

REVELATIONS

The newsletter for The Salvation Army Risca Corps

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God bless you every moment
And keep you in His care,
God send you gifts of hope and joy
And happiness to share.
God walk with you each morning
And send His guiding light,
And may His everlasting peace
Give restful sleep at night.
God take your hand in trouble,
In turmoil and in strife,
And may the comfort of His love
Forever fill your life.

**'Look, I make everything new'
Revelations 21: 5**

Captains Robert and Julia Jepson...

LIFE in the Jepson household has been turned upside down! The safe arrival of Emily Faith, our first child, has been an eye opener. Someone said to me the other day that the tiniest person in the house will show you whose boss! I think that is true in some measure, as Julia and I are now ruled by the feeds, the cries and the nappy changes. But it's wonderful and we are so grateful to God for our bundle of joy that has come to us through prayer, God's miracles and God's provision.



Julia and I would like to say a big thank you to all of you who have send cards, presents and money for Emily. Her wardrobe was empty when she came home, now it is full to capacity. Emily has been so fortunate. Your Christian love has shone through to us as a family and it has made us feel special to belong to the wider family at Risca.

Being special is something that we all are. As parents we feel our little daughter is so special to us - but she is more special to God as indeed we all are. I had a nice surprise the other week. I received a new music publication from Mike Kirk a Salvationist at Bourne Corps . I was given the book because a chorus I wrote the words for along time ago at Peterborough Corps has now been published. The words are very simple but true - I hope you take them to heart personally for you.

*"I'm special because God loves me
I'm special because God cares
I'm special because He needs me,
Thank you Jesus you're always there.
God's special because He loves me, God's special
because He cares, God's special because He needs
me of His presence I am aware."*



May God bless you as we more towards this summer time.

TESTIMONY...by Malcolm Hill

OVER a year ago I went to my son-in-law's mother's funeral. They had the service in The Salvation Army hall, Risca. I was very impressed with it.

I came down one Sunday to see what a normal service would be like. I was standing outside in two minds whether to go in or not then along came Thelma. She spoke to me and said why don't you come in? I did and that's how I got involved with The Salvation Army.

They made me very welcome and at home and I have never looked back.

PAKISTAN UPDATE...by Songster Phyllis Browning

I WOULD like to thank you all for the wonderful way you have supported our friends in Pakistan. We have now sent 15 parcels for them which they have been very pleased to have received . I still have plenty to send this coming month as far as knitted garments, thanks to Margaret Gregory's customers. But I do need some dresses etc for baby girls and some suits, such as trousers and shirts for baby boys. If you could help in this way I would be grateful.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Claire for doing all the emails to Pakistan and for Rachael for making sure that the parcels are posted.

We were very fortunate that last October we were given money towards the cost of the postage. This will soon be running out so in the next month or so I may be asking if any of you can help out in this way, it is for a good cause and very worthwhile.

Thank you all for your help, do pray for these friends of ours in Pakistan that God will bless them indeed.

BP SECTIONS

I Like to go to Guides Because...

...I can meet friends and have fun learning different things and dancing with friends in my group. (Laura Howell)

...of all the activities and concerts we do. I enjoy the go for it and all the challenges we do as a unit. I like the concerts because we can choose what to do. There is only one problem, it's too hot!

(Nicola Evans)

...I like to dance and be with my friends in my group and learning different things. (Alexandra and Emma)

... we make new friends, learn new things, have fun and learn about God and we have lots of enjoyable outings. (Allyson and Sian)

...I like being with my friends. (Elisa)

...we do different things each week. It is fun and I get to make new friends. (Caz)

THE RISCA CORPS NEWSLETTER

THIS edition of the newsletter will be the last one before the whole project is presented back to the corps council for review.

Just to keep you up-dated **NO** feed-back has been received on the following subjects: Corps Mission Statement, Silver Tree talents, contributions to corps newsletter, contributions to corps website.

Just to remind you, the newsletter for the Risca Corps is to:

- *Be once every two months*
- *Contain diary dates and communication to people connected with the corps re: activities.*
- *Be topical and allow people to write items of interest other than The Salvation Army*
- *Be for everyone*
- *Be self funding*
- *Not be a forum for criticism*

An explanation of God...by an eight year old

'ONE of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the one's that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grown-ups just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to walk and talk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. Because he hears everything there must be a lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps him pretty busy. So, you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your Mum and Dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Jesus is God's son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind like his father, God, and he told him they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK. His Dad (God) appreciated everything he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in Heaven. So he did. And now he helps his Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important!

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you. They got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time. You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there is anyone you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church or do something you think will be more fun, like going to beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely. Your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know he's around you when you're scared in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by the big kids.

But...you shouldn't always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.

That's why I believe in God!

SL John Gregory...

‘The will of God will never take you where the grace of God will not protect you.’

WELL here is contribution two from the Songster Leader. Well you’ve got to admit a lot has happened since the last issue. One of my songsters (Captain Julia) and one of my former songsters (Captain Kath) have had babies. We are thrilled that both of them are doing well. I am not so sure about Robert and Granville.

We as a brigade continue to rehearse very hard to make sure we provide suitable songs for worship. I have been particularly pleased these last few weeks where songs used have spoken very much about God’s love. As most readers will know I do like watching sport of the TV and the other evening I was watching the European Cup Final between Real Madrid and a German team. While I would say that it was an excellent game what thrilled me most was the reaction of the German goal scorer, not a double somersault, no kissing of the other players, he just ran to the touchline lifted his shirt to reveal written on his vest ‘Jesus loves you’. At that moment he testified to millions of viewers. I am not saying that you or any member of the Songster Brigade should run up through Risca and do likewise, but surely we must take every opportunity that comes our way of letting people know of God’s love.

We have an interesting time to look forward to with the visit to Tenby, Songs in the park and also the visit to Risca (Bethany) of the Bishop of Wales. At each of these events the songsters will be taking part.

Please continue to remember in prayer those of our songsters who are unwell at this time. I am sure you will miss me over the next few weeks as I will be away on holiday. Please pray for me, I’m taking Margaret with me.

God loves everyone, but probably prefers ‘Fruits of the Spirit to religious nuts.’

WHAT'S ON AT THE SALVATION ARMY

Sunday:	10am:	Morning Worship
	11-45am:	Sunday School
	4-45pm:	Open Air
	4-45pm:	Prayer Meeting
	6pm:	Evening Worship
Monday:	3pm-4pm:	Cwmcarn Outpost Home League (Zion Baptist Chapel, Cwmcarn)
	6pm-7pm:	Risca Home League
Tuesday:	10am – 11-30am:	Parent & Toddlers
Wednesday:	12-15pm-1-30pm:	Dinner Club
	2pm-3pm:	Friendship Club (for the retired)
	5pm:	Rainbows
	6pm:	Brownies
	6-30pm:	Guides
	8pm-9-30pm:	Bible Study (every other week)

FINANCES...by CT Margaret Gregory

A FEW weeks ago was Christian Aid week and the Dinner Club offered 15 places to Christian Aid guests. The Dinner Club covered the expenses and gave a donation to Christian Aid of £50.

Door to door collecting on behalf of Christian Aid was also done and this raised £125-62.

The after meeting collection for the Candidates Fund, held a couple of weeks ago, raised £65-17.

Well done.