puts it, my father could see that Captain Haliburton had "the witness in [herself]". But what exactly is it that her life was giving witness to? Our doctrine uses language that feels dated or awfully technical to many – justification, grace, faith. I think it is hard to see, in this day and age, why people would go to war over such words. But that is what happened. In the 16th century, the "doctrine of justification" split the Western European church.

Martin Luther and fellow Protestants condemned

Catholicism in general; the Roman Catholic Church reciprocated in equal terms. Lutherans produced popular literature that portrayed the Pope as the Antichrist; Catholics cartooned Luther as the devil. The vitriol makes it all the more remarkable that some 400 years later, in 1999, Roman Catholics and Lutherans signed a "Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification" (Lutheran World Federation; Catholic Church 1999).

At its heart, I think the fight was over a deep paradox – to say someone is "justified by grace" verges on a contradiction. "Justify" and "justification" are not terms of theology alone. In everyday life it's not unusual for people to want a justification for what they think or what they do. "She was justified in being outraged," one person says. "He attacked her." The speaker means to say that the alleged victim had morally good and sufficient

*We believe that we are justified
by grace through faith in our
Lord Jesus Christ and that he that
believeth hath the witness
in himself.*

(The eighth doctrine of The Salvation Army)

reason for her reaction. Afterwards, when the court does not convict the alleged attacker, the speaker says: "The judge was justified in her ruling; there wasn't enough evidence." Philosophy says inferences are justified only if certain principles of logic are followed. In other words, "justification" doesn't have only one context of usage. Morality, law and logic use the same word but appeal to different criteria because different things count as good reasons.

If we go to the Greek of the New Testament we find that *dikaio*-rooted words (words translated as English "just/justification") similarly carry the implication that a good reason is supplied or needed. Often a context of judges and standards of legal reasoning is in mind, as in Luke 18:1-8 (The Parable of the Persistent Widow), but not always, as in the famous story in Luke 10:25-37 (The Parable of the

Good Samaritan). Luke's Gospel says that the Torah expert who asked Jesus for a definition of "neighbour" was trying to justify himself (v29).

He had come initially hoping to embarrass Jesus or somehow show him to disadvantage, but instead had been thrown off by Jesus' first answer, and so the Torah expert was left scrambling to find a face-saving follow-up. When your behaviour is justified you can hold your head high because you acted with good reason; acting without justification should leave you feeling guilty or ashamed.

Now, how about "grace" (Greek New Testament *charis*)? "Grace" signifies a pure gift. One person gives another something without anything about the recipient that necessitates the gift. When my employer gives me my pay, it's not an act of grace; I have earned what I get. But when I give my grandchild a toy car, there's nothing he has done to

earn it or deserve it. He couldn't claim to be wronged if I don't give it to him. It's because I love him and think he will enjoy it that I grace him with the toy. No wonder that crushing these two concepts together as "justification by grace" provokes puzzlement. The human mind thinks, either I am justified or I am granted a grace. The biblically-shaped mind knows that, paradoxical as it is, this is God's way with humanity.

Jesus' parable of the father receiving his prodigal son is the most easily accessible expression of the idea. The son starts towards home, knowing that he has no justification for his earlier waywardness and no claim to be welcomed back. He decides he will bargain for a big favour – to be hired as a farmhand.

But the father will have none of it. He cuts his son off mid-speech and says: "Welcome home. You are my son. I don't want you to grovel or feel



Soul Food

My favourite verse

EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS A FAVOURITE BIBLE VERSE THAT HAS EITHER IMPACTED THEM AT ONE STAGE IN THEIR WALK WITH CHRIST, OR CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE AND NOURISH THEM ON THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY. **MAJOR CAROLYN HARMER** SHARES HER FAVOURITE PIECE OF SCRIPTURE

"But after he had considered this, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins'"
– **Matthew 1:20-22**

As the mother of four sons, it's safe to say I'm well versed in searching for boys' names. A name is something you have to live with every day. You are known by it and, in a sense, it represents you. It is quite a privilege to give someone the name they will carry with them for the rest of their life.

When Mary was pregnant with

the Son of God, it was actually Joseph who was commanded to give him the name Jesus. The Old Testament prophesied: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). Immanuel means "God with us". Now that's certainly a name that represented the life of Jesus, who was in fact God in the flesh, in person here on earth. I wonder if Mary and Joseph thought about that when they gave Jesus his name?

If you look up the name Jesus in any baby name book, you will discover how perfectly his name encapsulates the purpose of his life. Jesus means "Saviour" or "Deliverer". When Joseph was considering his options prior to the birth of Jesus, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream, dispelling all his fears about Mary's pregnancy. The angel reassured him, saying:

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

As a mother who has thoughtfully named her four boys, this is now one of my favourite verses of scripture. The name of Jesus represents so much to all who would have been lost in their sin had it not been for his deliverance. He is our Saviour, our Rescuer from sin. Having given birth, and now in the process of raising my boys, I am grateful to God for giving us his son, and sit in awe of Mary for raising him. Like Mark Lowry, in his song *Mary, Did You Know?*, I, too, find myself asking of this young mother:

"Mary, did you know,
That your baby boy would save
our sons and daughters?
This child that you delivered
will soon deliver you."¶

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ashamed." It's a pure gift – grace – that re-establishes a relationship in which the son is not to feel defensive or in the wrong. Grace is the divine antidote for disgrace.

For the apostle Paul, justification through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ – the remaining element in our eighth doctrine – was as important as justification by grace. God graciously makes a welcome home possible for sinful humanity, but God does not force anyone home, Salvation Army teaching says.

People need to receive God's offer in faith.

The "faith" in question is a matter both of the head and the heart, of cognition and a disposition to behave. On the one hand, faith is a synonym for trust – the Christian is one who readily lives as a dependent creature rather than pretending he or she could be self-sufficient. But that's not the whole of the story. It's a big mistake to teach that human self-confidence and scepticism need simply to be replaced with a more trusting attitude. The Christian says it matters very much, indeed it matters eternally, who the object of one's trust is. People should ask: "Is the person or organisation or philosophy I trust one that warrants my

trust?" The Christian life is a life grounded in informed trust in a very specific person – Jesus. To know him is to realise that if anyone deserves our trust, he does. In fact, he alone deserves our allegiance as Lord.

Back to my father. He converted because this is what he saw: a young officer whose very self gave witness to the truth that by trusting Jesus one could live confidently, assured of God's gracious acceptance. Justification, grace, faith: all embodied in one human witness. Wouldn't it be wonderful if everybody lived like that?¶

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COMMISSIONING SUNDAY

Western Sydney University, 29 November

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| 10am | Ordination and Commissioning |
| 2.30pm | Sending Out |
| 6pm | The Movement (incl officer long-service recognition) |

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A full-page photograph of four Salvation Army cadets in dark blue uniforms standing on a grassy field in front of a tall white lighthouse. The cadets are two men and two women, all smiling at the camera. The lighthouse is a tall, white, cylindrical structure with a glass-enclosed lantern room at the top. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

LIGHTING THE WAY

PHOTOS • CAL HARMER

Each year, men and women who have been drawn together from all walks of life are commissioned as officers of The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory.

It follows two years of intensive training, during which they study subjects as diverse as theology, pastoral care, community development, public relations, world religions and ethics, among others. They are also exposed to practical out-training and regular pastoral and public-speaking ministry. On Sunday 29 November, cadets of the *Messengers of Light* training session will be commissioned in Sydney. On the following double-page, five of the cadets testify about their calling and time in training.



Cadets Belinda Zhou and Frank Wang



CADETS FRANK WANG AND BELINDA ZHOU

The odds were against my wife Belinda and I coming to the training college. We struggled very much to embrace the idea two years ago. We were in our 40s and we would have to study in our second language. We were living a good life in a very comfortable home; our business was growing and getting better. It was very difficult to give up what we had before. And then there was my atheist father, who threatened that he would do something extreme if I ever decided to serve in full-time ministry. Yet God made known to us his plan and purpose which far transcends ours. Things seemed impossible for us, but with God all things are possible.

During two years of full-time training, we have experienced significant growth in our Christian faith, knowledge of God and self, biblical and theological understanding, as well as practical ministerial skills. The learning in spiritual formation and the practice of spiritual disciplines helped us to establish a healthy spiritual life rhythm. The mentoring program connected us with some godly officers who have had extensive experience. The academic studies equipped us with in-depth understanding of the Word of God and Christian faith. The field-training program gave us opportunities to participate in real-life ministry and to interact with people and practise our ministerial skills.

We are keen to get into ministry to discover what God is doing and how we can join him to save souls, to grow saints, and to serve suffering humanity. We both felt God speak to us about preaching the Gospel to people of all nations. His salvation and message is not limited to one or two ethnic groups. Even though there are still many things unknown laid before us, we trust and believe our future is in the hand of God. With our desire of rejoicing in him always; praying without ceasing; and in everything giving thanks to God the Father, we firmly believe if we abide in him, he in us, we will bear many fruits for the kingdom.



Cadets Jessica and Paul Farthing



CADET PAUL FARTHING

One time I didn't testify. I was a child-protection caseworker and we had met in court about a boy who was in care but wanted to go back to his mum. We didn't think that was such a good idea. So we crammed into this little court room. Grey-haired magistrate up at the bench, lawyers on either side ready to fight. It was going to be my first time in the box. I would tell my story, all I knew of the situation. I would get cross-examined. I was so nervous.

But the magistrate had a toothache and hoped to skip a formal hearing. He encouraged us to just work out a solution. I didn't want to testify so we gave in and let the boy go back to his mum. A few months later the boy came back to us. Life with mum had been a disaster and now he seemed to have lost some of his hope. I should have testified. Now I'm a cadet and I have been asked to testify a lot. I kind of don't really feel like doing it again. But I have learnt my lesson.

I am a wretched sinner. There is pretty much no sin I haven't done in thought or deed. But I am forgiven because of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Soon I will be a Salvation Army officer and I hope to live a life defined by the light the Lord put in me. Chase the Lord because you are a sinner too, and the Lord wants to forgive you like he has me.



Cadets Matt and Jodie Sutcliffe



CADET MATT SUTCLIFFE

College ... WOW! What a journey! My journey to training college has involved many great life-changing experiences and spiritually important moments. There was a year of discipleship training at the School for Youth Leadership, which included time spent gaining important leadership experience at both Bundaberg Corps and Tuggeranong Corps. And then there was four years as a territorial envoy in the Australia Southern Territory. These were all years that have played an important role in shaping who I am.

However, in all of this, I still felt a very clear call from God that he wanted more, that he was calling me to full-time commissioned officership. It was this very clear call from God that led myself and Jodie to take a break from full-time ministry to enter full-time training.

College has been an important two years of spiritual formation, study, field training and community living. It has provided a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to spend two whole years focusing on what God has called me to be. It has provided me with an opportunity to see so many different expressions of The Salvation Army and hear from so many different gifted leaders. As I reflect back over the past two years, I know this has been an important time of learning, refining and growing.

