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**Sunday 1 August 2021**

**Recorded Morning Worship led by  
Majors David and Jane Alton**

**A Walkers Guide**



**Philippians 3:1 -16**

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

# PRAYER MATTERS

Compiled by Lieut-Colonel David Phillips

This week I will feature songs written by Major Joy Webb. I knew Joy well during my two years at the Training College. A gifted musician who was deeply spiritual as reflected in her songs.



**Monday 2 August** – Come into our World: ‘All around us seemingly, darkness holds its sway. Truth and love are faltering, peace in disarray, and if we needed you, we need you now. Come into our world, come into our world, now Lord Jesus.’ Make this prayer yours today. Read John 12 v 46.

**Tuesday 3 August** – Open Secret: ‘It’s an open secret, that Jesus is mine. It’s an open secret, this gladness divine. It’s an open secret, I want you to know. It’s an open secret, I love my Saviour so! And you can seek Him, find Him, share His secret too. Know His loving kindness in everything you do.’ Pray for the gospel to be openly shared in the community. Read Acts 6 v 7.

**Wednesday 4 August** – It is Jesus: ‘It is Jesus I need, it is Jesus indeed, who can make it all possible in me. Without Jesus I find I am so often blind to the truth he is wanting me to see. O Jesus, you are the one who can make my life complete. O Jesus my peace restore.’ Pray for our people to discover Jesus for themselves. Read John 15 v 13-17.

**Thursday 5 August** – The Candle of the Lord: ‘How great the darkness, how deep the need ... I am the candle of the Lord, and truth and love more powerful than sword! O fan the flame, it’s single gleam diffuse, and let my spirit be the light that you can use. I am the candle of the Lord. LIGHT ME!’ Pray for Christians to shine and reflect Jesus daily, just where they are. Read Matthew 5 v 14-16.

**Friday 6 August** – Share my Yoke: ‘When I’m tired and nothing’s going right for me. When things I’ve counted on just do not come my way. When in my mind the thick grey cloud of doubt arise. It’s then I seem to hear him say. Share my Yoke and find that I am joined with you’. Pray for people in stress today. Read Matthew 11 v 28-30.

**Saturday 7 August** – I can Think of Him: ‘I can think of Him in prayer, for I know He will be there. In my brightest day or my darkest way. I can think of Him in prayer.’ Pray earnestly today - maybe longer than usual. Encompass your family in prayer. Read 1 Thessalonians 3 v 16-18.

**Sunday 8 August** – I Want to Sing It: ‘I want to sing it. I want to shout it. I want to tell you all about it. The love of Jesus. The love of Jesus. It brings the glory to my soul.’ Pray prayers of praise and thanksgiving. today. Read Psalm 150 v 1-6.

# 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 Eileen Brookes who is quite unwell and currently in the Avon Cliff Care Home and for Joyce Brown who is currently in hospital.
-  Please continue to pray for Malcolm White, Millie Otter, Major Joyce Holmes, Paula Franklin and Derek Kittle.
-  Please pray for any you know who are facing difficult circumstances of any kind.

## Promotion to Glory

It is our sad duty to inform you of the Promotion to Glory of Major Maureen Hunt on Sunday 25 July. Maureen slipped away peacefully after a short illness surrounded by her family. The funeral is being held on Monday 2 August commencing with the Service of Committal at the Bournemouth Crematorium at 3.00pm and followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Boscombe Salvation Army at 4.00pm. Both services will be conducted by Majors David and Jane. Maureen requested that, if you aren't wearing Salvation Army uniform, please wear bright and colourful clothes to help celebrate her promotion to glory. Donations to the Macmillan Nurses Unit at Christchurch Hospital in honour of Maureen will be collected following the service. Please pray for Martin, Alison and Steve, for the grandchildren Izzy, Alex, Finley and the extended family at this time of bereavement. **PLEASE NOTE: STRICTLY FAMILY ONLY PARKING AT THE HALL FOR THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE.**

## Funeral Details for Vi Kittle

The funeral service is to be held on Tuesday 3 August commencing at 2pm at The East Chapel, Bournemouth Crematorium and is being conducted by Majors David and Jane. Please pray for Derek, Avril, Denise and the rest of the family at this time of bereavement.

## Radio Stars!

Boscombe Band are being featured on Fortress Radio ([www.fortressradio.online](http://www.fortressradio.online)) on Sunday 8 August at 3.00pm. They have prepared a programme entitled 'Let There Be Praise' and features tracks for some of the Band CDs and also from Gemma Hinchliffe's CD 'Thankful'. Majors David and Jane have also recorded a couple of scriptural thoughts which will also form part of the broadcast. The whole programme lasts two hours. If you are not able to listen on Sunday, it is being repeated on Thursday 12 August at 8.00pm.

