

# The Salvation Army

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**Sunday 3 January 2021**

## **Vision and Commitment Sunday**

**Recorded Morning Worship led by  
Commissioners Anthony and Gill Cotterill**



**To KNOW Christ ~ To LIVE Christ ~ To SHARE Christ**

# **BOSCOMBE CORPS NEWS**

## **Prayer Requests**

We have a number of our corps family who need our prayers at the moment for various reasons.

- 🌸 Please pray for Norry Smith who had surgery this week, for Janet Chapman who has been admitted to Bournemouth Hospital with Covid-19 and for Rex and Sylvia Mead.
- 🌸 Please pray for Justine, Assistant Manager at BH1 who is currently unwell and off work.
- 🌸 Please pray that the right person will be recruited for the BH1 Project Manager's post.
- 🌸 Please pray for the BH1 project as we seek to continue to provide essential care and support to those in need.
- 🌸 Please pray for the family of Joyce Flood after her promotion to Glory at Christchurch Macmillan Unit on Sunday 20 December. A funeral service for Joyce will be held on 🌸 Friday 8 January conducted by Major Jane.
- 🌸 Please pray for any you know who are facing difficult circumstances relating to employment, health or relationships. Pray for those who live alone and for many of the older members of the congregation who are finding this time particularly difficult.

## **Job Advert**

We are currently recruiting a Community Project Manager for the BH1 Project. Job descriptions and application forms can be found at <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/jobs>. Closing date 17 January

## **Congratulations**

We congratulate Tom and Danielle Nock following their wedding on Wednesday 30 December 2020. We pray God's blessing on them as they begin married life together.



## PRAYER MATTERS

**Monday 4 January** – (NSB568) Yesterday was Vision and Commitment Sunday, with our UK Territory's theme of 'Going Forward Together – Living in God's Covenant'. *Father God, thank You for calling us into Covenant relationship with You, and with each other. Help us to find ways to keep connected within our Corps Family... those we would worship with regularly, especially in these weeks of Covid-19.* Amen.

**Tuesday 5 January** – (NSB740) I wonder, do you make long lists of good intentions in the run up to New Year? Are they achievable? When God told Abraham how his life would pan out, Abraham believed and trusted Him... and it happened!! (Genesis 15:6 CEV) And so our prayer must surely be 'O for a deeper! O for a greater! O for a perfect trust in the Lord! (THQ)

**Wednesday 6 January** – (NSB720) Name before the Lord those of our Corps, and extended Corps Family, who are far from well. Place them, and their loved ones, in the Hollow of His Hand just now.

**Thursday 7 January** – (NSB489) *Lord, I bring to You every situation in my own life and family that needs Your healing touch today. Help me to believe that You will turn things around and meet my need. Amen.* (IW)

**Friday 8 January** – (NSB494) Heavenly Father, we pray for the increasing number of people suffering from Covid-19 and its latest mutation, and we pray for a speedier roll-out of the vaccines. We pray too, for those who have already been made redundant, or who face redundancy in the coming weeks and months; for the small businesses that have collapsed in the times of lockdown, and for everyone who is struggling to cope financially. (IN)

**Saturday 9 January** – (NSB252) 'The JOY of the LORD will be our STRENGTH' as we go forward into this New Year of 2021! *Lord Jesus, may Your JOY radiate from us; may Your LOVE be seen in us, and may Your SPIRIT work through us! Amen.* (ODB)

**Sunday 10 January** – (NSB527) My Heavenly Father, sometimes my faith can seem 'wafer-thin'. Please help me to grow in spiritual knowledge and insight, so that other people can see Your Love at work in me. (LL)

# Worship and Word

Sunday 3 January 2021

This act of worship has been prepared for use at home and follows the service posted on the Boscombe Corps Face Book page and corps website. Spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you.



## Vision and Commitment Sunday 2021



You're invited to join Commissioners Anthony and Gill Cotterill in online worship on the first Sunday (3rd January) of the New Year to mark Commitment Sunday.

Available on The Salvation Army's YouTube channel, the meeting will include the installation and welcome of the new Chief Secretary and the Territorial Secretary for Leader Development.

<https://youtu.be/mXiZKW2teql>

The Vision and Commitment 2021 focus is:

***'Going Forward Together - Living in God's Covenant'***  
(based on Jeremiah 31:33)

## **About the theme**

In the Bible we see God drawing people into covenants, time and time again (Abrahamic, Mosaic, Noah). These are significant Old Testament covenants, but these are ultimately fulfilled in Christ. We will explore what the Old Testament covenants looked like and unpack what it means for us to be drawn into Christ's new covenant.

We are invited to respond in faith and commitment to Christ on a daily basis and receive life in all its fullness. The Vision & Commitment 2021 resources will help us to consider what it means to be a covenanted people and live this out in our lives as individuals and as church.