During this time, Psalm 46:10 – “Be still and know I am God” – has been a theme verse for me. I have been reminded many times of the need to be still before God, so that he can reveal more of himself to me. I am the kind of person who likes to be busy, to always be doing. However, God has been teaching me of the need to be still, to take time out and to be still in the presence of God. To be still to see what he is doing in my life and in the lives of others. To be still to see and hear his voice. To be still allows me to better connect to God and allows me to be his true messenger of light.



Cadets Bronwyn and Perry Lithgow



CADET BRONWYN LITHGOW

I'm not sure if you've noticed, but God is a God of transformation. I never really wanted to be a Salvation Army officer. It wasn't on my life agenda. I was pretty comfortable with my life, my house, my job, my kids, my friends. I'm the sort of person who likes to have a plan, to know what I'm doing or where I'm going. You might even say, to be in control. I had plans. I thought I knew where I was going.

But God is a God of transformation. He took my family on a journey. He led my husband Perry and I from our comfortable life in Sydney to a new life down on the NSW South Coast in Batemans Bay. Over time he taught us to rely on him more and more. We got to the point that our own plans didn't matter so much anymore. All we wanted to do was to seek and follow his will for our lives.

God is a God of transformation. And then he started to call me – in a variety of ways, over many months, even years. As a nurse I had been trained to save physical lives, but God filled me with a fresh desire to help people to find the one who could save their spiritual lives. God is surely a God of transformation. So having finally surrendered to God and accepted his call on our lives to full-time ministry, we applied for college. I wanted to learn, to have some training. I wanted to be the best I could possibly be for the work God had called me to do. To help others to know the God of transformation.

My time in college has certainly been a time of learning. It has taught me so much about myself, The Salvation Army and God. As we have delved into the Bible and into theology, I have certainly come to a better understanding of my faith. Sometimes the study has left me with more questions than ever. However, I have been constantly reminded of one thing – God's all-pervasive love, and that he is indeed a God of transformation.

APPOINTMENT CHANGES

THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS OF SALVATION ARMY OFFICERS ARE EFFECTIVE FROM 7 JANUARY 2016, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AS THEY PREPARE TO MOVE AND TAKE UP NEW CHALLENGES ACROSS NSW, QUEENSLAND AND THE ACT

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FATHER FIGURE

AGE NO BARRIER FOR 'OLD MAN' RON

WORDS • BILL SIMPSON

The mostly teenage street kids Ron Longhurst sees every day call him "the old man". Ron is a grandfather, turning 64 this month. He could be among the oldest full-time youth workers in the industry. While Ron accepts that his age is unusual in youth ministry, he does not concede it as a handicap. Ron welcomes "the old man" tag as a term of endearment rather than derision. He is, he suspects, the father figure many of his young clients never had.

For the past seven years, Ron (pictured) has been a full-time youth worker for The Salvation Army's Youth Outreach Service in the inner Brisbane suburb of Fortitude Valley. It can be a tough area. He is like a mentor to troubled – sometimes homeless – young people, listening to their stories, offering advice and options, referring them to relevant agencies and encouraging, where appropriate, reconciliation with parents. "I try to get some of the kids to see that maybe mum or dad had issues of their own that contributed to the rift and that their situation needed to be considered, too," he says.

His own experiences as a young man, the father of four now adult children and grandfather of four more, make him eminently qualified to advise youth in crisis. Respect of staff and clients for his interest in them earned Ron successful nomination as Brisbane regional Father of the Year for 2015. In her nomination letter, work colleague Jaclyn Brown said: "No matter what some of the youth do, Ron always forgives them. It's unconditional love with Ron, all of the time."





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- For Ron, it's about sowing seeds – seeds of love, kindness, understanding, forgiveness; whatever seed needs to be sown. The value of seed sowing is a lesson Ron learned as a young man himself.

His story starts in London, where he was born. He had a happy childhood, with four brothers and one sister. The family immigrated to Australia in 1964, staying first at a migrant hostel near Wollongong before another move to Stafford, in Brisbane, where he completed secondary school and a four-year apprenticeship in sheet-metal work.

SEARCH FOR MEANING

At 22, Ron set off with a mate to see Australia. "It was the start of a journey to find myself, in some ways, I suppose," he says. In Perth, he was challenged by a man in the street who revealed Jesus to him. "It changed my life," Ron says. "I thought I was a fairly nice guy. I had been to Sunday school as a kid and had a kind of belief in God. I believed there was a God, but I didn't know him. I came to realise that a little later in life.

"This man [in Perth] was explaining Jesus as I had never heard or thought about before. He was simply in the streets sowing seeds; doing his job. I believed that I had accepted Jesus, but I didn't really receive it – if you

know what I mean. I now know that there is a huge difference between thinking you are a Christian and one who has accepted Jesus into their life and received his gifts."

Ron followed his Australian tour with a trip through Asia. "I was experiencing life; doing a bit of weed [marijuana] from time to time." In Thailand, he took a look at Buddhism. In Nepal, it was the Hindu faith he studied. He was searching as part of his journey to find himself. His encounter with the man in Perth was still on his mind. As he entered a room in which he was staying in Kathmandu, he "felt God's presence surround" him.

He took a trip to India to get an extension of his visa, allowing him to live in Nepal a little longer. He liked Nepal. "While in India, I bought a Bible and started to read it seriously. As I was reading, a song came to my mind. It was the one that says: 'Once I was blind, but now I see ...' After Nepal, I went to England to see family. I stayed with my grandmother. I was by now on fire for the Lord. I thought that everybody who went to church had the same experience as me and was on fire. My grandmother thought I had gone mad. She introduced me to a missionary, who understood my experience. He put me straight on a few things that not everyone who went to church was as enthusiastic as I was. It didn't deter me, though."

While in London, Ron met his now wife, Kim, within a church group. They married 32 years ago and settled back in Brisbane. The first of their four children was born two years after they married. In Brisbane, Ron did several jobs. He accepted voluntary redundancy in 2000, aged 48, and took his family to Britain to meet their English relatives.

PASSING ON EXPERIENCE

After the overseas holiday and on returning to Brisbane, Ron knew it was time to take seriously his passion for working with disadvantaged people. He worked as a full-time volunteer co-ordinator for his own church "drop-in centre" with disadvantaged and struggling youth and adults, and completed accreditation studies in youth and community ministries. Seven years ago, he was presented with the opportunity to become a full-time Salvation Army youth worker. It was his first encounter with The Salvation Army. "I had respected The Salvation Army's work from afar," he says. "Now I was being given the privilege of being a part of it."

Ron is convinced that his understanding of young people's issues is based on his own struggles as a teenager and young adult, and experience with his own four children who have "survived" to adulthood. "I don't necessarily understand everything that today's youth are going through or claim to have the answers, but I do know the value of having somebody with life experience to walk with you through the journey. I don't think it matters whether that companion is a young person or an older person. It's more about commitment to that walk; to the cause of wanting to help and being able to help."

"I'm sure some young people who come into our centre are surprised when they see this old man working here. But I am quick to build a rapport and let them know it's about them – not me. For me, it's about them finding that they can trust me. Many of these kids have parents in jail or on drugs, or who knows where. Some of them have parents who don't care. But some have parents who do care and, when appropriate, I do the father thing and encourage them to make contact with their parents – maybe just a phone call to let mum or dad know that they are OK."

"I see my work, then, as sowing seeds – seeds of love, kindness, forgiveness; seeds of whatever is needed to help these young people see they are valued and their lives are of great importance. And seeds of life in Jesus, yes! I believe that if you sow with intent, you have got to reap a harvest."

Ron also volunteers as a Salvation Army chaplain at Brisbane correctional centres at weekends. □

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Ron and his wife of 32 years, Kim.

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Ron (far right) and the family, which includes his four children, their partners and grandchildren.

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Ron and Kim with three of their grandchildren.

Taking back control

TRAPPED IN A DOWNWARD SPIRAL OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, KATE* COULD SEE NO WAY OUT, UNTIL SHE SOUGHT THE HELP OF THE SALVATION ARMY

WORDS • NAOMI SINGLEHURST

It was control. Complete control. Every aspect of her finances, her daily routines, even her Christian faith ("my Bible was thrown in the bin") was controlled by the man who had entered her life at her most vulnerable point. Kate* was a highly educated teaching professional, who would have never imagined being a victim of domestic violence. She had come from a loving, healthy family. She had studied and worked hard and bought houses, while still in her 20s.

Then, when a family tragedy hit, the man had been there, seemingly sympathetic and warm. Slowly she was drawn into his web. "He presented really wonderfully," Kate explains. They formed a relationship and the more she was drawn in, the more the mind games developed. As the man began to drain her savings, his drug and alcohol addictions grew, and as they grew, so did the violence. At one stage he even broke her leg.

After her son was born, Kate managed to get away. "I'd been crying out one night to our God, not his god, please help me, I just can't do it anymore," she says. Exhausted and traumatised, she feared for her life. She had escaped, but she had no job and was almost bankrupt. He was still living in her home and racking up bills. "I finally got him out of the house, but it's completely trashed. There are no doors on the rooms, no kitchen cupboards, holes in the walls; he took all

my appliances, computer, all my photos, anything of value."

Kate was in deep depression when she first met Cas, The Salvation Army Salvos Connect caseworker. "Cas was amazing," Kate says. "When I first went in to see her, and I was so afraid, the biggest thing she told me was that I wasn't a failure, and how strong I was. She asked me if I knew Jesus and she prayed with me. It was so important to me. She paid my phone bill on the spot, she got me some food vouchers and nappies and electricity vouchers. She sent me off to a financial counsellor. Cas told me about Mainly Music [a Salvation Army program for parents with babies and toddlers] and she also got me into a supported playgroup. I needed someone to help me have the confidence [to organise services and my finances] and who could make some phone calls for me."

Cas also suggested Kate rekindle her Christian faith and find a church. Kate found a spiritual home at a Salvos church and is planning to become a Salvation Army soldier. Her church family has also been a huge support. "The ministers are amazing," Kate says. "I honestly wouldn't be where I am today if I hadn't walked through the doors of that church. I am closer to God now than I ever was before and it has really changed my life!"

Kate says another precious part of her journey towards putting her life back together was the support and donated gifts she received at Christmas time. "Christmas was always a big deal in my family," Kate says. "My mum [who has passed away] had always made Christmas a big thing, and so for me to not be able to afford Christmas presents for

"I was a mess – a complete and utter mess. I wasn't eating. I probably wasn't even showering at that point –struggling with huge depression and a huge sense of shock."