## Volunteers Needed

The BH1 Project is looking for volunteers to help specifically on a Sunday from 9.30am to 2.30pm. If you are able to help in anyway, even as part of a rota, please contact Annette Watts on  
07837 363712

## Walk a Mile and get FREE Coffee and Cake

Do you enjoy walking and meeting new people? Well why not join with others on a series of walks organised by BCP Council. Each walk starts at the entrance to the Woodlands Walk, near to Corpus Christi Church on Christchurch Road in Boscombe and will generally be around a mile long (with some changes in the route and distance based on the abilities of those walking on the day). They will be delivered by a team of trained walk leaders on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 10am and will finish at Rosebery Park Baptist Church for cake and coffee. The first walk is on Tuesday 3 August. For more information visit [www.dorsetrec.org.uk/boscombe-wellbeing-walks](http://www.dorsetrec.org.uk/boscombe-wellbeing-walks) or pick up a leaflet in the foyer.

# **BOSCOMBE CORPS PROGRAMME**

## **This Week's Programme**

<b>Week beginning 2 August 2021</b>	
Monday to Saturday	BH1 Project – 10.00am to 2.00pm

## **Future Events**

<b>August 2021</b>	
Sunday 8	Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am <i>Recorded Morning Worship available on Boscombe Corps YouTube Channel – 11.00am</i>
Sunday 15	Major Jane Alton – 11.00am <i>Recorded Morning Worship available on Boscombe Corps YouTube Channel – 11.00am</i>
Sunday 22	Majors David and Jane Alton – 11.00am <i>Recorded Morning Worship available on Boscombe Corps YouTube Channel – 11.00am</i>
Sunday 29	Recorded Morning Worship – 11.00am <i>Recorded Morning Worship available on Boscombe Corps YouTube Channel – 11.00am</i>
<b>September 2021</b>	
Sunday 5	Bandmaster Howard Evans – 11.00am YP Gathering – 11.00am

# Worship and Word



Sunday 1 August 2021

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

**Welcome**

Major David Alton

**Song 241 SASB:** And can it be that I should gain

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.

*Charles Wesley*

**Prayer song 345:** To be in your presence

To be in your presence,  
To sit at your feet,  
Where your love surrounds me  
And makes me complete.

*This is my desire, O Lord,  
This is my desire.  
This is my desire, O Lord,  
This is my desire.*

To rest in your presence,  
Not rushing away;  
To cherish each moment,  
Here I would stay.

*Noel Richards*

**Prayers led by Major David Alton**

**Bible Reading:** Matthew 16:24-26

Major Jane Alton

**Musical Item:** If ye wouldst be my disciple

Portsmouth Songsters

**Freewill Offering**

**Bible Reading:** Philippians 3:1-16

Dario Atkinson

**Song 565 SASB:** Knowing you Jesus

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres, and wars to own,  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss;  
Spent and worthless now, compared to this:

*Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, you're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love you, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire is to know you more,  
To be found in you and known as yours,  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.

O, to know the power of your risen life,  
And to know you in your sufferings,  
To become like you in your death, my Lord,  
So with you to live and never die.

*(After last chorus)*  
*Love you, Lord.*

*Graham Kendrick*

**International Video:** The Salvation Army WASH Project

**Ministry from the Band:** The Calvary track

**Bible Message:** 'A Walkers Guide'

Major Jane Alton

This week I got my walking boots out and so many memories came flooding back as I remembered walking the fells in the lake district with my family from a very young age.



On more than one occasion I remember feeling that the journey up the mountain felt endless and was really hard going. On those occasions my parents would encourage us to keep going by something they would say and something they would do.

They would say 'It'll be worth it when you get to the top and see the view.' And usually they were right, unless the cloud came down which it did on some occasions! And as we walked along, they pointed out different things of interest, so I learnt about the mountains we could see and the names of flowers and insects, or they played simple games which made us laugh together.

These childhood experiences taught me many things, but two particular lessons for my spiritual walk with God.

Firstly, make the most of the journey. Find things of interest, engage with others, find joy in the people and world around you. Don't just focus on where your journey will end but make the journey count. In spiritual terms this means

seeking out the presence of God in the everyday ordinary activities of life, to marvel at his creation, to intentionally engage with Jesus, and allow the Holy Spirit to teach and mould us.

The second is something that can help us when the journey is difficult and it's hard to keep going. That's the thought that 'it'll be worth it in the end.'

The last verse of General Albert Orsborn's song, 'I know thee who thou art', which our band sing so beautifully as part of the band piece, 'The Calvary track', says this,

*Let nothing draw me back, Or turn my heart from Thee,  
But by the calvary track, Bring me at last to see  
The courts of God, the city fair, and find my name is written there.*

What a great hope for those who have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, that one day, when we end our earthly journey, we will find ourselves in the courts of God to be with him forever.

But do you notice the way to the courts of God?... it is 'by the calvary track'. We should never expect being a Christian to be easy, for to follow Jesus fully is to follow the way he went, and that is the way of the cross, a place of self-sacrifice, of grace and love, a way of losing self and living for others.

The reading from Matthew's gospel (16:24) tells us plainly:

*'Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'*



It was true for the disciples then, and it's still true for us as 21st century disciples.