**Welcome and Introduction:** Commissioner Gill Cotterill  
Territorial Leader for Leader Development

**Song: SASB 113: Joy to the World** Music Editorial

JOY to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King,  
Let every heart prepare him room  
And Heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness  
And wonders of his love.

**Song: Everywhere** International Staff Songsters

Have you ever stopped to think how God loves you?  
It sounds quite incredible, and yet it's true.  
Nothing on this earth or in the heavens above  
Is as sure and certain as God's love.

*O it's as high as the sky and it's as deep as the sea,  
And it's as wide as the world, God's love for you and for me.  
We can't escape his love, or take ourselves out of his care,  
So where could we hide from his love? His love is everywhere.*

Everything is changing in the world today,  
There's one thing reliable in every way,  
Other things may alter but it's clear and plain  
That the love of God is just the same.

Wider than the human mind can realise,  
His love is unlimited and never dies;  
Though we don't deserve it, every day it's new;  
That's the love of God for me and you.

**Family Prayers**

Led by The Nieuwoudt family, Isle of Man

**Song: SASB 483: When I was lost**

Hedge End Salvation Army Worship Team

When I was lost, you came and rescued me;  
Reached down into the pit and lifted me.  
O Lord, such love, I was as far from you as I could be.  
You know all the things I've ever done,  
But Jesus' blood has cancelled everyone.  
O Lord, such grace to qualify me as your own.

There is a new song in my mouth,  
There is a deep cry in my heart,  
A hymn of praise to Almighty God, hallelujah!  
And now I stand firm on this rock,  
My life is hidden now with Christ in God,  
The old has gone and the new has come, hallelujah!  
Your love has lifted me.

Now I have come into your family,  
For the Son of God has died for me.  
O Lord, such peace, I am as loved by you as I could be.  
In the full assurance of your love,  
Now with every confidence we come.  
O Lord, such joy to know that you delight in me.

### **Introduction and Conversation**

Commissioners Antony and Gill Cotterill, Territorial Leaders, with  
Colonel Paul Main, Chief Secretary and Colonel Jenine Main,  
Territorial Secretary for Leader Development

### **Installation of Chief Secretary and the Territorial Secretary for Leader Development**

### **Prayer of dedication by Territorial Commander**

#### **Bible reading: Ephesians 2:8-22 (NIV)**

Read by Hyung Jung Yoo soldier and employee of the Salvation Army

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called 'uncircumcised' by those who call themselves 'the circumcision' (which is done in the body by human hands) – 12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to

those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

## **Procession to Covenant**

Regent Hall Band

### **Message (Part 1)**

Territorial Commander's message

### **Song: Written in red**

Liverpool Walton Songsters

In letters of crimson, God wrote his love  
On a hillside so long, long ago;  
For you and for me Jesus died,  
And love's greatest story was told.

I love you, I love you  
That's what Calvary said;  
I love you, I love you,  
I love you, written in red.

Down through the ages, God wrote his love  
With the same hands that suffered and bled;  
Giving all that he had to give,  
A message so easily read.

I love you, I love you  
That's what Calvary said;  
I love you, I love you,  
I love you, written in red

### **Message (part 2)**

Territorial Commander's message

## Response Song SASB 634: Trust in God

Birmingham Citadel Band

When from sin's dark hold thy love had won me,  
And its wounds thy tender hands had healed,  
As thy blest commands were laid upon me,  
Growing light my growing need revealed.  
Thus I sought the path of consecration  
When to thee, dear Lord, my vows were given;  
And the joy which came with full salvation  
Winged my feet and filled my heart with Heaven.

*By the love that never ceased to hold me,  
By the blood which thou didst shed for me,  
While thy presence and thy power enfold me,  
I renew my covenant with thee.*

But my heart at times with care is crowded,  
Oft I serve with weak, o'erladen hands,  
And that early joy grows dim and clouded  
As each day its heavy toll demands.  
Have I ceased from walking close beside thee?  
Have I grieved thee with an ill-kept vow?  
In my heart of hearts have I denied thee?  
Speak, dear Lord, O speak and tell me now.

By the love that never ceased to hold me  
In a bond nor life nor death shall break,  
As thy presence and thy power enfold me,  
I would plead fresh covenant to make.  
From before thy face, each vow renewing,  
Strong in heart, with purpose pure and deep,  
I will go henceforth thy will pursuing,  
With my Lord unbroken faith to keep.

**Prayer**

Colonel Jenine Main  
Territorial Secretary for Leader Development

## **Closing Song SASB 241: And can it be**

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me who caused his pain,  
For me who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite his grace,  
Emptied himself of all but love  
And bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke; the dungeon flamed with light.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.  
No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine.  
Alive in him, my living head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne  
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

**Benediction**

Colonel Paul Main  
Chief Secretary

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