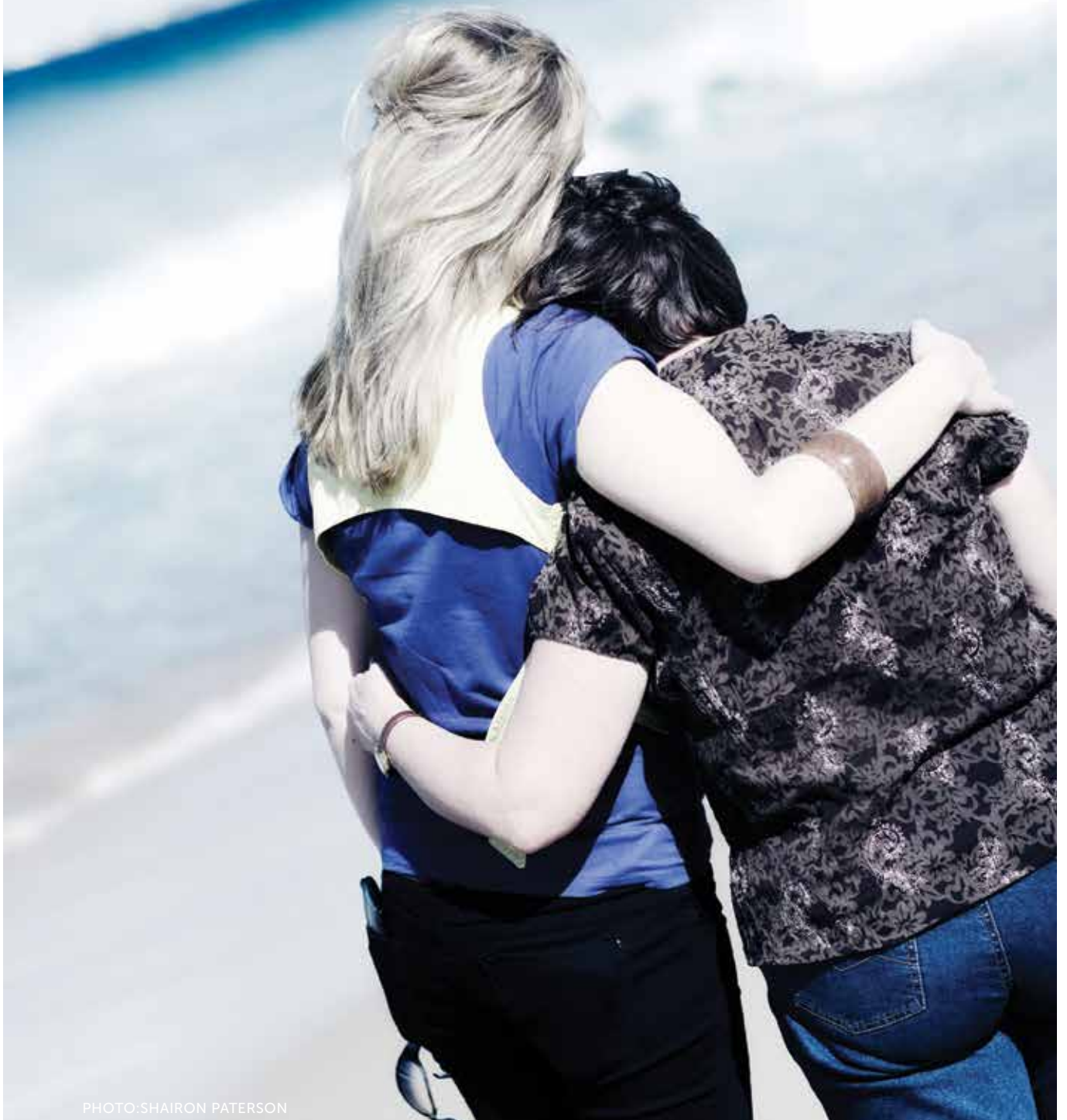


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- my son would have been heartbreaking. To know that something was under the tree for him, given out of the goodness of people's hearts, was quite overwhelming. It really was heart-warming to know people had been generous enough to think about others at Christmas time."

With ongoing counselling, Kate says she is growing ever-stronger and is deeply appreciative of the help she has been given to regain control of her life. She says: "As this stage I still live in fear, but I also have faith God will keep us safe. I have some very loving family and friends, and I will go back to work in the future. The greatest thing I now have is hope!" □

If you are experiencing violence in your home, or being threatened by someone you live with, The Salvation Army can assist you. Go to salvos.org.au/need-help/domestic-violence for assistance. In an emergency, call 000.

**Names and some details have been changed to protect identities.*

WHAT IS WHITE RIBBON?

White Ribbon is Australia's only national, male-led campaign to end men's violence against women. Its vision is a world where all women live in safety, free from all forms of men's violence. Its mission is to make women's safety a man's issue too. The campaign works through primary prevention initiatives involving awareness raising and education, and programs with youth, schools, workplaces and across the broader community. Globally, White Ribbon is the world's largest male-led movement to end men's violence against women. Originating in Canada in 1991, it is now active in more than 60 countries.

White Ribbon began in Australia in 2003 as part of UNIFEM (now UN Women), formally becoming a foundation in 2007. White Ribbon Australia observes the International Day of the Elimination of Violence against Women, also known as White Ribbon Day, annually on 25 November. White Ribbon Day signals the start of the 16 Days of Activism to Stop Violence against Women, which ends on Human Rights Day (10 December). However, the campaign runs all year and is evident across the community through, for example, advertising and marketing campaigns such as Uncover Secrets, social media, community events and White Ribbon Night in July.

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Salvos scoring for Jesus

WORDS • SIMONE WORTHING

The Salvation Army is literally kicking goals for Christ on the NSW Central Coast. Nate Hardaker, the youth pastor at Long Jetty Corps, organises Salvation Army five-a-side football teams in a local competition at Tuggerah and they have certainly made an impression.

"There are so many good stories coming out of this ministry and most of them have happened easily and organically," Nate says. "People who were only slightly connected to the corps now come regularly and are involved in ministry; people are stepping into leadership roles and captaining teams; everyone loves playing for and against the Salvos; and we are building relationships in the community.

"For me, this is the focus and bigger picture. We are intentionally connecting with people

in the hope that we will form relationships that will lead to opportunities to lead them to Christ."

The teams have been playing since March last year, with different players coming and going. "We've had three teams playing: Salvos United, Salvos Shields, and Salvos FC [For Christ]," says Nate, who is also ministry assistant at the Salvos Discipleship School. "We have a lot of fun. We play one night a week, nearly all year round, with men's and mixed teams, and both five-a-side and seven-a-side. We are really visible and strong in who we are; we bring a great culture to the competition and make it more than just playing soccer for the heck of it."

Matthew Stanimirovic, from the former Salvos School for Youth Leadership, began the ministry and "made it happen", when Nate, who loves football, had other commitments. The teams wear The Salvation Army red shield T-shirts and bring a big cheering crowd with them. "Our aim is to always bring an encouraging, often loud, loving, supportive, and relational atmosphere with us, not just towards our own players and teams but

01.
Some of the regulars who play for the Salvos in the Football 5s League.

02.
Prayer is always a big part of the teams' match preparation.

03.
Stewart Hartley, whose first contact with The Salvation Army was through a football team, was commissioned as an officer last year.
Photo: Carolyn Hide



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towards the other teams, spectators and referees," Nate explains. "We pray out loud before we play, cheer when the other team scores, encourage everyone and make it fun. Everyone knows us and loves playing the Salvos – even though we're not that good! People will come up and chat with us which doesn't seem to happen much with other teams. After the games, we will also meet up at Maccas to wind down, occasionally meeting up with players from other teams."

The competition organisers love having the Salvos on board, even allowing them to have a collection table at games during Red Shield Appeal week. Dave Bloom, Football 5s League manager, says: "The Salvos teams are enthusiastic to have around and can always be seen with a smile on their faces. They are always on hand to give the other teams plenty of support, even if they are playing against them! They have managed to develop relationships with other teams and even play on other nights with those teams now! I love having them around and would consider our 7s mixed competition to be a poorer night without them!" ¶



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TACKLED BY GOD ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD

The football field was where Stewart Hartley first came in contact with The Salvation Army. He was playing in a Brisbane junior football competition with a couple of "Salvo guys" he'd grown up with and who became good friends of his. They invited Stewart to play in the Brisbane City Temple football team and he accepted their invitation.

"They were different, in a fun and positive way; there was just something about them, so I joined their team," Stewart says. "I was also really searching at that time, but I didn't know what for. I had started playing sport again, after a life of drugs and alcohol, and was trying to get my life together."

Halfway through the season, Stewart's friends asked him to go to a couple of youth events, which he enjoyed, and then to church. Stewart thought he would "give it a go" and was happy to spend more time with his friends. "They were all very welcoming, invested time in me and the next generation took me under their wing – I just kept going! After six months or so, I knew what it was that I was looking for – having Jesus in my life."

Stewart became a senior soldier and active in the corps' street ministry. Stewart also felt God's call to Salvation Army officership, but didn't pursue it for many years. It wasn't until after he married Kara, also from Brisbane City Temple, that he began to respond to his calling. Stewart and Kara were commissioned as officers of The Salvation Army in December last year and are now serving in their first appointment, as corps officers at Westlakes Corps in Newcastle.

Stewart runs two football teams at the corps and is also involved in street ministry. "Sports ministry can have a huge impact on people," he explains. "It gives us a different way that we can go into the world and show the love of Christ."

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Between them, Edith Holland (left) and Gladys Kidd have clocked up 60 years of volunteering at Family Stores in Sydney's north.



Age no barrier for loyal volunteers

WORDS • SIMONE WORTHING / PHOTO • LENA POBJIE

There are many tireless volunteers in The Salvation Army, but 98-year-old Gladys Kidd could be one of the most inspirational. Every Friday she drives 30 minutes through heavy traffic from her home in Sydney's north to the Army's Family Store in Gordon. She has tallied up 33 years of Family Store volunteering, 30 at the Chatswood store and the past three years at Gordon.

Then there is 85-year-old Edith Holland, who also volunteers at the Gordon store, two days a week. She has been volunteering at Chatswood and Gordon stores for 27 years. "I get so much more from volunteering than I put in," says Edith, who sorts clothes, prices books and other items, and occasionally serves customers. "I meet so many nice people, I enjoy working with people, and I've learned that you can't always judge people by what they look like."

Gladys agrees. "I enjoy the company, meeting people and working with the lovely team here," she says. "I meet some really nice people and it's so fulfilling. I feel sorry for people who don't do volunteering. I started volunteering after I had been with a friend trying to buy Christmas cards and we'd gone into a Salvos store to see if they had any. There was a sign on the door that volunteers were wanted. My last child had left school and I had time to do something extra, so I started."

Driving through Sydney's busy upper north shore traffic from her home in Wahroonga, Gladys gets straight into her voluntary work each Friday, sorting clothes and bric-a-brac and helping to make the store look neat and tidy. "When I first started at the original Chatswood shop 33 years ago it was just clothing, and then other things started coming in," Gladys explains. "Now it includes furniture, books, china, toys – it just grew and we grew with it."