It may be, no, it will be hard, but God walks every step with us through his Holy Spirit and it will be worth it. The apostle Paul knew this, as he wrote to the Christians in Philippi, while he was in prison. He realised that all his worldly and religious qualifications counted for nothing when it came down to following Jesus. And he knew what was the most important ... Philippians 3: 10-11

*“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.*

This is Tom Wright’s translation:

*‘This means knowing him, knowing the power of his resurrection, and knowing the partnership of his sufferings. It means sharing in the form and the pattern of his death, so that somehow I may arrive at the final resurrection from the dead.’*

Like Paul, it’s about a desire to know Jesus personally but is also about accepting that there are sufferings to be faced if we are to follow the way of Christ. This can be really challenging but this is often the way to spiritual depth and maturity. When the difficult circumstances of life come our way, we have various choices. It’s not as clear cut as this, I admit, but our responses are somewhere in between these two extremes. On one end of the scale, when faced with something really difficult, we turn away from God, we maybe blame him, our faith falters and we choose to go our own way.

At the other end of the scale, we turn to God, we may even cry out to him in despair, in anger, in confusion, but we still turn towards him. We may not even be able to sense his presence, and yet we still reach out to him and we allow him to minister to us in the pit, in the dark place, in the valley, in the wilderness, however you want to describe that place when life is hard.

It may take time, it may feel like we’ve even been abandoned for a while, we may feel numb, but I do believe that if we keep trusting and keep reaching out to God, we will find him, and we come out of those places with a deeper, stronger faith than before.

We may still have questions, in fact we may have more questions, but there is a depth to our faith and we become more and more mature spiritually as we discover even more of the riches of God’s grace and his love. In fact, Tom Wright translates verse 15 as,

*‘Thinking like this, in fact, is what maturity is all about!’*

Paul says he wanted ‘to share in Christ’s sufferings’ – that’s a big claim, for that is to open oneself up to hardship, derision, humiliation, to name just a few that Christ faced. So why did Paul say this? Why was he so willing to take this path?

Look at what following the way of calvary and the cross leads to...the hope of resurrection – to be alive with him forever.

Paul wanted to know the power of the resurrection, he experienced that through the Holy Spirit, but even more than that, his hope was for, somehow, to share in Christ's resurrection.

He clearly didn't know how this was to happen – the word '*somehow*' tells us that. None of us know, but it is the promise that Jesus gave his followers – that he would go and prepare a place for them and they would be with him forever. Hope of resurrection. Hope of eternal life.

So, what does Paul do that this hope might be realised? Look at Philippians 3, verse 12... Paul says,

*“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”*



Twice Paul uses the phrase, '*I press on*', another translation says, '*straining every nerve*'. This implies effort. It's keeping focussed on Jesus and all that he has for us, both in the present and in the future, even when it's hard to do so.

So what does it mean for you and me today to 'make the most of the journey' and to 'press on'?

Making the most of the journey is about investing time with family and friends, but it's also about investing time with Jesus, with his word, resting in his presence, soaking up his grace so we have a strong foundation to stand on when the storms of life come along. And it's about investing in others – taking time to act in love and grace, to make a good and godly difference in the world.

Pressing on is about what we do when it gets tough – it's about turning towards God, reaching out for him, seeking his presence in the pits and valleys of life, knowing that we are promised a great and glorious future with him forever.

So today, make the most of the journey, press on, even embrace the suffering that comes from following the calvary track and remember what is ahead.

May each of us be able to pray that same intention that General Orsborn penned,



*Let nothing draw me back, Or turn my heart from Thee,  
But by the calvary track, Bring me at last to see  
The courts of God, the city fair, and find my name is written there.*

As we reflect on these thoughts, we're going to listen to Gemma Hinchliffe sing a song called 'One day'.....

One day You'll make everything new, Jesus  
One day You will bind every wound  
The former things shall all pass away, No more tears  
One day You'll make sense of it all, Jesus  
One day every question resolved  
Every anxious thought left behind, No more fear  
One day we will see face to face, Jesus  
Is there a greater vision of grace  
And in a moment, we shall be changed, On that day  
And one day we'll be free, free indeed, Jesus  
One day all this struggle will cease  
And we will see Your glory revealed, On that day

Let's listen and be blessed and encouraged.

**Vocal Solo:** One day (when we all get to Heaven)

Gemma Hinchliffe

**Song 691 SASB:** When you feel weakest, dangers surround

When you feel weakest, dangers surround,  
Subtle temptations, troubles abound,  
Nothing seems hopeful, nothing seems glad,  
All is despairing, everything sad:

*Keep on believing, Jesus is near;  
Keep on believing, there's nothing to fear;  
Keep on believing, this is the way;  
Faith in the night as well as the day.*

If all were easy, if all were bright,  
Where would the cross be, and where the fight?  
But in the hardness, God gives to you  
Chances of proving that you are true.

God is your wisdom, God is your might,  
God's ever near you, guiding aright;  
He understands you, knows all you need;  
Trusting in him you'll surely succeed.

Let us press on then, never despair,  
Live above feeling, victory's there;  
Jesus can keep us so near to him  
That nevermore our faith shall grow dim.

*Lucy Milward Booth-Hellberg*

**Benediction**

Major David and Jane Alton

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