The work of the Red Shield Defence Services first attracted Gladys to The Salvation Army. "I became interested when all the boys came back from the war and said the Sallies were always there with a cuppa – before, during and after the war. So I guess I've been Sallie-minded since then."

Geoff Cooper, group manager of Gordon, Chatswood, Crows Nest and Neutral Bay stores, appreciates the contribution Gladys and Edith make. "Gladys is a very independent person, very faithful and is always here unless she is unwell," he says. "She is a fantastic person and just gets into her work doing what needs to be done. She mainly does jobs now in the back room where she can sit down, but works until her job is done!"

Geoff describes Edith as a "dynamo" who until recently didn't even sit down for a lunch break. "She is passionate about her work, keeps us environmentally friendly and is an extremely loyal person. I try to foster a sense of community in the store, link them where possible to the Chatswood Corps, organise social outings and encourage our volunteers to connect with people. Gladys and Edith are both community-minded and a pleasure to have as part of our family." □

The General takes command

IN THE DARKNESS OF THE POOREST PART OF LONDON, AN “ARMY” FORMS THAT WITHIN 150 YEARS WILL ENCIRCLE THE WORLD AND CONFRONT SIN, EVIL AND SUFFERING IN 127 COUNTRIES. IN PART TWO OF A TWO-PART SERIES, *PIPELINE* LOOKS AT THE BEGINNINGS OF THIS ARMY WHEN, FROM A DISPARATE GROUP OF ENTHUSIASTIC MISSION WORKERS, A GENERAL EMERGES TO TAKE COMMAND

WORDS • MAJOR DAVID WOODBURY



While the evolution from a Christian Mission to The Salvation Army had proceeded in a somewhat orderly fashion, the emergence of William Booth as its General caused him some disquiet. William Booth's leadership of The Christian Mission gave him the status of General Superintendent, and he was often colloquially referred to as General. The move from the colloquial and informal nickname, to the General commanding an army was a significant and momentous transformation, one with which William Booth was somewhat uncomfortable.

Towards the end of 1878, the title “General William Booth” appeared on the organisation's letterhead. On seeing the letterhead, William Booth was less than comfortable and returned the paper to his son Bramwell, who was his father's right-hand man, with the comment: “Can't this be altered? It looks too pretentious”.

If the General was struggling with his new designation, so was the organisation he led. An edition of the *Christian Mission Magazine* in September 1878 seems to also struggle with the new designation. In a report of the mission's activities it stated that: “The Christian Mission had organised a salvation army,” all lower case. The phrase was more a description rather than that of a title. It was clear that neither William Booth nor his followers had yet come to terms with the new title: The Salvation Army.

The increasing use of military terminology, however, was becoming evident, judging by that edition's report on a “War Congress” held the previous month. At the direction of Bramwell Booth, one of the mission's workers, William E. Ebdon, placed a huge sign over the platform on

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William Booth in about 1862 when he was an independent evangelist. Within a few years he had established The Christian Mission which in 1878 would become known as The Salvation Army.

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The General William Booth statue in the East End of London where he pioneered a work which 150 years later is being carried on by more than one million Salvationists worldwide.

"We are a Salvation people – this is our specialty – getting saved and keeping saved and getting someone else saved." – William Booth, 1879



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which he had painted in large letters: SALVATION ARMY. An army had begun to emerge and its General would soon take command.

At the War Congress, a legal document (called a deed poll) was adopted. The title, The Salvation Army, does not appear on the document but rather the old title, The Christian Mission, indicating that the organisation was still in a period of transition. The new name was legally added in June 1880. However, the deed poll clearly spelt out that the organisation was now under autocratic control: "The Christian Mission should be always thereafter under the oversight, direction and control of some one person who should be the General Superintendent. That William Booth should continue to be, for the term of his natural life, the General Superintendent of The Christian Mission."

During the War Congress, William Booth delivered a number of addresses which are significant in their content and implication. He told his listeners: "We do not invite people to a conference as others do for the purpose of debating and legislation, because we take it that all here are in perfect harmony with us in purpose and design, for if they do not aim at the same thing and in the same way, they are not with us." Later in the same address he went on to declare: "People who are not with me in purpose and plan must not complain that they do not have my confidence." These are not the words of a bishop addressing a synod but rather the words of a general addressing his army.

Perhaps it was that these addresses at the 1878 War Congress were to set the foundation for the ethos of the movement that was becoming known as The Salvation Army, and in reading them we begin to understand the philosophy that was to undergird the organisation in the following years. The General went on to say: "We are sent to war. We are not sent to minister to a congregation or be content if we keep things going. We are sent to make war against

the bulk of the people ... and to stop short of nothing but the subjugation of the world to the sway of the Lord Jesus".

The General had taken control of his Army and laid down his battle plan. "The world for God" was not just a nice cliché for some starry-eyed dreamer but rather the battle cry of an Army on the march. No doubt when the General referred to "making war against the bulk of the people" he was acutely aware that there may well be battles to be fought against a fierce opposition, and the victory would require great planning, resourcefulness, effort and certainly great sacrifice.

William Booth, despite his position as the leader of a totally autocratic organisation, never seemed to become a demagogue or dictator. He certainly demanded a great deal from those who willingly chose to enlist in his Army, but he expected no more of his troops than he was willing to give himself. Around the end of 1878, it came to his notice that some officers, in order to wage the war, had come to the brink of starvation, which prompted him to issue a "General order against starvation".

By the end of 1879, *The Christian Mission Magazine* changed its name to *The Salvationist*, and the new organisation's goals were defined in an article by the General in that issue, in which he wrote: "We are a Salvation people – this is our specialty – getting saved and keeping saved and getting someone else saved."

William Booth's style of militaristic Christianity drew many to him and inspired a great sense of loyalty. Such a scenario today may well find accusations of fanaticism or extremism levelled against it. However, the reality of life is that no great progress is made either in the world or within the Christian movement without a great deal of passion, dedication and sacrifice, characteristics transparently obvious in our early Salvationists. ¶



Bridge of Spies

RATING: M

RELEASE DATE: 22 October



Don't be misled by the advertising for *Bridge of Spies*. Left to the trailers, the average movie viewer would conclude Tom Hanks was starring in a 1950s spy thriller. There are spies aplenty, but this drama is closer to epic historical lessons like *Thirteen Days* and *Lincoln*. Steven Spielberg has constructed a story that focuses clearly on the beauty of faithfulness when all the world is determined to set inconvenient beliefs aside.

Hanks plays the real-life character James Donovan, an insurance lawyer who was asked to give a Soviet spy the pretence of a fair trial. In 1957, America is in the grip of cold war fever and Donovan reluctantly accepts the burden of defending Rudolf Abel (Mark Rylance, *above with Hanks*). He comes under huge pressure from not just his firm and family but also the CIA, to set aside his scruples as well as his client's

rights for the sake of the "greater good": "We need to know what he's saying. Don't go all Boy Scout on me. There's no rule book here."

But Donovan believes there is a rule book, beginning with the American constitution. From the outset he pushes back against the assumption Abel's trial is a mere formality. He reminds the bench of the Supreme Court that a victory over the Russians cannot come at the expense of the very freedoms their nation stands for: "Who we are – is this not the greatest weapon we have in this cold war? Will we not stand by our cause as resolutely as he does his?"

But *Bridge of Spies* has a deeper resonance for Christians. Beyond the challenge to deliver justice for all, even our enemies, is the powerful witness of a man who holds to his beliefs even in the face of public vilification and personal conflict. Donovan's son lives in fear of an atomic war and his daughter is terrified by those who hate her father's stand. Donovan's wife urges him to put his family before his principles.

Bridge of Spies powerfully reminded me of the many Christians I have met who patiently endure the disappointment, criticism and even hostility of family and friends because they choose to put Jesus

first. Donovan's response, like theirs, is reasonable, reassuring but unflinching and a good model for believers confronting well-meaning persecution.

The drama steps up a notch when the Soviets choose Donovan as an intermediary in the exchange of Abel for a downed U-2 spy plane pilot. Now it's the pressure of a good result that pushes Donovan to abandon his principles. Once again the Christian parallels struck me. We're not risking a man being tortured behind the Iron Curtain, but we are operating under the pressure of souls that might be lost for eternity. This good cause can tempt us to be more compromising than we should be, less forthright with the challenges of the Gospel. But the Bible reminds us God sees deeper than our explanations, often to the fear of man that sits beneath our excuses: "All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord" (Proverbs 16:2).

I won't give the ending of *Bridge of Spies* away, but I will say Spielberg has crafted a conclusion that brought this hardened film critic to tears. There is a look a woman gives to her faithful man that is absolutely priceless – worth all of the suffering. I can only hope Jesus will give us the same when we stand before him, having kept the faith in his cause.
—Mark Hadley



The Dressmaker

RATING: M

RELEASE DATE: 29 October



Writer/director Jocelyn Moorehouse describes *The Dressmaker* as, “Clint Eastwood’s *Unforgiven* with a sewing machine.” The western flavour is obvious, though the result is arguably more kitsch than Clint would probably prefer. Yet the comparison is strangely apt. This is certainly a film about a lone hero facing off a town where hypocrisy reigns.

The film opens with Myrtle “Tilly” Dunnage (Kate Winslet, *above*) arriving in the desiccated country town of Dungatar to a score that would well suit *The Good, The Bad and the Ugly*. She wanders down the dusty main street, a black sheep of a woman returned to the fold. Tilly has come from Paris where she was a noted dressmaker, but her home town only remembers the crazy girl sent away for the murder of a young boy. Myrtle’s mother, played by Judy Davis, now lives as “Mad

Molly” on the hill above the town. Tilly is determined to help them both remember the details behind the crime she apparently committed but does not remember.

The Dressmaker is at first glance a classic Australian morality tale delivered in the form of a kitsch comedy much like *Strictly Ballroom* and *Muriel’s Wedding*. Hugo Weaving plays police sergeant Horatio Farrat, a cross-dressing cop delighted with Tilly’s continental fashions. Shane Bourne is the phony politician and lecher, Councillor Evan Pettyman, and Barry Otto plays the hideously bent-over Bible-thumper called Percival Almanac. Each in their own way reflect the forces that warped Tilly’s young life – cowardice, hypocrisy and puritanism.

The Dressmaker hones in on the ultimate Australian target: the stuffed shirt. The town of Dungatar plays home to wife abusers, bullies, gossips and spendthrifts, who all sit in judgment on people like Tilly and her mother. There are a few wholesome characters like Tilly’s love interest Teddy (the dunny collector) but they do little to relieve the community’s oppressive self-righteousness.

The movie jolts towards a cataclysmic conclusion that’s hard to credit but likely to satisfy Australian audiences because of our ingrained dislike of pretension, particularly

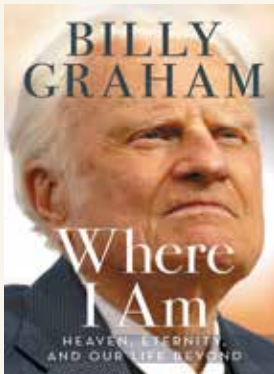
the religious kind. But in 2013, social researcher Mark McCrindle discovered that rejection didn’t extend to Jesus: “The research shows people are fine with Jesus, but they have issues with the church,” he said. “They like the product but they don’t like the retail outlet.”

Personally, I believe one of the contributing factors is Jesus’ very Australian intolerance of holier-than-thou types. Consider his criticism of the Pharisees: “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence” (Matthew 23:25).

But before we conclude that Jesus would give *The Dressmaker* five stars, it’s worth remembering the original meaning of hypocrite. In Jesus’ day this was a word for play-actors – people who pretended to be something they weren’t – and he applied it equally to those who thought they could get into God’s good books without doing anything about their sinful hearts: “Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean” (Matthew 23:26).

The Dressmaker might be a pleasing fiction, but if Jesus were in the audience, he’d want us to consider where our own hypocrisy towards God begins and ends. —Mark Hadley

New releases



WHERE I AM: HEAVEN, ETERNITY, AND OUR LIFE BEYOND

AUTHOR • BILLY GRAHAM

After Billy Graham completed the manuscript for *The Reason for My Hope: Salvation*, he immediately began drafting another book on the subject of eternity, which he considered his last. "Death is the doorstep to eternity," says Graham. While the culture reflects an ongoing interest in the afterlife, Graham believes few take it seriously enough to make the necessary plans to secure where they will spend "forever".

In *Where I Am: Heaven, Eternity, and Our Life Beyond*, Graham goes through each book of the Bible to explore what is said about the two roads to eternity – Heaven or Hell. Each short chapter examines the reality that every person chooses where to spend life after death.

"Many people teach today that the blood of Jesus covers all sin, regardless of whether the sinner repents or not. This is Satan's lie," says Graham. "Some believe they will automatically walk into heaven when this earthly life is over because God is love. That would negate the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross. Don't be deceived, for God is not mocked.

"God is also a God of justice and righteousness. He is not preparing a place in heaven for unrepentant sinners. While we have contributed nothing to God's free gift of salvation, there is a condition to possessing it – we must confess our sin, turn from it, and receive Christ on his terms."

Where I Am: Heaven, Eternity, and Our Life Beyond is available from all major retail and online book sellers. ¶



BOUNDLESS LIVE!

AUTHOR • IHQ COMMUNICATIONS

A series of DVDs from the Boundless Congress has been released which highlight all the sessions and concerts from the five-day international gathering in London in July.

Seven DVD box sets from the seven main sessions are available, as well as every musical offering featuring such groups as the International Staff Band, New York Staff Band, Melbourne Staff Band, Waverley Timbrels, the Vasa Gospel Choir and more.

Two DVDs accompany each box set, which focus on the session themes – 1. A Joyful Army, 2. A Unified Army, 3. A Serving Army, 4. A Caring Army, 5. An All-Embracing Army, 6. A Youthful Army and 7. An Army of Integrity.

A 164-page coffee table book, *Boundless – the experience*, is also still available. The book showcases events from the congress through the lens of six photographers – Brent Forrest, Berni Georges, Major Mark Brown, Tim Schaal, John Docter and Bruce Redman.

General André Cox, in his foreword, sums up the book's purpose: "We may never fully know the successes for God's kingdom that came about through the Boundless Congress, but these pages serve as a reminder of grand spectacle and mass gatherings

as well as friendships formed and challenges accepted." ¶

The book is \$25 and the DVDs are \$30 each and are available from The Trade (thetrade.salvos.org.au)



KEEPING FAITH IN FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

AUTHOR • DEAN PALLANT

This book describes how the world's poorest people are struggling to access quality, affordable health care and argues change is urgently required. Faith-based organisations (FBOs) deliver more than 40 per cent of health services in many of the poorest places. Lieutenant-Colonel Dean Pallant, director of the International Social Justice Commission, calls FBOs to deliver quality health services without sacrificing their faith in the process. The pertinent question is posed: "If its faith does not drive an FBO, whose faith does?"

Lt-Colonel Pallant says: "It has been my privilege to witness amazing Salvation Army ministry in more than 40 countries around the world in the past four years. I have observed similar challenges being faced by Salvationists – we have more in common than we think! This book tells the story of how The Salvation Army lives out the Gospel faithfully while not pretending we are not sometimes tempted to be unfaithful." This book is not a word in season for The Salvation Army alone. It is timely for any faith-based organisation. ¶

Keeping Faith In Faith-Based Organizations is available from The Trade (thetrade.salvos.org.au) for \$29.50.

STRAWBERRY PROJECT GETS FARMERS OUT OF A JAM ▼



Harvest Hub's Anton van den Berg with strawberry farmer Marika Vella.

A partnership between The Salvation Army, Harvest Hub and Macquarie University has saved hundreds of kilos of strawberries from going to waste. NSW Central Coast farmers John and Marika Vella were on the verge of losing thousands of dollars due to a combination of severe winter frost and wet weather which resulted in black spots on the strawberries. While still edible, this meant the strawberries were visually unrepresentable for sale.

Social enterprise food network Harvest Hub, who sells the Vella's strawberries at local markets, including the Macquarie University markets, approached The Salvation Army with an idea – turn the situation into a community project and make strawberry jam.

Nathan and Karen Moulds – The Salvation Army's leaders at Macquarie Park Mission in Ryde – were approached by Harvest Hub to get the residents of the Ivanhoe Public

Housing Estate involved. Several residents volunteered and spent hours cleaning hundreds of kilos of strawberries. Macquarie University donated their kitchen and a chef to cook the jam, with the help of the Ivanhoe residents. More than 800 jars of Peats Ridge Strawberry Jam are now being sold at local markets and online. All proceeds go back to the Vellas. "It's a nice little partnership and it demonstrates what you can achieve when you look outside the box a little bit," said Nathan.

While saving the Vella's crop was a driving factor, Nathan said he also saw it as a social enterprise initiative. Harvest Hub is approaching other local farmers, at risk of losing finance due to damaged crops, to see whether they would be willing to be involved in a similar project. Nathan said it could lead to employment for some Ivanhoe residents. He is hoping to see the residents being paid per kilo to clean and cook strawberries or other types of fruit, to make jam.

Nathan said he also dreams of turning this one-off project into a jam business known as Ivanhoe Estate Jam, and maybe inspire other Salvation Army corps. "I know there are Salvos who are passionate about sustainability," Nathan said. "I thought this might inspire or maybe provoke other corps or Salvos out there to reach out and connect with a local grower."

Over the past 12 months, Harvest Hub has partnered with The Salvation Army at Ivanhoe to provide residents with fresh fruit and vegetables. Every Saturday, Harvest Hub sells organic produce at Macquarie University and any leftovers are given to Ivanhoe residents. Each week, the residents are given between 30 and 50 bags of fresh fruit and vegetables, worth about \$800. "Every family gets a bag of fruit and vegetables which is wonderful," Nathan said.

A video about the jam project was produced by students at Macquarie University. To watch the video, go to salvos.org.au/ryde/news/2015/09/05/money-for-jam-project. To purchase a jar of Peats Ridge jam, go to harvesthub.com.au/latestnews/peatsridgemoneyforjamproject

– Esther Pinn

ROCKDALE GOES DEEPER DURING PRAYER WEEK ▼

Rockdale Corps has just celebrated the 15th consecutive year in which it has held a week of 24/7 prayer. The theme this year was "Go Deeper", which reflected the corps' feeling that God was calling them to be taken to new depths.

The week began with a prayer breakfast on the Sunday, followed by a prayer concert led by Major Stuart and Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Reid, who were the officers at the Sydney corps when the annual 24/7 prayer week started in 2001. Key features of the week were prayer seminars, designed to grow the prayer rhythms of those taking part. Topics included praying for justice; worship-centred prayers; and praying into promise.

"The testimonies and power from these times has

reverberated in people's lives as well as for the corps community," said Captain Steven Smith, who coordinates the 24/7 prayer week. "It was also special to watch our children connect across the range of experiences. A tradition has formed over the years that the children launch the prayer room. The anticipation, enthusiasm and movements of our children in this space was deeply encouraging and humbling. In many ways they led the corps into a deeper experience of readiness for prayer."

The week of prayer closed with a thanksgiving service as the corps celebrated the stories, experiences and convictions of the previous seven days. "We thank God for his continued abundant movement in our lives as we boldly ask him to take us deeper than we've ever known," said Captain Smith.¶

GROWING MINGARA COMMUNITY THROUGH GARDENING ▼



David Slee says a few words at the opening of the community garden at Mingara Club on the NSW Central Coast.

Salvationist David Slee is hoping a recently launched community garden project will give him more opportunities to build relationships in his role as a chaplain at the Mingara Recreation Club on the NSW Central Coast. David was introduced to the club three years ago as part of a pilot chaplaincy program to combat the growing problem of gambling addiction in clubs, particularly in relation to poker machines.

“I have been building relationships and doing chaplaincy at Mingara for three years now, and I began to want a different space for engaging with patrons, staff and the community,” David says. “I thought a community garden was a good

concept as it could engage the club community and give me an opportunity to interact with people who might not interact with the chaplaincy program.”

The community garden was launched on 11 September and interest from staff and the community has been positive. Four large, raised garden beds were planted with seedlings, with all costs covered by the Mingara club. “The garden produce will be for the community to use,” David says. “Anyone who is involved with the garden can just come and grab some herbs or a handful of tomatoes – it is open as a community resource.

“There are lots of families that come to the club and I like the idea that they can bring the kids down and have a look, take some fresh healthy food home and try something different. We are composting a lot of the kitchen scraps from the restaurant of the club as well, so we are reducing the landfill waste in that respect, which is a positive.”

A passionate gardener, David is excited about the opportunities and connections that the garden may bring. He also has plans to expand the garden. “I want this to be a space where we can grow plants and grow community,” he says. “It’s something that adds an extra level of community engagement and depth of relationship for people, both the staff and the patrons at the club, and also the local community. It’s another way to raise the profile of the chaplaincy program within the club and the local community and engage a different audience and demographic.” ¶

– Katherine Franks

SALVOS STORES SPREADS THE RECYCLING MESSAGE ▼

Salvos Stores is aiming to use National Recycling Week later this month as an opportunity to create awareness about the environmental benefits of recycling. From 9–15 November, Australians can participate in this national initiative, founded by Planet Ark Environmental Foundation in 1996, by donating goods to Salvos Stores.

Salvos Stores General Manager Neville Barrett said there were many ways to get involved. “It’s a great opportunity for people of all ages to recognise the value of, and make a genuine effort, to reuse and redeploy products such as utilising that old metal can as a herb garden, to reinvent and refashion clothing and items of accessories like jewellery, belts, hats and shoes, while creating an on-trend look. It can start in your kitchen by separating your waste into categories that can be easily recycled at waste-transfer stations.”

Neville said if an item was still in quality condition, but not being used, then give it to the Salvos. “The best rule of thumb, when you are uncertain what can be donated to Salvos Stores, is to think, ‘I would still wear or use this, but I don’t need it anymore’. We seek the help of the community in providing good-quality donations as any items that are unsuitable have to be removed to landfill. And this places a cost burden upon The Salvation Army for funding that could otherwise be spent in helping people in need.”

To donate to Salvos Stores or Family Stores, go to salvosstores.salvos.org.au to find your nearest centre. You can arrange a collection of your goods by filling out an online form or calling 13 SALVOS (13 72 58) and select Salvos Stores at the prompt. For more recycling tips during National Recycling Week, recyclingweek.planetark.org ¶

PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE HELPS SOLDIERS FOCUS ON RECOVERY ▼



Captain Jeff Goodwin, a Red Shield Defence Services representative, is teaching photography to soldiers recovering from injury or stress.

Brisbane-based Salvation Army Red Shield Defence Services representatives, Captains Jeff and Terri Goodwin, have been encouraged by the response to the photography course they introduced at Enoggera Gallipoli Barracks in Brisbane earlier this year. The course is run at the Soldier Recovery Centre, which caters for soldiers who are suffering some kind of injury or stress-related condition from their service.

“The photography course was put in place because Terri and I wanted to get to know the soldiers better on the base,” says Captain Jeff. “We go out and serve them drinks and speak to the soldiers from our truck which becomes our mobile chapel, but we thought that we would add another dimension by running the photography course. It’s enabled us to go to the Soldier Recovery Centre for the first time and connect with the soldiers in recovery. “As well as being a Salvation Army officer, I do wedding photography. I have always found it a great way to meet people. I love sharing with others the beauty and majesty of God’s creation through landscape photography. I try to convey the beauty of creation with the soldiers and encourage them to get out and look for these photo opportunities themselves.”

With about 16 soldiers in a class, anyone who’s in recovery and interested in photography can join the course. Many walk away with a new passion for photography. “As well as the photography course at the Soldier Recovery Centre, we also hold a class explaining about The Salvation Army and its history. We particularly focus on the history of The Salvation Army helping and serving in all theatres of war, beginning with the Boer War and including all other wars such as World War Two, Korea, Vietnam and East Timor,” Captain Jeff says. “We inform the soldiers about all the Salvation Army services we offer for those transitioning back into civilian life. Some of the soldiers come in with huge problems. My hope is we can connect with the soldiers, and that the photography course helps the soldiers by giving them something else to focus on during their recovery.”¶ – Katherine Franks

CLEVELAND STORE WINS TOP OP SHOP AWARD ▼



Store volunteer John Grimstone and manager Narelle Pacey celebrate the crowning of the store as the state’s best op shop. Photo courtesy Redland City Bulletin.

The Salvos Store in Cleveland, Brisbane, has been named the best op shop in Queensland for 2015. The award, presented by Melbourne-based business “I Love to Op Shop”, recognises the best op shops in Australia according to votes from the communities they serve.

The Cleveland store manager, Narelle Pacey, said the award was a great honour for the more than 40 volunteers. “We were all thrilled just to be nominated, and to win was just the icing on the cake,” she said. “There are a lot of op shops out there and to be chosen by a customer who took the time and effort

to nominate us, is special. It’s all about the volunteers. They put in so much work and have their own special flair in doing the displays, filling the store, keeping it looking so good, and serving our customers. They are the lifeline of the shop; I couldn’t run it without them!”

The Cleveland store, located on the western shores of Moreton Bay south of Brisbane, still doesn’t know the identity of the person who nominated them. “I would like that person to contact me, as I would like to thank them,” Narelle said. “I’m assuming it’s a customer and it would be awesome to say thank you. We were so thrilled that the Redlands community also got behind the awards and voted for the store.”

Around 80 per cent of the donations the store receives come from the Redlands community. “It’s the ultimate in recycling,” Narelle said. “People bring in their donations then stay and browse. We have very loyal customers who enjoy shopping here.”

Store volunteer John Grimstone, of Cleveland, said he wasn’t surprised to see the award come their way. “A lot of hard work goes into this store and the manager is very creative in what she does and how she presents things,” he said. “We get a lot of compliments about how the store looks and we have a personal touch that makes all the difference.”¶

AGED CARE PLUS BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE ▼



*Peter Alward (second from left), Sharon Callister (fourth from right) and Commissioner James Condon (third from right) with members of the project team at the “turning of the sod” ceremony.
Photo: Raymond Ohanesian*

A “turning of the sod” ceremony has officially marked the start of construction of 42 independent-living units at The Salvation Army Macquarie Lodge Aged Care Plus Centre in Arncliffe, Sydney. Commissioner James Condon, The Salvation Army’s Australia Eastern Territorial Commander, symbolically dug a hole in a patch of grass near where the units are being built. The units are expected to open in August 2017.

The ceremony was attended by various dignitaries, including Rockdale City Council deputy mayor Michael Nagi, Aged Care Plus CEO Sharon Callister and Salvation Army property manager Peter Alward. The Sydney Salvation Brass Ensemble played a number of musical items. Michael Nagi said the units, which have been in the planning for 11 years, were being built to cater for the ever-growing ageing population in Australia.

“Our culturally diverse population continues to age,” he said. “It’s important that we have quality facilities that provide a range of lifestyle and leisure activities for our local active retirees. It’s important to allow Australians to stay in the community they have close connections to. There is no doubt in my mind that this development will have an enormous impact in our community and give local seniors increased options for their retirement.”

Peter Alward said there would be a variety of units in the three-storey development – including one, two and three bedrooms – which will look out over modern outdoor areas.

“That’s what this place is – it’s a home for residents,” said Peter.

Commissioner Condon, in reaffirming the Army’s commitment to investing into Aged Care Plus services across the territory, then brought a Bible message. He referred to the book of James where God commands his followers to be carers. “I’m proud to lead a Salvation Army that cares,” he said. “Cares for people from all walks of life, cares for the homeless, cares for the addicted, cares for those in need, cares for children, cares for young people, cares for people on the street and cares for senior citizens. Who cares? We do. And I’m proud of that fact. And yes, Aged Care Plus cares.”

Sharon Callister echoed the commissioner’s thoughts. “For us here at Aged Care Plus, we are always invested into improving people’s lifestyles,” she said. “Whether it’s through providing loving care in our living and home-care services or providing great places for people to live.”

Sharon also revealed that Aged Care Plus was planning a number of other developments across the territory. “In Queensland, the Douglas Shire has gifted one hectare of land to The Salvation Army Aged Care Plus to build an aged care centre in Mossman. A development application has been lodged to the Warringah Council to build a new residential aged care centre in Collaroy, and in Merewether work continues at Carpenter Court Aged Care Plus Centre to repair storm damage.” ¶

– Esther Pinn

MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM GAINS INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION ▼



Aged Care Plus CEO Sharon Callister (far right) and team members celebrate their award success.

The Salvation Army Aged Care Plus has picked up a major award at the 2015 International Association Homes and Services for the Ageing (IAHSA) Conference in Perth. The award was a Citation of Honour for outstanding work in providing specialised mental health care to older Australians. It is granted to one organisation bi-annually and is a huge achievement for Aged Care Plus, reflecting its high quality of care and services provided to all residents.

The mental wellness program, which was developed at Carpenter Court Aged Care Plus Centre, is based on individualised behaviour support plans with residents, their family members, doctors, local area health specialists and staff. This model of care has increased resident well-being and increased occupancy. ¶

MOUNTAIN VIEW RESIDENT CELEBRATES 108TH BIRTHDAY ▼



Gwen Smith celebrates turning 108 with her daughter Terry Ayres.

Gwen Smith, a resident at The Salvation Army's Mountain View Aged Care Plus Centre in Canberra, recently celebrated her 108th birthday. She is the oldest woman in the ACT and

celebrated the milestone with family and friends at the centre on Thursday 10 September. Born in 1907, Gwen is a mother of three, grandmother of eight, and great-grandmother of four.

She can recall memories from World War One, the construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and pre-car days. She worked as a secretary until the age of 94, being the oldest secretary in Australia at the time.

One of her grandsons, Marcus Reeves, says he's in awe of his grandmother. "She's still so with it," he said. "She always knows what's going on with the cricket, with current affairs, and has never forgotten to call me for my birthday in my whole life. I always say she's likely to outlive me!"

Gwen said her secret to a long, joyous life was always looking on the bright side. "Never trouble trouble or trouble troubles you," she says. ¶

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GRANVILLE INSTALLS NEW CORPS LEADER ▼



Divisional Commander Major Warren Parkinson (left), Lt Jon Cory, and Colour-Sergeant Ron Dangerfield. Obscured by the flag is Assistant Corps Sergeant-Major Colin Dexter.

Greater West Divisional Commander Major Warren Parkinson and Divisional Director of Women's Ministries Major Denise Parkinson were guests at Granville Corps on Sunday 4 October. Taking his theme as "Discovering Victory" from Romans 8:28-39, Major Parkinson preached a sermon that challenged listeners to live a victorious life.

During the meeting, Major Parkinson installed Lieutenant Jon Cory as the new Corps Sergeant-Major. Lt Cory, through his solid spiritual life, love for the people of Granville and hard work in supporting Granville Corps, had shown himself to be an obvious candidate for the role. After his installation, Lt Cory testified to the grace of God. ¶

DELEGATES TACKLE THE BIG QUESTIONS AT CONFERENCE ▼



Dr Catherine Philpot, from the University of Queensland School of Psychology, was a guest speaker at the Thought Matters Conference.

Asylum seekers, terrorism, natural disasters, grief and loss and the question of a good God who allows such things, were topics at the heart of this year's Thought Matters Conference held in Sydney in September. Around 80 delegates listened, discussed and reflected on the theme *Living as people of hope in a time of despair – A Christian response to evil and suffering*, with presentations from a diverse range of perspectives during the three-day conference.

"Suffering is one of the classic problems of faith," says Captain Stuart Glover, who was part of the conference

organising team. "One argument from an atheistic viewpoint would be that if there is a good God, then why is there suffering in the world. Any Christian who desires to share their faith has to have some kind of adequate response to this question. So the conference theme created an opportunity to grapple with the issues and for people to feel safe and supported while having those conversations. As well, as Salvationists, we deal with human suffering in the work we do and so it helps us engage with those questions and helps to integrate our faith and our practice."

Delegates came from both Australian territories as well the New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory, including a sponsored delegate from Myanmar. The annual conference, run by the Australasian Tri-Territorial Theological Forum (TTTF), brings together Salvation Army academics, practitioners, officers and soldiers to explore issues of critical importance to both individuals and The Salvation Army's mission and ministry practice. It has been held since 2007. Next year's conference will be held in the Australian Southern Territory on 14-16 October.

Articles from last year's Thought Matters conference which looked at the topic *Honour God with your body: A Christian view of human sexuality* is now available from your corps officer. For more information on the Thought Matters Journal or conference, go to: facebook.com/thoughtmatters – Anne Halliday

FREEDOM PARTNERSHIP MAKES KEY INROADS ▼



October has been a busy month for The Salvation Army Freedom Partnership to End Modern Slavery. At the invitation of the City of Sydney local government area, 50 frontline staff received training on how to identify and respond to modern slavery. "Health and safety staff who inspect workplaces and overcrowded accommodation are well placed to detect possible cases of human trafficking and slavery and help," said Jenny Stanger, the Freedom Partnership's national manager. "We are impressed by the City of Sydney's engagement with anti-slavery strategies and ways they are amplifying our message through existing initiatives."

The Freedom Partnership also promoted the visit of Jasvinder Sanghera from the United Kingdom, who spoke in Sydney,

Adelaide and Melbourne on forced marriage and honour-based violence. Forced marriage became a Commonwealth criminal offence in 2013 and now comprises a significant number of referrals to child protection, law enforcement and community agencies. "Our response to early and forced marriage in Australia is only just developing," said Jenny. "It was a great opportunity to hear from Ms Sanghera about UK response models and lessons learned. Forced marriage is a key program area where we are engaging with young people at-risk and adults who want to leave a forced marriage. Engaging school communities will be a major focus area going into 2016."

Four Corners' recent "Slaving Away" episode exposed slavery-like conditions in agriculture. "This means that the food in your fridge could have been picked and packed by people enslaved in Australia" said Jenny. The Freedom Partnership, Uniting Church, National Union of Workers and ACRATH are targeting the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs in a campaign to regulate Australian labour hire agencies to ensure you are buying 'Just Fruit and Veg' (see image left).

People in slavery are counting on us to act for their freedom. You can help The Freedom Partnership by:

1. Ordering Just Fruit and Veg campaign postcards from endslavery@aue.salvationarmy.org
2. Taking the Freedom Pledge at endslavery.salvos.org.au
3. Liking and sharing our social media @partner4freedom

MT ISA CORPS ▾



Matt Durham with Corps Officers Lieuts Brad and Helen Whittle and friends at the corps.

Matt Durham was accepted as an adherent at Mt Isa in late September. “Massive congratulations to the latest adherent of Mount Isa Salvos taking up the cause for Christ,” said Corps Officer Lieutenant Brad Whittle.

“We thank Jesus for Matt’s journey of transformation from a life of crime to an abundant new life in Christ.” Matt has been attending The Salvation Army at Mt Isa Corps for most of this year.¶

GOLD COAST TEMPLE CORPS ▾



Major Andrew McKeown leads the enrolment ceremony for JJ at Gold Coast Corps last month.

Major Andrew McKeown, Corps Officer, accepted Jessica Joy Waugh (known as JJ) as an adherent on Sunday 11 October. JJ gave her testimony, and spoke about her gratitude for both her time as a resident of The Salvation Army’s crisis accommodation, Still Waters, and for the support of the corps.

“I had a real desire to be part of the Body of Christ, the church and now I am happy to be part of the Body of Christ through The Salvation Army Gold Coast Temple,” she said. JJ is now regularly involved in the worship and fellowship of the corps.¶

BUNDABERG CORPS ▾



Daniel Wayman enrolls Noah and Haylee as junior soldiers. Brian Toft is the flagbearer. Brian and Lyn Toft are also prayer pals for Noah and Haylee.

Daniel and Andrea Wayman, Central and North Queensland Divisional Youth Secretaries, enrolled Noah McGuire and Haylee Johnson as junior soldiers in the Bundaberg Corps as part of Junior Soldier Renewal Sunday on 20 September.

“It was an honour for Andrea and I to enrol Noah and Haylee and see them taking up the challenge to be a follower of Jesus,” said Daniel. “Noah is really excited about being a junior soldier and loves learning about God,” said Captain Melissa Millard, Bundaberg Corps Officer. “Haylee has been growing more and more as she comes to Powerhouse Kids and Junior Soldiers.”¶



Mission Priorities

1. Our people marked by prayer and holiness.
2. Our people in every place sharing Jesus.
3. Corps healthy and multiplying.
4. Our people equipped and empowered to serve the world.
5. Our people passionate about bringing children to Jesus.
6. Youth trained and sent out to frontline mission.
7. Significant increase of new soldiers and officers.

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GENERAL LEADS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN AFRICA ▼



The General and Commissioner Silvia Cox and Rwanda and Burundi Command leaders Lieut-Colonels Seth and Janet Appeateng, with Professor Shyaka Anastase.

The number 20 was significant for the visit of General André Cox and Commissioner Silvia Cox (World President of Women's Ministries) to the Rwanda and Burundi Command last month, which saw The Salvation Army's 20th General lead meetings to celebrate the 20th anniversary of its ministry in Rwanda – a fact recognised with 20 loud hallelujahs! The international leaders were welcomed at Kigali International Airport by command leaders Lieut-Colonels Seth and Janet Appeateng before being greeted at command headquarters by traditional dancers.

The General and Commissioner Cox joined officers, Salvationists and friends at the Rwanda Red Cross centre for an anniversary celebration service that was featured on TV and radio. The meeting included traditional dance and music from the command songsters and command youth songsters. More than 1300 Salvationists and friends celebrated the

faithfulness of God through lively singing and dancing at the Sunday morning holiness meeting. The General enrolled 108 junior soldiers and 155 senior soldiers during the service.

The next day, after leading two sessions of officers councils, the international leaders visited the Rwandan Genocide Memorial in Kigali, where they laid wreaths. On their last day in the country they visited the training college, command headquarters and Batsinda Corps (church).

The international leaders also visited Tanzania on their tour of central Africa. They spent much of their time in the capital Dar es Salaam, but one of the highlights of their trip came when they travelled to Tarime, in the north of the country. Here more than 1000 Salvationists and friends gathered for a public meeting at which 144 soldiers were enrolled. ¶

CRITICAL ISSUES ON NETHERLANDS CONFERENCE AGENDA ▼

Nearly 50 Salvation Army leaders from around the world met in The Netherlands over three days last month to discuss a range of issues critical to the ongoing provision of social program services. The conference, convened by Commissioner Birgitte Brekke-Clifton, International Secretary for Europe, was called to discuss, in particular, the future options and development of institutionalised care offered by The Salvation Army in Europe. The conference also gave strong focus to discussing the best way

forward for The Salvation Army in relation to the urgent needs of assisting the hundreds of thousands of refugees making their way through European countries in search of safety and a new life. Specific outcome options will be presented to General André Cox as a matter of high priority.

Dr James Read, Executive Director of The Salvation Army Ethics Centre in the Canada and Bermuda Territory, was a keynote speaker and also the facilitator of discussions. ¶

HISTORY
SNAPSHOT

In 1883, the fledgling Salvation Army in Brisbane experienced a "schism", with two separate parties claiming to be the official version of William Booth's movement, even taking out advertisements in the local paper claiming they were the "real" Salvation Army. Read all about it on salvos.org.au (Local History – South Queensland – Brisbane)

SALVATION ARMY SIGNS UP FOR EDUCATION REFORM ▼



Former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown (right) receives more than 70,000 signatures collected by The Salvation Army from Sharleen Lucero and Lieut-Colonel Dean Pallant (Director of the International Social Justice Commission) at New York Town Hall.

The Salvation Army has contributed 70,000 signatures to a petition of 10 million which was presented to the United Nations in New York calling for world leaders to take immediate action to give every child an opportunity for a school education. During the UN General Assembly in early October, UN Global Education Envoy Dr Gordon Brown, former British Prime Minister, presented UN Secretary-General Dr Ban Ki-moon with the #UpForSchool signatures.

Almost every Salvation Army territory and command helped collect signatures, and The Salvation Army's contribution was recognised during a celebration in New York Town Hall – just off Times Square – where more than 1000 young people, campaigners, celebrities and leaders gathered to support the demand to world leaders to recognise the right of every child to get an education – no matter who they are or where they were born.

The Salvation Army's world leader, General André Cox, led the way with his signature. "The greatest resource in the world today is not oil, gold or money ... it's the millions of

young people whose potential is yet to be realised," he said. "We need to empower them, support them and engage with them. School provides a route out of poverty, and good education is vital if every child is to have the opportunity to reach his or her full potential."

The #UpForSchool campaign is organised by a global coalition called A World at School (www.aworldatschool.org), co-founded by Sarah Brown, the wife of the former British prime minister. The coalition brings together NGOs, teachers, businesses, civil society groups and faith communities around the world to work together to get every child into school.

Meanwhile, the 2015 United Nations General Assembly was one of the most significant meetings in recent history. The 193 member-countries of the United Nations agreed to an ambitious 15-year plan for the sustainable development of the planet, with 17 Sustainable Development Goals and 169 targets that apply to every country in the world. Priority has been given to addressing the needs of the poorest people – a priority for The Salvation Army for the past 150 years. (Visit www.salvationarmy.org/isjc for more information on the SDGs.)

Commissioner William Cochrane, International Secretary to the Chief of the Staff at The Salvation Army's International Headquarters, attended a high-level meeting of faith leaders, UN and World Bank executives to develop an action framework to end extreme poverty. Lieut-Colonel Dean Pallant, Director of the International Social Justice Commission (ISJC) and International Accountability Movement Coordinator, addressed the meeting, noting: "While the initial focus is on ending extreme poverty, this will be impossible without also addressing inequality, environmental damage, gender inequality and other key issues affecting the world's poorest people. Increasingly, we recognise the importance of all 17 SDGs and the need to view them as indivisible. We cannot pick and choose – they must all be achieved to ensure that no one is left behind." ¶

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GRACEFUL LADY ▼



Major Florence Daisy Wilson was promoted to glory on 23 July at Bethany, Port Macquarie, aged 101, just three weeks before her 102nd birthday. Flo was a beautiful lady who

put the needs of her family and others before her own and remained sweet and gentle to the end of her life. Flo did what had to be done in whatever situation she found herself, without fuss and with grace.

Flo's love for God and her personal relationship with Jesus her Saviour never faltered but continued to challenge and bless her family and those who had the pleasure of knowing her. She had seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great, great-granddaughter.

Flo was born on 16 August 1913 at Albany Creek, Queensland, to Jakob and Daisy Fischle. She entered The Salvation Army Officer Training College in the *Challenger* session on 1 March 1935, commissioned on 10 January 1936, and fulfilled a number of appointments at The Salvation Army's

People's Palaces and Boys' Homes. Flo married Captain Raymond Wilson in 1943 and they moved to their first corps appointment in 1945, three days after the birth of their first daughter, Dawn.

Together they completed seven corps appointments, including Uralla where their second daughter, Raemor, was born. Ray and Flo resigned as officers in 1954 and over the next 12 years, Flo supported Ray in his work as a hospital administrator at various hospitals throughout NSW. During these years, Flo worked tirelessly with the hospital auxiliary to raise funds and support the work of the hospital and faithfully visit patients.

Flo was a very caring mother and had the ability to carefully balance the demands of the home and family with community service and participation at the local corps or the Methodist church when no Salvation Army corps existed in her community.

Flo, whose schooling had been shortened by an accident which resulted in a broken leg, continued to improve her knowledge and skills

throughout her life. She showed great interest and support to her children in their education, was a gifted seamstress, played the violin, and mastered many handicrafts including knitting, crochet and basket weaving to name a few.

During their time spent in Bowral, Flo faithfully conducted a Sunday school at the Berrida Children's Home every Sunday afternoon, participated in the life and service of Bowral Corps and worked voluntarily at Bowral Hospital with the ladies auxiliary. Her energy and compassion found expression wherever her life's journey took her.

In 1966, Flo and Ray were reaccepted as Salvation Army officers and were appointed as corps officers to Port Kembla Corps in Wollongong. Other appointments followed in public relations work, rehabilitation (Riverview Training Farm) and finally marriage guidance counselling where she worked with Ray as the office manager and secretary (and often as childminder to enable a counselling session to take place), retiring shortly before her 71st birthday.¶

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



HISTORY SNAPSHOT

What did the local hotel owner risk his life for and rescue from the burning Boonah Salvation Hall when it was gutted by fire in 1924? Go to "Local History" (South Queensland - Fassifern) link at salvos.org.au

ABOUT PEOPLE ▼

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Major Robyn **Black**, Inner City Network Director, (pro tem until January) and Captain Mark **Williamson**, Chaplain Moyne and Associate Officer Cowra, effective 28 September.

APPOINTMENTS

Effective 28 September: Major Peter **McGuigan**, Fundraising and Public Relations Director, Sydney; Major Darrell **Slater**, Assistant Fundraising and Public Relations Director, Sydney; Major Evonne **Packer**, Territorial Disabilities Service Coordinator and Social Policy Support Officer.

Effective 1 December: Lieut-Colonel Simone **Robertson**, Director, Salvation Army International Development Office (SAID).

Effective from 1 February 2016: Major Elizabeth **Garland**, Divisional Mission and Resource Director - Social and Second in Command, The Greater West Division, appointed to International Headquarters as Impact Measurement Learning Coordinator within the Program Resources department.

BEREAVED

Captain Tara **McGuigan** of her mother, Chelvathy **Muthukrishna** on 22 September. Majors Mervyn and Noreen **Holland** and Majors Kevin and Valmae **Holland** of their mother, Laura **Holland** on 23 September. Major Bev **Mole** of her youngest brother **Laurie Waterson** on 3 October.

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Major Kevin **Goldsack** on 25 September.

RETIREMENTS

Major Margaret **Millington** on 30 October; Major Bob **Seymour** 4 November; Major Ann **Lingard** on 22 November; Majors Rodney and Leonie **Ainsworth** on 6 December; Majors Kevin and Valmae **Holland** on 6 December; Major Pauline **Staples** on 13 December.

TIME TO PRAY ▼

1-7 NOVEMBER

Dural Corps, Fairfield Corps, Forbes/Parkes Corps, Granville Corps, Greater Liverpool Corps, Hawkesbury City Corps, Hornsby Gateway Corps, all NSW; Just Men, Qld (6-8).

8-14 NOVEMBER

Lithgow Corps, Macquarie Fields Mission, Narellan Corps, Orange Corps, Panania Corps, Parramatta Corps, all NSW; Caravan Mission Trip (9-23).

15-21 NOVEMBER

Penrith Corps, Rouse Hill Corps, Ryde Corps, Southern Highlands Corps, Springwood Corps, St Marys Corps, Upper Blue Mountains Corps, all NSW; Officer one-year review (16-20).

22-28 NOVEMBER

Commissioner Marie Willermark, Sweden and Latvia Territory; Colonels Wilfred Varughese and Prema Wilfred, India North Territory; Broken Hill Social Programs,

Job Link, Shekinah – Campbelltown, Youthlink, all NSW; Finance Conference (25-27); Covenant Day (26); Commissioning (28-29).

29 NOVEMBER—5 DECEMBER

Colonels Andrew and Yvonne Westrupp, Papua New Guinea Territory; Lieut-Colonels Ian and Wendy Swan, Hong Kong and Macau Command; Colonels Edward and Deborah Horwood, Tanzania Territory; Captain Kaye Barber, Australia Southern Territory; Major Alison Cowling, Canada and Bermuda Territory; DYSs Consultative Forum (30 Nov-1 Dec).

6-12 DECEMBER

Lieut-Colonels Bruce and Cheryl Carpenter, Caribbean Territory; Colonels Rodney and Wendy Walters, Eastern Europe Territory; Captains Glenn and Julia Price, Russia Command; Majors Graeme and Heather Craig, Ghana Territory.

ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR ▼

COMMISSIONER JAMES CONDON (TERRITORIAL COMMANDER) AND COMMISSIONER JAN CONDON

* Collaroy: Sun 1 Nov – Just Men Conference.
 * Bexley North: Fri 6 Nov – Lecture to Cadets.
 * Mapleton: Fri 6-Sun 8 Nov – Just Men Conference.
 Sydney: Tues 10-Fri 13 Nov – Territorial Review.
 * Jindabyne: Fri 13-Sun 15 Nov – Divisional Men's Camp, ACT & South NSW Division.
 # Central Coast: Sat 14 Nov – Dooralong, Discipleship School, Oasis with IS and ZSWM.
 # Campsie: Sun 15 Nov – Meeting with IS and ZSWM.
 * Stanmore: Mon 16 Nov – Lecture to first-year Lieutenants.
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 Rockdale: Thu 19 Nov – Cadets Graduation.
 North Brisbane: Fri 20 Nov – Retired Officers Fellowship Christmas Luncheon.
 Bowral: Sat 21 Nov – Official Opening, Bowral Corps Hall.
 * Long Jetty: Sun 22 Nov – Graduation, Salvos Discipleship School.
 # Tuggeranong: Sun 22 Nov – Retirement Salute for Major Ann Lingard.
 Sydney: Mon 23 Nov – Retired Officers Fellowship Christmas Luncheon.
 Bexley North: Thu 26 Nov – Covenant Day.
 Sydney: Sat 28 and Sun 29 Nov – Commissioning Meetings.
 Sydney: Mon 30 Nov – Officers Councils.
 * Commissioner James Condon only.
 # Commissioner Jan Condon only.

COLONEL MARK CAMPBELL (CHIEF SECRETARY)

London: Fri 30 Oct-Fri 6 Nov – Leaders Orientation (IHQ).
 Sydney: Tues 10-Fri 13 Nov – AUE Territorial Review.
 Stanmore: Tues 17 Nov – Dinner with first-year Lieutenants at Stanmore House.
 Tuggeranong: Sun 22 Nov – Retirement Service for Major Ann Lingard.
 Bexley North: Thu 26 Nov – Covenant Day.
 Sydney: Sat 28-Sun 29 Nov – Commissioning.
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There's nothing as inspiring as hearing someone share their testimony. Natasha Steele from Mount Isa Salvos found Jesus through the faith of her parents and the community. After years of rebellion and partying with friends, Natasha was enrolled as a Salvation Army soldier. Watch her encouraging story at mySalvos.org.au/Natasha

As a young student, Erik Lennestaal was an expert at convincing people to adopt atheism ... until someone challenged him to read the Gospel of John. "There is perhaps no more unlikely Salvation Army soldier and worker than me," he says. Watch the story of his transformation at mySalvos.org.au/Erik

Just Men Territorial Men's Conference is on again this year. We have everything you need to know about the event, as well as updates on speakers and the event itself at mySalvos.org.au/justmen

Christmas comes but once a year, and you can find it all on mySalvos. We have resources, ideas for connecting with your community, as well as news and updates from around the territory. 'Tis the season to stay up to date. Visit mySalvos.org.au/Christmas2015

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A cultural sin that needs to change

VULNERABLE NEED TO BE PROTECTED



GRANT SANDERCOCK-BROWN

I need to say that what you're about to read is unquestionably an opinion piece. That is, I have no expertise in this area as a victim, perpetrator, or counsellor. But I do have a very strong opinion!

I was shocked by the awful story of Tara Brown, who was run off the road, attacked, and then died at the hands of her ex-partner. That is, her attacker was someone who had once said he loved her. If this heart-breaking tragedy was an isolated incident it would be bad enough, but it is not! In Australia, at least 63 women have died at the hands of men this year. In most cases, men they knew well.

It is a tragedy of epic proportions. Just think of the number of parents, children, brothers, and sisters whose lives will never be the same.

I imagine that you, like me, want it to stop now. As in, not one more death, or one more assault; not one more woman quivering in fear at the threats of an angry man; not one more child terrified by the brutality they see in their own home. I'm realistic enough to know that won't happen. Perhaps there will be no end to the violence

until Jesus comes. But that doesn't mean we can somehow remain passive bystanders.

The problem of violence against women at its most fundamental level is sin. We live in a world mortally wounded by sin. And these mortal wounds are often hidden and deep in our culture and individual hearts. And that's the problem. Behaviours are always driven by deep-seated and wounded convictions laced with desire. For the perpetrator of domestic violence, is it perhaps the conviction that they somehow have rights (ownership? power? control?) over someone else and, therefore, their deep desire to punish, to hurt, even to kill, is somehow okay? I ask that as a genuine question, because the desire to abuse someone you've intimately shared your life with seems unfathomable.

Perhaps I've contributed to the problem, though. Perhaps I, a non-perpetrator, nonetheless allowed, endorsed, or enacted, the value of a man's right to assert his control over the woman in his life; to require her submission. And, of course, submission is a touchy word for us Christians who've read Ephesians 5.

In August this year, a renowned Christian leader told a woman she should probably not pursue a career in the police force because she might have to give men orders and "To the degree that a woman's influence over

a man, guidance of a man, leadership of a man, is personal and a directive, it will generally offend a man's good, God-given sense of responsibility and leadership, and thus controvert God's created order". Of course, John Piper is a gentle and godly man who would not condone any sort of violence, but he is also well known for his view that it's a man's God-given right to lead.

And that's the conviction, dominant in some Christian circles, clearly open to misinterpretation and misuse, that worries me. Has there been something of this in me? God forgive me if I have ever reinforced a cultural value that says that I as a man have God-given rights over any woman.

You see, I, too, have a conviction laced with desire. It's not unique. I'm sure it's shared with every Jesus follower. It's the conviction that the Gospel calls me to a holy life and a desire to be like my Lord.

If you're with me on this, you know that it means we live as redeemed people who are called to change the world. At the heart of the world-changing gospel we serve, is the fundamental belief that those with no rights are to be given first place, that the vulnerable are to be protected and cared for (see Luke 17:2). And woe to me if I do not do so, because, by the grace of God and our concerted efforts, something deep within our culture needs to change. ¶



COMMISSIONING & CELEBRATION

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER

10.00am - Ordination & Commissioning

2.30pm - Sending Out

6pm - The Movement

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